



Board of Governors, State University System of Florida
ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM TERMINATION FORM
In Accordance with BOG Regulation 8.012

INSTITUTION: University of South Florida

PROGRAM NAME: Rehabilitation Science

DEGREE LEVEL(S): Ph.D.
(B., M., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)

CIP CODE: 51.2314
(Classification of Instructional Programs)

ANTICIPATED TERMINATION TERM: Summer 2022
(Note that the program was suspended Spring 2019)
(First term when no new students will be accepted into the program)

ANTICIPATED PHASE-OUT TERM: Summer 2022
(First term when no student data will be reported for this program)

Please use this form for academic program termination. The form should be approved by the University Board of Trustees (UBOT) prior to submission to the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida for consideration. Please fill out this form completely for each program to be terminated in order for your request to be processed as quickly as possible. Attach additional pages as necessary to provide a complete response. In the case of baccalaureate or master's degree programs, the UBOT may approve termination in accordance with BOG Regulation 8.012, and submit this form to the Board of Governors, Office of Academic and Student Affairs. For doctoral level programs, please submit this form with all appropriate signatures for Board of Governor's consideration. The issues outlined below should be examined by the UBOT when approving program terminations.

1. Provide a narrative rationale for the request to terminate the program.

The Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Science is being terminated because of the loss of key faculty members who were charged with leadership and teaching within the Ph.D. program.

- 2. Indicate on which campus(es) the program is being offered and the extent to which the proposed termination has had or will have an impact on enrollment, enrollment planning, and/or the reallocation of resources.**

The program was offered through the Morsani College of Medicine on the USF Tampa campus. The program was suspended in Spring 2019, and currently no students are enrolled in the program. Thus, the termination will have no negative impact on enrollment, enrollment planning, or the reallocation of resources.

- 3. Explain how the university intends to accommodate any students or faculty who are currently active in the program scheduled to be terminated. State what steps have been taken to inform students and faculty of the intent to terminate the program.**

There are no students enrolled in the program and key faculty who were charged with leadership and teaching within the program left and have not been replaced.

- 4. Please provide the date when the teach-out plan was submitted to SACSCOC. Include a copy of the notification letter with your submission.**

Effective Spring 2019, USF suspended the Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Science due to the departures of key faculty who were charged with leadership and teaching within the program and the fact that no students were enrolled in the program. Once the suspension went into effect, USF did not enroll students in the program. In addition, USF was in the midst of becoming a new institution in the eyes of SACSCOC and the new institution did not intend to offer the program. USF did not notify SACSCOC of the suspension, because in 2019, SACSCOC did not require notification of suspensions. It was not until SACSCOC overhauled its Substantive Change Policy in 2020 that SACSCOC formally defined suspensions as terminations and began requiring accredited institutions to submit teach-out plans prior to suspending a program.

- 5. Provide data (and cite sources) on the gender and racial distribution of students in and faculty affiliated with the program. For faculty, also list the rank and tenure status of all affected individuals.**

There are currently no faculty associated with the program and no students enrolled in the program.

6. Identify any potential negative impact of the proposed action on the current representation of females, minorities, faculty, and students in the program.

There is no negative impact because there are no students enrolled in the program and no faculty are associated with the program.

7. If this is a baccalaureate program, please explain how and when the Florida College System (FCS) institutions have been notified of its termination so that students can be notified accordingly.

The termination request is for a research doctorate program and not a baccalaureate program.

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December 7, 2021
Date Approved by the Board of Trustees