

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

June 23, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Exception to 120 credit hours for the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Nutrition (CIP 51.3101) at Florida International University

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of an exception to 120 credit hours for the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Nutrition at Florida International University, CIP Code 51.3101

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.014

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Florida International University (FIU) seeks an exception to the 120 credit hours baccalaureate degree requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Nutrition – Coordinated Program track. The Coordinated Program track requires the completion of 12 additional credit hours of supervised practice experience beyond the 120 credit hours of didactic coursework. The supervised practice courses address specialized accreditation requirements associated with the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics. Graduates of FIU’s Bachelor in Dietetics and Nutrition Coordinated Program track would be eligible to sit for the licensure examination. Typically, graduates of undergraduate programs in Dietetics are required to complete an additional 1,200 hours of experience either through a coordinated program or a Dietetics Internship to be eligible to sit for the licensure examination. Therefore, FIU’s Bachelor of Dietetics and Nutrition – Coordinated Program track graduates will be able to sit in for the licensure examination. This option would be more affordable for students than the post-graduation dietetics internship option. The FIU program is the only public university in the state that offers its graduates the Coordinated Program option for the Bachelor in Dietetics and Nutrition.

The FIU Board of Trustees approved the exception to 120 credit hours to degree for the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Nutrition on March 11, 2016. If approved by the Board of Governors, the exception will become effective Fall 2016.

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