

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
November 6, 2014**

**SUBJECT:** Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics (CIP 51.3101)  
at the University of Florida

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of limited access status for the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics at the University of Florida, CIP Code 51.3101.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.013

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The University of Florida (UF) seeks limited access status for the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics. To gain licensure as a Registered Dietitian in Florida, a student must complete an accredited undergraduate dietetics curriculum and then complete a supervised practice Dietetic Internship after which the graduate is eligible to take the national Registration Examination for Dietitians. However, the number of supervised practice sites is limited relative to the total number of students who are seeking a placement. In addition, overall academic performance is an important factor in the selection process for a supervised placement.

The program seeks to limit access to students who earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 in Chemistry 1 and 2 with lab, Biology 1 and 2 with lab, and Precalculus Math. The rationale for establishing a 3.0 GPA across these prerequisites is to limit access to those students who have the highest prospect of success in the program and, in turn, the best opportunity to earn a supervised placement to meet the prerequisite requirements to obtain licensure as a Registered Dietitian in Florida.

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