

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
June 22, 2016**

SUBJECT: Ph.D. Behavioral and Community Sciences at the University of South Florida, CIP Code 51.2212

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider for approval the Ph.D. in Behavioral and Community Sciences at the University of South Florida, CIP Code 51.2212

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of South Florida (USF) is proposing a Ph.D. in Behavioral and Community Sciences, an interdisciplinary program focusing on research and policy in the area of behavioral health and community sciences. This program prepares graduates to conduct research addressing behavioral health challenges (e.g., mental illness, substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, developmental delays and disabilities, and behavior disorders) and socio-cultural challenges (e.g., poverty, disparities, homelessness) with the goal of improving community services through early intervention, integrated care, policy and system change, and positive behavioral interventions and support.

The proposed USF Ph.D. in Behavioral and Community Sciences would be the only doctoral program with CIP 51.2212 to be offered by a public university in the state of Florida. The program will require completion of 90 graduate credit hours.

The USF Board of Trustees approved the program on March 3, 2016. If approved by the Board of Governors, USF will implement the program effective Fall 2017.

Supporting Documentation Included: 1. Board Staff Analysis
2. Program proposal available online at www.flbog.edu

Facilitators/Presenters: University Representative