

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

May 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Amendment to Rule 6A-14.030, FAC., Instruction and Awards in Community Colleges

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

1004.85(3)(c), Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1004.85(3)(c), F.S. requires that a credential be provided to Educator Preparation Institute participants who successfully complete their programs of study. There is currently no existing credential or certificate that may be issued to baccalaureate degree holders who are preparing for a professional license such as a Florida Professional Teaching Certificate. The proposed amendment to Rule 6A-14.030 FAC., would define and formalize an appropriate certificate for baccalaureate degree holders who are preparing for licensure, certification, credentialing, examinations or other demonstrations of competency necessary for entry into professional occupations. Additionally, the reference to the *Florida Community College System Program Length Document* needs to be updated from 2003 to 2007.

Students who complete an Educator Preparation Institute competency-based teacher preparation program will receive a standardized and formalized credential that is defined in rule. Institutions of higher education and potential employers will have a common understanding of the student's preparation and the significance of the resulting credential.

The proposed rule language was approved by the Community College Council of Presidents on December 1, 2006.

Supporting Documentation Included: Amendment to Rule 6A-14.030, FAC, Instruction and Awards in Community College and the Florida Community College System Program Length Document 2007

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