

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
October 18, 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

St. Johns River State College (SJRSC) submitted a notice of intent followed by a proposal to the Department of Education to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Systems Technology. 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 with the skills required to successfully design, plan, and manage Information Systems. Graduates of the program will be eligible for employment as Computer & Information Systems Managers, Computer Systems Analysts, Information Security Analysts, Computer Network Architects, Database Administrators, Database Architects, Network and Computer Systems Administrators, Computer Programmers, Software Developers, and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers.

Labor market projections indicate a projected demand of 215 annual job openings in SJRSC's service area. There are no State University System institutions in SJRSC's service area, nor are there any non-public institutions in the service area that offer a similar degree.

Letters of support were provided by Flagler College, Florida State College at Jacksonville, the University of North Florida, and St. Johns River State College and St. Johns County School District Chief Information Officers. Additionally, a letter of support was provided by the Green Cove Springs Police Department. 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: Letters of Support and St. Johns River State College Proposal for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Systems Technology (under separate cover)

Facilitator/Presenter: Kathy Hebda, Chancellor, Florida College System; Joe Pickens, President, St. Johns River State College; and guests