

PhD February 23, 2023

Academic Transformation Program Portfolio Review
Preliminary Recommendation

In accordance with Board of Governor's Academics Rule 2.2, West Virginia University's Office of the Provost has performed an Academic Program review for the following programs and majors:

PhD Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering

The recommendation for the program is:

- Continuance at the current level of activity
- **Continuance at the current level of activity with specific action**
- Continuance at a reduced level of activity
- Identification of the program for further development
- Development of a cooperative program
- Discontinuance

The following actions should be taken by the program. This includes what response is expected to the Provost's Office (if any) and when these actions are expected to be completed by.

- 1) The program must work with the Provost's Office generally, and the Associate Provost for Curriculum and Assessment specifically, to develop a program improvement plan that includes key metric targets (including program enrollment) and a plan to achieve them. The improvement plan must be submitted to and approved by the Provost's Office by **April 30, 2023**. The major will be evaluated on its progress initially on **July 1, 2024** and again on **December 1, 2025**. At either time, based on progress made to date, further action may be recommended.
- 2) It is recommended that the program explore the possibility of merging or developing a cooperative program with another program in the Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources.