

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
October 18, 2023

**SUBJECT:** New Bachelor Degree Program in the Florida College System

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1007.33, F.S.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Palm Beach State College (PBSC) submitted a notice of intent followed by a proposal to the Department of Education to offer a Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging. 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 proposed baccalaureate degree program will prepare graduates for advanced careers in clinical imaging specialties, such as CT, MRI, Interventional Radiology, Mammography or Echocardiography. Currently registered Radiologic Technologists in the region will have career advancement opportunities with a new career pathway to advance their skills.

Labor market projections indicate a projected demand of 324 annual job openings in PBSC's service area. Currently, no institutions offer a similar degree program within PBSC's service area. Only one other public institution statewide offers a baccalaureate degree in Medical Imaging. However, the average 5-year supply has been only 35 graduates.

Letters of support were provided by Florida Atlantic University and the Palm Beach County Business Partnership Council, as well as industry and community partners, including but not limited to physicians and leaders in the field of Radiology. 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.

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**Documentation Included:** Letter of Support and Palm Beach State College Proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging (under separate cover)

**Facilitator/Presenter:** Kathy Hebda, Chancellor, Florida College System; Ava Parker, President, Palm Beach State College; and guests