All new and substantially changed Certificates of Achievement must include a narrative that addresses:

- Program Goals and Objectives must address a valid transfer, workforce preparation, basic skills, civic education, or lifelong learning purpose. For the purposes of Chancellor's Office submission and approval, programs may select one of three program goals: transfer, CTE, or local. Transfer is applied only to certificates for CSU GE-Breadth IGETC. CTE is limited to certificates in a vocational TOP Code. Local is used for all other certificates, but may include certificates designed to prepare students for transfer
- Catalog Description includes program requirements, prerequisite skills or enrollment limitations, student learning outcomes, and information relevant to program goal
- Program Requirements includes course requirements and sequencing that reflect program goals
- Master Planning how it fits in the mission, curriculum, and master planning of the college and higher education in California
- Enrollment and Completer Projections projection of number of students to earn certificate annually
- Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs how it fits in college's existing program inventory
- Similar Programs at Other Colleges in Service Area justification of need for program in the region

2) Career Technical Education Certificates-Additional Documentation

In addition to a narrative, all new and substantially changed CTE programs must include:

- Labor Market Information and Analysis refer to the section VII for additional information
- Advisory Committee Recommendation includes advisory committee membership, minutes and summary of recommendations
- Regional Consortia Approval Meeting Minutes showing program recommendation

3) Local (non-CTE) Certificates-Additional Documentation

In addition to a narrative, all new and substantially changed local certificates may include:

- Programmatic articulation agreements
- ASSIST documentation verifying that a majority (51% or greater) of required courses in the program are articulated for the major (AAM) at