UTQAP Template

Collaborative Specialization Review: Terms of Reference

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| Collaborative specialization under review: |  |
| Participating programs and degrees: |  |
| Lead Faculty: |  |
| Commissioning officer: |  |
| Academic year of review: |  |

The terms of reference identify the key issues to be addressed in the review. These derive from the indications of quality:

* Clarity and appropriateness of specialization requirements to support the learning outcomes. This includes:
  + - confirmation that students are required to complete at least one common learning activity;
    - confirmation that all participating programs can accommodate the requirements of the collaborative specialization;
    - clarity that the learning outcomes of the collaborative specialization are in addition to those supported by the student’s home program;
    - evidence that the students have successfully attained the learning outcomes;
    - confirmation that **for participating programs requiring a major research paper, essay, thesis or other major activity (e.g., practicum):**
  + the topic must be in the area of the collaborative specialization and under the supervision of a graduate faculty member associated with the Collaborative Specialization; and
    - confirmation that **for coursework-only participating programs:**
  + at least 30% of the courses taken towards the degree must be in the area of specialization including the core course described above.
* Vitality of the collaborative specialization. This includes:
  + - evidence of ongoing need and demand for the specialization;
    - continuing engagement of participating programs and core faculty members; and
    - continuation of resource support from participating and/or supporting units and programs.