

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

June 23, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Ph.D. Behavioral and Community Sciences (CIP Code 51.2212), University of South Florida

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider for approval the Ph.D. in Behavioral and Community Sciences at the University of South Florida, CIP Code 51.2212

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

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

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The University of South Florida (USF) is proposing a Ph.D. in Behavioral and Community Sciences, an interdisciplinary program focusing on research and policy in the area of behavioral health and community sciences. This program prepares graduates to conduct research addressing behavioral health challenges (e.g., mental illness, substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, developmental delays and disabilities, and behavior disorders) and socio-cultural challenges (e.g., poverty, disparities, homelessness) with the goal of improving community services through early intervention, integrated care, policy and system change, and positive behavioral interventions and support.

The proposed USF Ph.D. in Behavioral and Community Sciences would be the only doctoral program with CIP 51.2212 to be offered by a public university in the state of Florida. The program will require completion of 90 graduate credit hours.

The USF Board of Trustees approved the program on March 3, 2016. If approved by the Board of Governors, USF will implement the program effective Fall 2017.

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