

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**  
September 20, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Research Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition, CIP 51.3102, University of North Florida

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider approval of the Research Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition, CIP 51.3102, at the University of North Florida.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

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

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The University of North Florida proposes reclassifying the Professional Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition to a Research Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition. The Board of Governors approved the Professional Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition at its March 19, 2015, meeting. The program's curriculum originally began with advanced practice project courses, but the curriculum has evolved to include research core requirements and dissertation credit hours based on feedback from employers. Graduates of the program will continue to be prepared for employment in the clinical setting and be trained to conduct research to improve the practice of nutrition and dietetics and teach in both research-based and practice-based nutrition and dietetics postsecondary programs. If approved, the proposed program will be the System's third research doctorate in dietetics and nutritional sciences.

The proposed reclassification based on the shift in curriculum is the only change to the existing program. No changes in the program budget, faculty, or resources are required. The university will continue to charge the currently approved differentiated graduate-level tuition rate of \$750.00 per credit hour for Florida resident students and nonresident students.

The University of North Florida's Board of Trustees approved the proposed Research Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition on July 10, 2023. If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the proposal will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. If approved by the Board of Governors, the university will implement the program effective spring 2024.

Ms. Emily Sikes, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives & Economic Development, will provide an overview of the proposal.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

1. Board Staff Analysis
2. Proposal and Supporting Documents

**Facilitators/Presenters:**

Ms. Emily Sikes