

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

June 22, 2017

SUBJECT: Doctor of Occupational Therapy at the University of Florida, CIP Code 51.2306

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval for the Doctor of Occupational Therapy at the University of Florida, CIP Code 51.2306.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of Florida (UF) is proposing a Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD). This degree would replace the existing Master of Occupational Therapy program in the College of Public Health and Health Professions. The OTD is designed to prepare professional level occupational therapy practitioners with clinical practice knowledge and skills, leadership and advocacy skills, and advanced knowledge to inform clinical practice.

The proposed Doctor of Occupational Therapy would be the first such doctoral program to be offered by a public university in the state of Florida. The program will require completion of 108 credit hours.

The UF Board of Trustees approved the program on March 17, 2017. If approved by the Board of Governors, UF will implement the program effective Spring 2018.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials