

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
October 18, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of the Process for Establishing Credit for Military Combat Medics
Equivalencies Policy

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1004.096, F.S., as amended by Senate Bill 274 (2023)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Senate Bill 274 (2023) requires the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education to adopt rules to create a process to allow eligible current and former military combat medics to earn postsecondary credit or clock hours for accredited nursing education programs, which would be uniform across all Florida public postsecondary educational institutions, for college-level training and education acquired while serving as a combat medic.

The first step was for the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) to establish a 13-member workgroup, pursuant to s. 1004.096, F.S., from House Bill 171 (2020), Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel. The established workgroup is composed of representatives from the ACC, State University System (SUS), Florida College System (FCS), district career centers, and veterans appointed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. This workgroup was approved by the State Board of Education on August 23, 2023, and recommends the policy and process for awarding postsecondary credit or career education clock hours for the Pathway for Military Combat Medics. The attached policy and process has been recommended by the workgroup and approved by the ACC.

To complete this first step, the State Board of Education is required to approve the recommended process for awarding postsecondary credit or career education clock hours for the Pathway for Military Combat Medics to the State Board of Education by December 1, 2023. Once the SBOE approves this policy, the discipline committee will convene.

Supporting Documentation Included: Senate Bill 274 (2023); Section 1004.096, F.S.

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