

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
January 29, 2009**

**SUBJECT:** Doctor of Nursing Practice at Florida State University

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider for Approval the Doctor of Nursing Practice at Florida State University,  
CIP Code 51.1601

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution  
Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Board of Governors in March 2006 adopted a resolution to allow those universities that already offer a Ph. D. in Nursing Science to implement a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with approval from their Board of Trustees and BOG staff confirmation that all criteria have been met. Because Florida State University does not have a nursing doctorate program, the DNP program proposal will need BOG approval for implementation.

According to the American Academy of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), DNP programs are expected to eventually replace master's level programs in advanced practice nursing. The proposed program will include 90 credit hours of post-baccalaureate study, with a curriculum based on AACN/CCNE guidelines. Funding will be reallocated from the existing master's nurse practitioner program, which will be phased out by 2015. Areas of specialization will include Family Nurse Practitioner and Health Systems Leadership.

This program has been reviewed by members of the Academic Programs Team during their October 30, 2008 conference call and the SPASOC committee at their November 20, 2008 meeting. If approved by the Board of Governors, students will be admitted beginning Fall 2009.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposal and Staff Analysis included in November 2008 Board meeting materials:  
[http://www.flbog.org/pressroom/meeting\\_agenda.php?id=11](http://www.flbog.org/pressroom/meeting_agenda.php?id=11)

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