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Division of Florida Colleges

Accreditation

- Senate Bill (SB) 7044 established September 1, 2022, as the date by which the State Board of Education (SBOE) must identify accrediting agencies or associations that are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USED) and are best suited to serve as an accreditor for Florida College System (FCS) institutions.
- Once an FCS institution's reaffirmation or fifth-year review by its current accreditor is complete, the institution will be required to provide quarterly reports on its progress of seeking accreditation from an accreditor identified by SBOE.
 - The first quarterly report was due by January 31, 2023.
 - The next quarterly report is due on April 15, 2023.

Textbook and Course Material

- During the 2022 legislative session, Senate Bill (SB) 7044 and 2524 passed, amending ss. 1004.085 and 1006.73, Florida Statute (F.S.), respectively.
- On August 17, 2022, State Board of Education approved revisions to Rule 6A-14.092, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), to implement the new provisions.
- The amendment to s. 1004.085, F.S., provides additional requirements related to the list of required and recommended textbooks and instructional materials that colleges are required to post.
- An updated textbook affordability report template is scheduled to go out early May 2023 for reporting in September 2023.

SAT Suite of Assessments Update

- Beginning spring of 2023, College Board's (CB) SAT Suite of Assessments will be transitioning to a digital format.
 - Digital SAT Suite Administration Timeline:
 - Spring 2023 - International SAT
 - Fall 2023 - PSAT/NMSQT
 - Spring 2024 - United States SAT
- Currently, CB provides two-digit Test Scores for Math, Reading, and Writing and Language, which are currently in rule.
 - Three-digit scores are also currently available and are derived from the two-digit scores.
- Starting fall 2023, CB will only provide the three-digit Section Scores for Math and Evidenced Based Reading & Writing.
- The Division anticipates opening rule development in spring 2023 to amend Rule 6A-10.0305, F.A.C., to conform to the three-digit score format.

Rule 6A-14.095, F.A.C., Site Determined Baccalaureate Access

- During the 2022 legislative session, SB 7044 introduced new legislation (Section 1008.47, F.S.), related to the accreditation of public postsecondary institutions.
- On January 18, 2023, the State Board of Education approved revisions to Rule 6A-14.095, F.A.C., and its incorporated forms to align with the new provisions per SB 7044.
- The rule revision also codified the use of the Academic Program Pre-Proposal Recognition System used by Florida College System (FCS) and State University System institutions proposing baccalaureate degree programs.
- Additionally, non-substantive changes were made to rule language including a reorganization of definitions.
- FCS institutions should review the rule revisions and take any necessary action to be consistent with changes, where applicable.

Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund

- The LINE Fund was established in SB 2524 (2022) and provides matching funds, on a dollar-to-dollar basis, to participating agencies that partner with health care providers.
- Eligible institutions include school district career centers, FCS, and Florida nonprofit private colleges and universities, as well as additional criteria on nursing exam passage rates or completion rates.
- Funds may be used for student scholarships, recruitment of additional faculty, equipment, and simulation centers. Construction of new facilities is not considered eligible.

LINE Fund

- For the 2022-23 grant period, the Department released the Request for Proposal (RFP) in August, and proposals were due no later than November 1.
- The Department received a number of proposals from the following institutional types:
 - School Districts: 1
 - FCS Institutions: 16
 - Commission of Independent Education (CIE): 1
 - Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF): 8
- The Department is issuing the last of the award notifications and has provided guidance on the reimbursement process.

LINE Fund

FCS Institution	Amount Awarded
Broward College	\$120,000
College of Central Florida	\$6,743,852
Daytona State College	\$1,900,000
Hillsborough Community College	\$235,000
Indian River State College	\$150,000
Miami Dade College	\$1,540,480
Northwest Florida State College	\$75,000
Polk State College	\$60,000
Santa Fe College	\$410,000
Seminole State College	\$750,000
South Florida State College	\$200,000
St. Petersburg College	\$80,000
State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota	\$520,000
Tallahassee Community College	\$145,000
The College of the Florida Keys	\$890,000
Valencia College	\$689,198

Open Door Grant Program

- The Open Door Grant Program was established in House Bill 1507 (2021) and is now in year 2 of implementation. Open Door provides funds to support student completion of short-term, high-demand credit and non-credit career and technical education (CTE) programs at career centers and Florida College System (FCS) institutions.
- Program funds may be used to cover the cost of tuition, fees, examinations, books and materials.
- While FDOE provides a list of pre-approved programs, it is up to each institution receiving Open Door funds to determine which programs are on the "Open Door offerings."

