

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
February 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-4.003, Degrees, Programs, and Credits

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1012.55, 1012.56(13), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Issuance of a Professional Certificate requires mastery of three (3) areas: general knowledge, subject area knowledge and professional preparation and education competence. Each of the mastery areas has multiple means of satisfying the requirement. Currently, there are five (5) acceptable means of satisfying the general knowledge requirement with the most common option being the passing of the General Knowledge Exam. House Bill 1159 added a sixth option of earning a master's or higher degree to meet the requirement.

Proposed Rule 6A-4.003, F.A.C., is recommended for amendment to specify the acceptable advanced degrees that applicants for certification can earn to satisfy the mastery of general knowledge requirement to obtain a Professional Certificate.

Changes are proposed to:

- Clarify that a quality degree program must be from an accredited or approved program as outlined in the current rule.
- Indicate an official transcript or original credential evaluation as the required documentation for degree conferral of a master's or higher degree.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-4.003, F.A.C.

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