

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

June 21, 2012

SUBJECT: Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction (13.0301) and termination of nine independent Ph.D. programs at Florida State University

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Curriculum and Instruction (CIP 13.0301) and the termination of nine independent doctoral programs that are consolidated under the new program at Florida State University.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulations 8.011 and 8.012

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Florida State University (FSU) is proposing to consolidate 29 independent graduate programs in the School of Teacher Education as individual majors under a new program in Curriculum and Instruction. Specifically, 10 independent master's programs will be consolidated into one master's program, 10 independent specialist programs will be consolidated into one specialist program, and nine (9) independent doctoral programs will be consolidated into one doctoral program. Existing program titles and codes will be terminated from the State University System Academic Program Inventory and the new programs will be added.

This action is being brought to the Board of Governors for consideration because it requires the technical termination of nine existing doctorate programs and the creation of a new doctorate program in the Inventory. Board Regulations 8.011 and 8.012 require approval and termination of doctorate programs by the Board of Governors.

The new doctorate program will be a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction (CIP 13.0301). The terminated doctoral programs are: Special Education (CIP 13.1001), Elementary Education (CIP 13.1202), Early Childhood Education (CIP 13.1210), English Education (CIP 13.1305), Foreign and Second Language Education (CIP 13.1306),

Mathematics Education (CIP 13.1311), Reading Education (CIP 13.1315), Science Education (CIP 13.1316), and Social Science Education (CIP 13.1317).

The total number of credit hours required for completion of the proposed program in Curriculum and Instruction is 65. The curriculum includes 28 credit hours of core courses, 15 credit hours of major courses, and 24 credit hours of dissertation. All of the existing faculty and instructional resources will remain in place. Students enrolled in existing programs will have an option to transfer to the new program or train out under their existing program title. A letter of support was provided by Florida International University, which also offers Curriculum and Instruction.

The FSU Board of Trustees approved the consolidation program at its June 8, 2012. If approved by the Board of Governors, FSU will begin admissions into the new program starting spring 2013.