

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROPOSALS

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Division of Community Colleges  
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# Institutional Representatives

- **Broward Community College-** *President David Armstrong; Ms. Donna Henderson*
- **Chipola College-** *Dr. Gene Prough (President); Dr. Kitty Myers*
- **Daytona Beach Community College-** *Dr. Kent Sharples (President); Dr. Eileen Hamby*
- **Edison College-** *Dr. Noreen Thomas; Ms. Kristen Zimmerman*
- **Florida Community College @ Jacksonville-** *Dr. Donald Green; Dr. Jim Simpson; Dr. Barbara Darby; Ms. Caren Coleman*
- **Okaloosa Walton College-** *Dr. Jill White*
- **Palm Beach Community College-** *Dr. Dennis Gallon (President)*

# The Statutory Mission of Community Colleges

- **Section 1004.65 F.S. includes:**
  - Open access
  - Awarding associate degrees and career-technical certificates
  - Responding to community needs for postsecondary education
  - Providing upper level instruction and awarding baccalaureate degrees (2001)

# Authority

- Additionally, in 2007, HB 7147:
  - Authorized community colleges to provide baccalaureate-level education in math and science for the purpose of preparing teachers.
  - Provided 60 days after community college notification of baccalaureate “intent” for public state universities to submit an alternative proposal for consideration-- and absent submissions, an additional 30 days for private college/universities to submit alternative proposals.
  - ***No alternative proposals were submitted by either public or private colleges/universities during the 2007 window provided by the Legislature.***

# The “Pre-Approval Process”

- Proposed baccalaureate program is approved by the college’s President and Board of Trustees.
- College President submits a “Letter of Intent” to the Commissioner & DCC Chancellor by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Chancellor forwards copy of letter to Board of Governor’s Chancellor and ICUF Executive Director.
- Each President is also asked to notify regional public and private university Presidents of their intent.
- Complete proposals, including analysis of need and demand due to Commissioner/Chancellor no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>.

# 2007 Baccalaureate Degree Proposals Received

- *First-time Applicants*

- **Broward Community College**

- **BS in Education** – Concentrations in Middle Grades Mathematics and General Science; Secondary Mathematics and Biology; and
- Exceptional Student Education

- **Palm Beach Community College**

- **BAS in Supervision and Management**

# 2007 Baccalaureate Degree Proposals Received

- *Applicants with Prior Baccalaureate and SACS Level II Authorization Requesting to Add Programs*
- **Chipola College**
  - **BS in Education** – Concentrations in Exceptional Student Education and Elementary Education
  - **BS in Nursing**

# 2007 Baccalaureate Degree Proposals Received

- *Applicants with Prior Baccalaureate and SACS Level II Authorization Requesting to Add Programs*
- **Daytona Beach Community College**
  - **BS in Education** – Concentrations in Secondary Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth/Space Science;
  - Exceptional Student Education; and Elementary Education
- **Edison College**
  - **BS in Education** – Concentration in Elementary Education
  - **BS in Nursing**
  - **BAS in Supervision and Management**

# 2007 Baccalaureate Degree Proposals Received

- *Applicants with Prior Baccalaureate and SACS Level II Authorization Requesting to Add Programs*
- **Florida Community College at Jacksonville**
  - **BS in Nursing**
  - **BAS in Computer Networking**
  - **BAS in Supervision and Management**

# 2007 Baccalaureate Degree Proposals Received

- *Applicants with Prior Baccalaureate and SACS Level II Authorization Requesting Change from Joint-Delivery Model to Sole-Delivery Model:*
- **Okaloosa-Walton College**
  - BS in Nursing

# 2007 Baccalaureate Proposal Review - Aug. 2007-Jan. 2008

- *Proposals were reviewed by:*
  - Division of Community Colleges (DCC)
  - Bureau of Finance & Business Services
  - Accountability, Research and Measurement (ARM)
  - External Reviewer

# The Approval Process

- Evaluation criteria for *each* proposal includes the following elements:
  - Description of Planning Process and Timeline for implementation
  - Analysis of Workforce Needs/Demands for Baccalaureate Program
  - Alignment with K-20 Goals and Strategic Imperatives
  - Full description and outline of Academic Content and Curriculum

# The Approval Process

- Proposal must also include:
  - The anticipated delivery system
  - Admission standards, licensure requirements, and graduation requirements
  - A plan of action for program termination, if necessary in the future
  - Assessment of Current and Anticipated Resources to Deliver the Program including:
    - Library Resources
    - Classrooms/labs/offices/equipment
    - Internship/clinical site agreements

# All CC Baccalaureate Degree Proposals Submitted...

- Based on analysis of local need and demand;
- Limited to Teaching, Nursing, and Applied Sciences;
- Flexible scheduling for working adults;
- On-site, full-time faculty focused on teaching;
- On-site, full-time student services and support;
- Emphasize outreach to non-traditional students;
- Budget projections comply with statutorily required funding policy;
- Meet common pre-requisite, degree-length, and State Course Numbering System conventions;
- Affirm commitment to historical primary mission of community colleges.

# Approval

- Based upon a thorough, 6 month evaluation, the reviewers confirm and agree that all proposals submitted meet and/or exceed the criteria required for approval by the State Board of Education.
- With approval and prior to program implementation, Broward Community College and Palm Beach Community College must seek and receive Level II, baccalaureate degree granting authorization from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
- Representatives from each of the colleges seeking baccalaureate approval would be pleased to answer program-specific questions.