## Process for Approval of Community College Baccalaureate Degrees

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<th>Relevant Statute is 1007.33</th>
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| Community college may enter into a formal agreement with a public or private university to deliver program on-campus pursuant to 1007.22. | Replaced the review process outlined in statute that required CEPR to review and recommend. Adopted a Timeline for review of proposals:  
- June 1 - Letter of intent to Commissioner  
- August 1 - Proposal to DOE  
- September 1 - Collaborative review process  
- September 15 - Comments to applicant  
- October 15 - Revised proposal (if applicable)  
- October 30 - Recommendation to Commissioner  
- January-February - Consideration by SBE | State University System structure study will address how access might be increased through expanded program offerings at existing branch campuses, joint use facilities, and new instructional locations. Until this study is complete, it is premature for the SBE to consider implementing baccalaureate programs that will end up competing for scarce public resources. Proposed programs unnecessarily duplicate existing university programs; and in some cases programs already offered in the community college’s service area. Proposed Nursing programs are ASN to BSN:  
- Will not provide any additional nurses to workforce  
- Duplicate university ASN to BSN offered in the area or statewide online |
| Community College may propose to offer program itself to meet local workforce needs if:  
- Demand is identified by local workforce board, local business and industry, local Chambers of Commerce, and student.  
- Unmet need for graduates of the proposed program is substantiated.  
- College has the facilities and academic resources to deliver the program.  

**No requirement for first seeking partnerships with universities first.** | **Adopted a standard proposal format:**  
- Based in part on SUS proposal format  
- Calls for documentation of workforce need  
**Calls for documentation of efforts to have the program delivered by a public or private university before seeking approval to offer program**  
- Requires a termination plan | **Is SBE policy for first seeking partnerships with universities being followed?**  
- Community college letters to universities state their plans to implement programs, as opposed to soliciting partnerships  
- IRCC letter to FAU dated May 23, 2006  
- IRCC letter of intent to DOE dated May 23, 2006  
**Affected universities have expressed a willingness to offer the programs** |
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<td>BAS Public Safety Mgmt</td>
<td>Secondary Math Secondary Biology</td>
<td>No branch campus</td>
<td>FGCU: Secondary Education – Biology, Math</td>
<td>None related to Public Safety Mgmt</td>
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<td>Miami Dade College</td>
<td>Secondary Education – Math Secondary Science Education: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics Exceptional Student Education</td>
<td>Nursing (AS to BSN)</td>
<td>FIU-Biscayne Bay: Nursing (AS to BSN) Health Info Mgmt Health Services Admin</td>
<td>FIU: Nursing/Registered Nurse</td>
<td>Nursing (AS to BSN) [FGCU, FSU, UCF, USF]</td>
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<td>Okaloosa-Walton College</td>
<td>BAS Project &amp; Acquisitions Mgmt Nursing (joint program with UWF)</td>
<td>Elementary Education Middle Grade Math/Middle Grade Science Education Opportunity for ESOL &amp; Reading Endorsements</td>
<td>UWF – Ft. Walton: Elementary Education Special Education, dual program with Elementary Education</td>
<td>UWF: Elementary Education Jr. High Middle School Education Math Teacher Education Science Teacher Education</td>
<td>Elementary/Special Education, dual major [UWF]</td>
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