Open Door Grant Program

2022-23 FCS Recipients

FCS Institution	Amount Awarded
Broward College	\$2,905,685
College of Central Florida	\$267,453
Daytona State College	\$452,846
Florida Gateway College	\$390,624
Florida Southwestern State College	\$316,019
Florida State College at Jacksonville	\$1,052,725
Hillsborough Community College	\$822,803
Indian River State College	\$1,104,690
Lake Sumter State College	\$7,000
Miami Dade College	\$2,000,404
North Florida College	\$600,000
Palm Beach State College	\$725,796
Pasco-Hernando State College	\$242,790
Pensacola State College	\$250,000
Polk State College	\$376,792
Santa Fe College	\$206,496
Seminole State College of Florida	\$462,000
St. Johns River State College	\$4,700
St. Petersburg College	\$596,303
State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota	\$720,589
The College of the Florida Keys	\$718,891
Valencia College	\$1,711,427

Open Door Grant Program

- Institutions that have received an Open Door award for the 2022-23 grant year are required to submit performance reports to the Department on a quarterly basis.
- The remaining quarterly reports for this grant year are due on:
 - April 15, 2023
 - July 15, 2023
- More information about the Open Door Grant Program can be found here: www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/funding-opportunities/opendoor.shtml.

General Education Digital Badge

- House Bill (HB) 1507 (2021) required public postsecondary institutions to award students a digital badge upon completion of general education core courses that demonstrate career readiness.
- The Division of Florida Colleges, in partnership with the Board of Governors, released the first general education digital badge, titled "Fundamentals of Written Communication," effective fall 2022.
- Information regarding the digital badge, including institutional obligations and resources, can be found here: www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/academics/gedb.shtml.
- The Division plans to begin work on a second digital badge in spring 2023. Details will be shared as they become available.

Postsecondary Education Benefits and Services for Children and Young Adults Who Have Been or are in Foster Care or are Experiencing Homelessness

- In 2022, HB 1577 modified s. 1009.25, F.S., to specify that students who meet the federal definition of homeless children and youths are exempt from the payment of tuition and fees, including lab fees, at school district career centers, charter technical career centers, and FCS institutions.
- Additionally, SB 7034 amended s. 1009.25, F.S., to expand the existing tuition and fee exemption to additional students.
- Relatedly, HB 7065 established requirements regarding the tuition and fee exemption and services for youth and students in the child welfare system.
- Anticipated date of State Board of Education meeting: March 22, 2023

Spring 2023 Equity and Civil Rights Site Visits

- The division is required by the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, to conduct targeted civil rights compliance reviews of institutions that provide career and technical ("vocational") education and receive federal financial assistance.
- 2023 Site Visit Schedule:
 - January 30 – February 3, 2023: Florida State College at Jacksonville
 - March 20 – 24, 2023: Seminole State College
 - April 17 – 21, 2023: State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota



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Office of Articulation

Credit for Law Enforcement Experience

- HB 3 (2022) required the adoption of regulations and rules to create a process to allow eligible current and former law enforcement officers to earn postsecondary credit for college-level law enforcement training and education.
- The bill required the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) to convene a 14-member workgroup to develop a process for determining equivalencies.
- On January 18, 2023, the State Board of Education (SBOE) approved the process proposed by the workgroup for identifying course equivalencies and awarding credit.

Credit for Law Enforcement Experience: Next Steps

- In spring 2023, the Office of Articulation will be seeking nominations for faculty to serve on a discipline committee to review law enforcement training/coursework and recommend postsecondary course equivalencies for ACC and SBOE approval.
- Annually, the ACC must approve and update a prioritized list of postsecondary course equivalencies for law enforcement training and experience.

Reverse Transfer

Reported Reverse Transfer Completions as of January 2023	
College	# Completions
College Of Central Florida	*
Gulf Coast State College	*
Indian River State College	19
Miami Dade College	64
North Florida College	*
Northwest Florida State College	11
Pensacola State College	*
State College Of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota	12
Tallahassee Community College	13
Valencia College	18
Grand Total	152

Reverse Transfer

- For the current academic year, the SUS institution reverse transfer contact should provide a listing of eligible students, who have opted in for reverse transfer, to the FCS institution reverse transfer contact, which should include, at a minimum the student's name and date of birth, using a secure transmission method, by **March 15**.
- This listing should be updated and maintained by the FCS institution to include the number of students evaluated, the number of students awarded an AA degree, and the number of students who were not awarded an AA degree.
- Upon completion of the reverse transfer process at the FCS institution, it should be returned to the originating SUS institution no later than **May 15**.
- Institution reverse transfer contacts are available on the Office of Articulation website at <https://www.fldoe.org/policy/articulation/reverse-transfer.stml>.

Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreements: Student Eligibility

- Section 1007.271, F.S., establishes the minimum eligibility requirements for participation in college credit dual enrollment:
 - Public, private and home education students in grades 6 through 12
 - Minimum 3.0 unweighted high school GPA
 - Demonstrated readiness for college-level coursework via a common placement test or approved alternative method(s)
- The statute also authorizes FCS institutions to establish additional initial eligibility requirements to ensure student readiness for postsecondary instruction and specifies those additional requirements may not arbitrarily prohibit students who have demonstrated the ability to master advanced courses from participating in dual enrollment.

Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreements: Student Eligibility

- For the 2022-23 academic year, the Office of Articulation received over 1,100 individual dual enrollment articulation agreement submissions.
- Review of the submissions revealed some institutions have implemented additional dual enrollment eligibility requirements above and beyond those specified in statute, including:
 - Minimum GPA requirements above 3.0
 - Grade level restrictions
 - Minimum number of high school credits students must complete prior to enrollment
 - Participation caps or limits
 - Number of years students can participate in dual enrollment
 - Number of courses/credit hours students can complete through dual enrollment
- Dual enrollment articulation agreements for the upcoming year are due to the Office of Articulation by August 1, 2023. Colleges are encouraged to revisit their dual enrollment eligibility policies to ensure compliance with statute. Beginning with 2023-24 agreement submissions, institutions will be required to justify any additional eligibility requirements and demonstrate that these additional requirements do not arbitrarily limit student participation, per s. 1007.271, F.S.

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Division of Career and Adult Education

PIPELINE Grants

- As of January 2023, the Department of Education (FDOE) has released three-quarters of the appropriation (\$45 million) in funds to eligible Florida School Districts and Florida College System (FCS) institutions. The last quarter of the appropriation is expected to be released on April 15, 2023.
- Agencies were provided with a direct transfer of funds which will allow for the efficient use of these resources to benefit your programs.
- Please remember that the use of funds outlined in the initial Request for Applications (RFA) remains the same. Agencies have local discretion and flexibility to expend PIPELINE funds for supporting any state-funded eligible program.
- Questions regarding the program may be directed to PIPELINE@fldoe.org.

2023-24 Curriculum Frameworks

- New program requests for the 2023-24 academic year were due by November 1, 2022, and are in the final stages of internal review.
- It is anticipated that Rule 6A-6.0571, F.A.C., the frameworks rule, will be presented to the State Board of Education (SBOE) at the meeting in April 2023.
- New program request forms may be found at: <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/program-resources.shtml>.
- Future new program request forms will align to the Framework of Quality which was adopted by the Credential Review Committee in December 2022 and will be incorporated by reference in the SBOE rule. The new forms will impact new programs being submitted for the 2024-25 academic year.

2023-24 Perkins V Update

- The Perkins Entitlement RFA will be released this spring.
- The next comprehensive local needs assessment will be conducted in the 2023-24 program year.

Perkins V 2023-2024 Procedures

- There are no anticipated changes to the content or layout out of the State College Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) and Budget Workbook beyond the annual changes resulting from new programs or changes to the Demand Occupation List.
- The biennial CLNA is required to be conducted in the 2023-2024 program year and will impact applications for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 program years, pending reauthorization of Perkins or the extension of the current State Plan.

Master Credential List (MCL), 2022-23 update

- CareerSource Florida will be publishing an updated 2022-23 Master Credential List based upon action taken at the Credential Review Committee, held on February 9.
- 9 new postsecondary fundable certifications were added to this list.

Master Credential List (MCL), 2022-23 update

- The following credentials were added:

DOE Code	Certification/Credential Title
APPLE022	Apple App Development with Swift Associate
FLDDL001	Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
FLDOE004	Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) - Professional Education Test
GLIAC008	GIAC Penetration Tester
GLIAC009	GIAC Certified Incident Handler
IISSC005	Certified Cloud Security Professional (CCSP)
KNOWL005	C# Coding Specialist
NCCER262	NCCER Sprinkler Fitting Level 4 (Postsecondary)
PROSO033	Certified Internet Web (CIW) Multimedia Specialist

2023-24 Master Credential List

- On February 9, 2023, CareerSource Florida adopted the initial 2023-24 Master Credential List.
 - The review of credentials is on-going.
 - Most current credentials are included for the 2023-24 year; however, many credentials will require additional review to be validated for a future list.
- Information on the Credentials Review Committee and the Master Credentials List is available at: <https://careersourceflorida.com/boardroom/florida-credentials-review-committee/>

MCL Submissions for 2023-24

- CareerSource Florida has posted their new MCL application here:
<https://careersourceflorida.com/boardroom/florida-credentials-review-committee/master-credentials-list/>
- For consideration for the 2023-24 CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, submissions will need to be received by March 15, 2023.

Teacher Apprenticeship Models

Post-Baccalaureate Pathway

- University of Florida (UF) College of Education is developing and sponsoring a post-baccalaureate registered program for school district paraprofessionals with a baccalaureate degree.
- The model includes a competency-based program aligned with the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices and Elementary Education specialization requirements.
- Apprentices will be eligible for licensure from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and UF will confer a master's degree.
- UF plans to launch their first cohort in summer 2023.

Teacher Apprenticeship Models

Pre-Baccalaureate Pathway

- FDOE is developing a competency-based statewide teacher apprenticeship program where FDOE is the sponsor and school districts serve as participating employers.
- FDOE is working with UF and the National Center for Grown Your Own to develop the on-the-job training standards and competencies for the Standards of Apprenticeship.
- The model includes competency-based program aligned with the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices.
- The Standards development will use a collaborative workgroup approach.
- It is envisioned that Teacher Apprentices will complete the program in about two years.
- Apprentices will be eligible for licensure from the FDOE, and the participating college providing the related technical instruction will confer a baccalaureate degree.

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