

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
November 5, 2015**

**SUBJECT:** Doctor of Nursing Practice Nurse Anesthetist (CIP 51.3804) at the University of North Florida

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider for approval the Doctor of Nursing Practice Nurse Anesthetist at the University of North Florida, CIP 51.3804.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

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

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The University of North Florida (UNF) is proposing to change the Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nurse Anesthetist major to a stand-alone degree program. The program is offered at the Jacksonville campus. This program prepares graduates for entry into the specialty of anesthesiology nursing through eligibility to take the National Certification Examination and earn the designation of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. The Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs designated that students accepted into an accredited program on January 1, 2022 and thereafter must graduate with doctoral degrees.

The proposed UNF Doctor of Nursing, Nurse Anesthetist would be the first BS to DNP program in nurse anesthesia to be offered by a public university in the state of Florida. The program will require completion of 111 graduate credit hours and 3100 clinical hours.

The UNF Board of Trustees approved the program on October 15, 2015. If approved by the Board of Governors, UNF will implement the program effective Spring 2016.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Information located in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials