

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
November 9, 2023**

SUBJECT: Articulation Coordinating Committee's Policy for the Evaluation and Awarding of Postsecondary Credit for Military Combat Medics

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the Articulation Coordinating Committee's Policy for the Evaluation and Awarding of Postsecondary Credit for Military Combat Medics.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the 2023 session, the legislature passed Senate Bill 274, which was signed into law on May 26, 2023. The law modifies section 1004.096, Florida Statutes, providing expanded opportunities for eligible current and former military combat medics to earn postsecondary credit or clock hours towards accredited nursing education programs. The new law allows for postsecondary credit or clock hours to be awarded for college-level training and education acquired while serving as a combat medic to be awarded the same across all Florida public postsecondary educational institutions. The law directed the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) to convene a workgroup to develop a process for awarding postsecondary credit or career education clock hours for the Pathway for Military Combat Medics. The workgroup included representatives from the ACC, State University System (SUS), Florida College System (FCS), district career centers, and veterans appointed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The workgroup convened on September 7, 2023, and recommended a policy and process for awarding postsecondary credit or career education clock hours for the Pathway for Military Combat Medics.

The policy outlines two avenues for the evaluation and awarding of postsecondary credit. The first involves the general expectations for public institutions to consider when evaluating a student's military experience. These expectations are consistent with Board of Governors Regulation 6.013, Military Veterans and Active Duty. The second avenue is establishing a statewide evaluation process that results in specific military experience being included in the Credit for Military Combat Medics Equivalency List. The ACC approved this policy at its October 13, 2023, meeting. The policy is now being provided to the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education for consideration of approval.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the policy will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. If approved by the Board of Governors and State Board of Education, the ACC will implement this process to facilitate the review of military combat medic training and experience.

Dr. Lynn Nelson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will provide an overview of the proposed policy.

Supporting Documentation Included: Policy for the Evaluation and Awarding of Postsecondary Credit for Military Combat Medics

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