

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Academic Affairs Committee**  
March 26, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Specialized Admissions Overview

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

For Information

**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, upon request by the university board of trustees, consider approval of undergraduate degree programs as specialized admissions 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 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.

The criteria for initial approval and continued approval of specialized admissions status were revised in June 2022. The upcoming review of 51 programs with specialized admissions meeting the limited resources criteria will be the first renewal since they were approved for the 2023-2024 Academic Year, which will expire in the 2026-2027 Academic Year. The second review of 43 programs with specialized admissions meeting the minimal skills criteria will follow, as they will expire in the 2027-2028 Academic Year. There is currently a total of 94 programs with specialized admissions status.

Dr. Lynn Nelson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Innovation, will present an overview of specialized admissions.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

1. Board of Governors Regulation 8.013

2. List of Approved Specialized Admissions Programs

**Facilitators/Presenters:**

Dr. Lynn Nelson