

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION**

DATE: April 1, 2022

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 8.013, Limited Access

SUMMARY:

access to these undergraduate programs and outlines the reporting requirements to ensure compliance with the regulation. The amendment also modifies the criteria for initial approval and continued approval of specialized admissions. The amendment allows the Board of Governors to consider approval of certain 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.

- The number of students who meet all the requirements for admission to the university and the program exceeds available resources such as space, equipment, other instructional facilities; clinical facilities; required student-faculty ratios, fiscal, or other resource limitations. If approved, the status would last three years, after which the institution may reapply for specialized admission status.
- The undergraduate program is of such nature 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 would last five years, after which the institution may reapply for specialized admission status.
- The undergraduate program is accredited by a national, state, regional, or programmatic body and has either limited resources or requires minimal skills. If approved, the status would last three to five years, depending on whether the status was granted based on limited resources or required minimal skills.

In addition, institutions will be required to submit plans for increasing capacity in undergraduate programs seeking specialized admissions status due to limited resources and for programs classified as a Program of Strategic Emphasis.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

REGULATION: Dr. Christy England, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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programs, selection for admissions shall be competitive.

1. Admissions criteria for undergraduate programs approved based on this criteria may vary from academic year to academic year, depending on program capacity. Criteria changes should also be reasonable, taking into consideration prospective program applicants who may need to make adjustments to meet the new criteria.

2. Undergraduate programs approved by the Board of Governors for specialized admissions due to limited resources will receive this status for a maximum of four years. At the end of four years, the university may reapply for specialized admissions status. If the university does not reapply at the end of four years, the status shall be removed, and the university may no longer utilize additional criteria for admission to the undergraduate program.

(b) The undergraduate program is of such nature that applicants must demonstrate through an audition or submission of a portfolio that they possess the minimum skills necessary for them to benefit from the undergraduate program.

1. Undergraduate programs receiving Board of Governors approval for specialized admissions because minimal skills are necessary will receive this status for a maximum of five years. At the end of five years, the university may reapply for specialized admissions status. If the university does not reapply at the end of five years, the status shall be removed, and the university may no longer utilize additional criteria for admission to the undergraduate program.

(c) If the undergraduate program is accredited by a national, state, regional, or programmatic body that imposes requirements or limitations that necessitates the use of additional admissions criteria, the undergraduate program must also meet the criteria outlined in (1)(a) or (1)(b) to be considered for specialized admissions status.

1. Undergraduate programs receiving Board of Governors approval for specialized admissions because of regulating body requirements and either (1)(a) or (1)(b) will receive this status for the maximum number of years associated with either (1)(a) or (1)(b). If the university does not reapply, the status shall be removed, and the university may no longer utilize additional criteria for admission to the undergraduate program.

(2) Undergraduate programs may have the following admissions requirements without seeking specialized admissions status.

(a) Prerequisite courses and minimum grades in prerequisite courses.

Establishment of prerequisite courses and grades in prerequisite courses must adhere to requirements established in Regulation 8.010, Common Prerequisites.

(b) Admission requirements and standards established in Florida Statutes.

(3) A plan and timeline for increasing capacity to meet student demand 09/12 0 612 792 reW*nBT/F3

- (a) Undergraduate programs requesting Board of Governors approval for specialized admissions based only on the criteria in (1)(a).
- (b) Undergraduate programs requesting Board of Governors approval for specialized admissions that are classified as a Program of Strategic Emphasis at the time of application submission or renewal application submission.

(4) Selection criteria for admission into specialized admissions programs shall be appropriate indicators of academic ability, creativity, or talent to perform required work within the program and of the potential for success. Selection criteria shall not discriminate against students on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, religion, sex, or socioeconomic status. Selection criteria shall not disadvantage Associate in Arts graduates from Florida public postsecondary institutions in favor of students who are currently enrolled at a State University System institution. Qualified Associate in Arts graduates from Florida public postsecondary institutions shall receive priority for admission to such specialized admissions programs over out-of-state and transfer students from private institutions.

- (a) Selection criteria for specialized admissions programs shall be publicized in _____-facing website that provide information about the program, and any non-public websites or applications that provide information about the undergraduate program with sufficient time for prospective students to prepare to meet criteria.
- (b) Each university shall advise students who meet the minimum requirements for admission to the upper-division of a state university, but are denied admission to specialized admissions programs, of the availability of similar programs at other State University System institutions and the admission requirements of such programs.

(5) Monitoring and Reporting Requirements: Each State University System institution is required to regularly review specialized admissions programs and provide a report to the Board of Governors Office by October 1 each year. The annual report must include the following information.

- (a) Minimum admissions standards for each approved undergraduate program.
- (b) Supporting documentation as to why the undergraduate program should remain specialized admissions for the next academic year based on the criteria under which the undergraduate program was approved.
- (c) Documentation that the criteria is in compliance with (4).
- (d) Other documentation to ensure compliance with the regulation as requested by the Chancellor or their designee.

specialized admissions reports annually.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; History: New 3-29-07; Amended_____