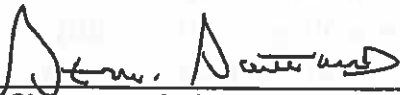
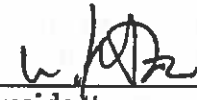
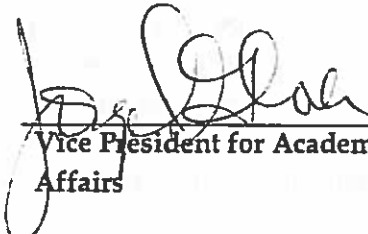


**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PROPOSAL TO RECLASSIFY A TYPE I, II, OR III CAMPUS OR A SPECIAL
PURPOSE CENTER**

<u>University of Florida</u> University Submitting Proposal Special Purpose Center <hr/> Current Type of Educational Site 1602** <hr/> Current Site ID Type III campus <hr/> Proposed Type of Educational Site	UF Health - Jacksonville <hr/> Educational Site Name 653 West 8 th Street Jacksonville, FL 32209* <hr/> Physical Address (US Site: address, city, state, zip) (International site: street address, number , city, county/province, country) Summer 2016 ABSN <hr/> Reclassification Effective Term (First date and term under new classification)
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The submission of this proposal constitutes a commitment by the university that, if the proposal is approved, the necessary actions to accommodate students and faculty will have been met prior to final reclassifying the educational site.

April 1, 2016 <hr/> Date Approved by the University Board of Trustees  <hr/> Signature of Chair, Board of Trustees _____ Date	 <hr/> President 8/2/16 Date  <hr/> Vice President for Academic Affairs 8/8/16 Date
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Provide current headcount (HC) and full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment at the educational site. Provide current headcount (HC) and full-time equivalent (FTE) of faculty and staff employed at the educational site. Indicate the current expenditures by fund source for the educational site.***

Students, Faculty, and Staff		
CURRENT	HC	FTE
Undergraduate	24	9
Graduate	180	67.5
Faculty	17	7.3
Staff	3	3.0

Site Expenditures***				
E&G Funds	Contract & Grants Funds	Auxiliary Funds	Other	Total
378,339				378,339

PROPOSED	HC	FTE	E&G Funds	Contract & Grants Funds	Auxiliary Funds	Other	Total
Undergraduate	96	36	463,874				463,874
Graduate	220	82.5					
Faculty	20	10.3					
Staff	6	6.0					

*UF has SACSOC approval for this address (Nursing) as well as 633 W 8th Street (Medicine) and 580 W. 8th Street (Pharmacy).

**This is not an instructional site code, and changing to an instructional code for this facility is inappropriate. Instruction is one of many activities that occur at UF Health - Jacksonville, and is not now, nor will it ever be, a primary activity for the site.

***See Appendix A, Table 2 for financial information on the ABSN program.

****Enrollment projections are for the proposed ABSN program and PharmD; other onsite activities are internships and clinical research.

I. Introduction

A. Provide a short description of the educational site for which the request to reclassify is being made, including the main purpose for this site (research, instruction, administration, student services, etc.).

The University of Florida has been offering courses, clinical training, and recertification programs at UF Health - Jacksonville as a special purpose center, through its health sciences colleges, for many years. UF proposes at this time to reclassify the UF Health - Jacksonville facility as a Type III campus under BOG Regulation 8.009. For-credit undergraduate and professional courses have historically been offered at the facility by the colleges of Pharmacy and Nursing; however, the aggregate enrollments normally hover around 200 students. The proposed introduction of a Nursing accelerated bachelor's degree will bring enrollments close to the >300 threshold levied by the Regulation.

UF Health - Jacksonville is a fully-integrated, centrally-administered UF special purpose center. Activities predominately focus on the provision of health care to Northeast Florida and Jacksonville. For complete information on the facilities and relationship between the University of Florida and UF Health - Jacksonville, see <http://ufhealthjax.org/> Academic courses, programs, and other instructional activities are, and will continue to be, incidental to the mission of the facility, but are useful to UF students and faculty in the development of health care skills and health sciences research, and also contribute to public health and workforce needs.

II. Need and Demand Assessment

A. Provide a narrative rationale for the request to reclassify the educational site

that includes a need and demand assessment. The need and demand assessment for reclassifying an educational site to a new category in the taxonomy might address reduced or increased demand for access at a particular location or increased costs for instructional delivery that cannot be offset by increased enrollments.

