

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

SUBJECT: Doctor of Social Work (CIP 51.1503) at the Florida Atlantic University

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider for approval the Doctor of Social Work (DSW) at the Florida Atlantic University, CIP 51.1503.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Florida Atlantic University (FAU) is proposing to offer a professional doctoral degree program in Social Work. The program will be offered at the Boca Raton campus (75%) and online (25%). The program will prepare graduates for leadership roles in advanced clinical social work, clinical supervision, and social work education. The proposed DSW would be the first professional degree in social work in the state of Florida.

A Master's in Social Work (MSW) from an accredited institution will be required for admission into the DSW program and the completion of a 50-semester credit hour curriculum and a practice-oriented research project will be required to earn the degree. A letter of support has been provided by Florida International University because it offers a somewhat similar Doctor of Philosophy program.

The FAU Board of Trustees approved the program on June 17, 2014. If approved by the Board of Governors, FAU will implement the program effective Fall 2016.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Information located in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials