

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

DATE: September 18, 2024

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 8.013, Specialized Admissions

SUMMARY: Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions, allows universities to establish additional criteria for admission to undergraduate programs.

Institution requests for specialized admissions must meet specific criteria. The criteria include the availability of program resources, the need for applicants to demonstrate the minimum skills, or a requirement by an accrediting agency for additional admissions criteria.

The Board of Governors considers specialized admissions programs upon request by the university board of trustees if the programs meet one or more criteria. In addition, specialized admissions programs are presented before the Board of Governors every four to five years for consideration of recertification. The regulation also outlines the annual reporting requirements for specialized admissions programs.

Due to the Board's requirement to consider specialized admissions programs for initial approval and recertification, Board staff propose an amendment to streamline the annual reporting requirements and eliminate duplicative reporting for universities.

Regulation Development

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8.013 Specialized Admissions

(1) Specialized admissions status allows the university to establish additional criteria for admission to undergraduate programs. The Board of Governors may approve certain undergraduate degree programs as specialized admissions programs upon request by the university board of trustees if the programs meet one or more of the following criteria.

- (a) The number of students who meet all the requirements for admission to the university and to the program are in excess of available resources such as: space, equipment, or other instructional facilities; clinical facilities; required student-faculty ratios; fiscal or other resource limitations. In the case of such programs, selection for admissions shall be competitive.
 - 1. Admissions criteria for undergraduate programs approved based on this criterion 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 necessitate the use of additional admissions criteria, the undergraduate program must also meet the