UF Health - Jacksonville has long played a vital role in the University's health care offerings and programs. As is the case on the Gainesville campus, the College of Medicine is integrated with UF Health - Jacksonville's facilities through faculty exchanges, clinical training, residencies, and use of the facilities for faculty and student research. The UF College of Pharmacy makes available to Jacksonville residents and professionals a robust PharmD program that enrolls an average of 180 students/year. The College of Public Health and Health Professions affiliates with UF Health Jacksonville for internships in the DPT program, using on-site preceptors. UF's College of Nursing has had a presence at the UF Health - Jacksonville facility since 1979. Jacksonville, the most populous city in the state, is a highly diverse community, with a significant population of medically underserved individuals and families. By housing UF academic programs, clinical training, and other instructional activities in Jacksonville, UF helps meet the medical needs of the population while at the same time providing opportunities for UF faculty and staff to develop critical health-care skills. The College of Nursing and PharmD programs specifically recruit students from the Duval County area, which has a population that is 30% African-American/Black and 8% Hispanic.

The redesigned UF College of Nursing Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program is slated to be offered at the UF Health - Jacksonville location. This program was previously offered at the facility, but enrollments were phased out about seven years ago to allow for curricular redesign and reintegration with the College's mission. The College of Nursing proposes to enroll a cohort of students from the Jacksonville area who will receive their clinical training at the UF Health - Jacksonville hospital. The accelerated BSN is endorsed by the American Associate of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, among others, as an innovative, efficient educational model to increase nursing workforce capacity while maintaining program quality and integrity.

Demographic changes indicate that the state of Florida and the US at large will face a nursing shortage as more nurses reach retirement age. The shortage will be especially acute for BSN-prepared nurses. Since its inception, the UF College of Nursing has set high standards of excellence in educational programs. Extending UF's successful accelerated program to the Jacksonville community will contribute to the College's social mandate to prepare the next generation of nurses to meet the health care need of the citizens of Florida. Further, the program will contribute to increasing the diversity

of the future nursing workforce, which was identified by the Institute of Medicine (2011) as a critical need for health care in our country.

The United States Department of Labor has projected the need for more than a million new nurses by 2018; the relative shortage of nurses is projected to be even more acute in the state of Florida. According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity "Help Wanted On-line" data, there were 929 *average monthly* job posting for nurses in Workforce Region 08 (Duval, Nassau, St Johns, Putnam, Clay, and Baker counties) for the first 7 months of 2015. Most hospital settings preferentially or exclusively hire BSN-prepared nurses, but these data do not differentiate between open BSN-prepared nurse positions from other registered nurse vacancies. According to the most recent report from the Florida Center for Nursing (2013), 43.9% of nurses employed in 5-county Northeast Florida Region hold the BSN degree or higher, far short of the recommended goal of 80% (Assessing Progress on the Institute of Medicine Report *The Future of Nursing*, 2015).

The programs UF engages in at the JAX facility contribute to UF's goal of developing *an exceptional academic environment that reflects the breadth of thought essential for preeminence, achieved by a community of students, faculty, and staff who have diverse experiences and backgrounds (Goal 1), an outstanding and accessible education that prepares students for work, citizenship, and life (Goal 2), and a strengthened public engagement of the university's programs with local, national, and international communities (Goal 5).*¹ Furthermore, the College of Nursing's accelerated program will contribute to the Florida Board of Governors strategic goal to increase the number of degrees awarded in STEM/health.

III. Academic Programs and Courses

- A. Provide a list of the degree programs, partial programs, or college credit certificates and courses currently offered at the site. Identify any degree programs to be closed or implemented as a result of reclassifying the educational site. Explain the extent to which the proposed reclassification will have an impact on overall university enrollments, enrollment planning, and degree production.**

--Accelerated Baccalaureate on Science in Nursing (BSN) CIP 51.3800 (See Appendix B)

--Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) CIP 51.2001 (See

<http://pharmacy.ufl.edu/education/student-affairs/doctor-of-pharmacy-curriculum/>)

Entry-Level PharmD

Working Professionals PharmD

¹ UF is in the process of setting goals for the next 10 years and a Task Force has developed the draft document currently under discussion. The document is available at <http://president.ufl.edu/initiatives/goal-setting-task-force/>

The PharmD program offered at UF Health - Jacksonville is not replicated at any other SUS or State College in the area. Recertification programs, or shared residencies or Ph.D. study sites, do not duplicate degree programs with SUS or Florida College System institutions. The College of Nursing's accelerated BSN program will be similar to that offered by the University of North Florida.

