**Program Actions**

Program Actions refers to the initiation or the modification of a graduate program. Program actions are initiated through one of the following Course Inventory Management form databases: Course Inventory Management for Programs (CIM Programs) and Miscellaneous Request Management. Prior to the ABGS Meeting, program actions are sent out to three ABGS Reviewers for a preliminary review. ABGS Members should review the programs for the following:

- Justification for initiation/modifications
- Degree Requirements
- Sufficient documentation of resources
- Overlap with existing programs – and a recommendation for consultations that have not already been completed

**Program Action Types & Workflows**

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