

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
November 9, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Specialized Admissions Requests

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of specialized admissions requests for undergraduate programs requiring minimal skills.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.013

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions, authorizes the Board to approve specialized admissions status for certain undergraduate degree programs. The Board may consider approval of undergraduate degree programs as specialized admissions upon request by the university board of trustees if the programs meet one or more of the following criteria.

- **Resources:** The number of students who meet all the requirements for admission to the university and the program exceeds available resources such as space, equipment, clinical facilities, student-faculty ratios, and fiscal limitations. If approved, the status lasts four years, after which the institution may reapply for specialized admissions status.
- **Minimal skills:** The undergraduate program requires that applicants must demonstrate through an audition or submission of a portfolio that they possess the minimum skills necessary to benefit from the undergraduate program. If approved, the status lasts five years, after which the institution may reapply for specialized admissions status.
- **Accreditation:** The undergraduate program is accredited by a national, state, regional, or programmatic body that requires the use of additional admissions criteria. Additionally, the program has limited resources or requires minimal skills. If approved, the status is active for four or five years, depending on whether the status was granted based on limited resources or required minimal skills.

The Board office required institutions requesting specialized admissions status for the 2023-2024 Academic Year to submit an initial application for each program by October 1, 2022. A total of 113 requests for specialized admissions status were submitted. The committee will consider for approval 31 applications in the minimal skills category.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the specialized admissions applications will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. If approved by the Board of Governors, specialized admission status for the approved programs will be effective fall 2023.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

In Academic and Student Affairs  
Committee Materials