

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
April 19, 2023

SUBJECT: New Bachelor Degree Program in the Florida College System

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1007.33, F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Daytona State College (DSC) submitted a notice of intent followed by a proposal to the Department of Education to offer a Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Sciences. Appropriate notification of intent was provided to the Board of Governors, Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and the Commission for Independent Education, as required in section 1007.33, Florida Statutes.

The degree program will prepare students to become respiratory therapists, health education specialists, and medical and health services managers. Program graduates will be eligible to work in general medical hospitals, surgical hospitals, nursing care facilities, outpatient care facilities, and specialty hospitals. Additional employment opportunities include the ability to provide direct billing through CMS and Telehealth services and to meet regulatory requirements for CLIA regulated laboratory services.

Labor market projections indicate a projected demand of 83 annual job openings in DSC's service area. There are currently no other institutions that offer a similar degree program within DSC's service area. The closest institution with a similar degree – Valencia College – has a five-year average supply of 20 graduates.

Letters of support were provided, including by Advent Health, Halifax Health and Orlando Health, as well as from the presidents of the University of Central Florida, Stetson University, Bethune Cookman University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and Keiser University. There were no letters of objection or alternative proposals for the proposed degree program.

An extensive review of criteria was conducted for the proposal submitted, and written comments and recommendations were provided to the college. The final proposal is being submitted to the State Board of Education for consideration.

Documentation Included: Daytona State College Proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Sciences (under separate cover)

Facilitators/Presenters: Kathy Hebda, Chancellor, Florida College System, Dr. Thomas LoBasso, President, Daytona State College, and guests