UF does not anticipate any changes in the current enrollments for the PharmD program, which has a well-established track record of recruitment and placement. The demand for pharmacists in the U.S. is stable, and the current enrollment pattern meets Florida needs. The NAPLEX and MPJE board exam pass rates are 94-99% over the last 5 years, which is similar to our peer institutions. The program's placement rate is 100% within 6 months of graduation.

In terms of the proposed College of Nursing program, there are two ABSN programs in the Jacksonville area run by the University of North Florida and Jacksonville University. Total capacity of those programs is approximately 115 students per year. Demand for seats exceeds capacity with approximately 150 applicants being denied admission. According to the Office of Program Policy Analysis & Government Accountability report published in 2015, enrollment in second-degree BSN programs in Florida decreased by 69% from 2012-2013 to 2013-2014, but there is no data reported by geographic area. Despite increased capacity in nursing education programs overall in Florida (among all types of program across the state), over 13,000 qualified applicants were not admitted in 2013-2014.

UF's BSN program will utilize the excellent clinical facilities of UF Health - Jacksonville. The College has initiated plans with the Vice-President for Nursing and Patient Care, Dr. Patrice Jones, for appointment of UF Health staff nurses and nurse leaders to serve as clinical faculty. This close integration with the clinical nurses will provide a rich learning experience for UF students and at the same time, enhance patient care outcomes and nurse satisfaction. The College also has established a relationship with Nemours Children's Specialty Care as an excellent site for clinical education of our students. The University of Florida has an educational affiliation agreement with The Nemours Foundation for pediatric subspecialty rotation for the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public and Health Professions, and School of Physician Assistant Studies. (See Appendix C.) The College has had several discussions regarding the proposed program with Dr. Pamela Chally, Dean of the Brooks College of Health at the University of North Florida, who is supportive of our program. Both institutions (UF and UNF) face similar challenges (i.e., constrained clinical facilities, lack of faculty resources, limited funding) in meeting the nursing workforce needs in the state of Florida, yet both colleges are committed to an innovative and collaborative approach to address concerns. Letters of support from the Provost and relevant dean of the University of North Florida are attached here as Appendix D.

- B. Provide an explanation of the manner in which the University intends to accommodate any students or faculty who will be adversely affected by reclassification of the educational site. Describe the steps that have been taken to inform students and faculty of the President's intent to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the site be reclassified.**

All academic standards and policies, including admission criteria and progression expectations, are the same at both campuses for all programs and courses. All programs and courses are offered by UF health colleges, utilizing facilities and training opportunities at UF Health - Jacksonville. We do not anticipate that any students, staff, or faculty will be negatively affected by this reclassification.

The UF College of Pharmacy offers a four-year Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Program at UF Health - Jacksonville. About 50 new students are accepted each year, with a total of ~180 students/year enrolled. The program can be completed entirely in Jacksonville, but is managed and offered through the main campus college. Faculty are shared with main campus, and some course work is offered on line. An assistant dean and associate professor, Dr. Carol Motycka, serves as Director of the College of Pharmacy's UF Health - Jacksonville program.

The accelerated nursing program will follow the same curriculum as the ABSN program at the Gainesville campus. There will be local Jacksonville faculty and a clinical coordinator but the Director of the Undergraduate Programs and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will exercise centralized oversight. The College curriculum committee will be responsible for first-level review of all curricular changes.

As noted above, the UF Health - Jacksonville facilities have been in place supporting a range of UF's programs, faculty and students for many years. With the reintroduction of the accelerated program projected BSN enrollments added to the current PharmD average of 180/year, overall course enrollment will approach 300 per year.

UF Health - Jacksonville is included in the University's accreditation with the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges for the colleges of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy. The PharmD program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

In terms of the accelerated Nursing program, the goal is to enroll an initial, pilot cohort of 24 students in 2016. The College has hired a full-time faculty member (starting January, 2016) to join the current Jacksonville faculty (2.5 FTE) in planning for the program launch. The College has also hired a .5 FTE academic advisor devoted to the ABSN students. The curriculum is in place on the Gainesville campus and is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Board of Commissioners until 2022. The College will submit a Substantive Change Report to that

accrediting body when the program is launched at the Jacksonville site. Full implementation of the program in Jacksonville is planned for 2017 with an incoming cohort of 48 students. The College has committed to hire another 1.0 FTE faculty member in 2017.

(X) The University certifies that it has a plan for complying with all related regulations of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and any other relevant discipline-based accrediting agencies for reclassifying an educational site.

IV. Administration and Student Support Services

A. Describe any changes in the administrative structure of the reclassified site and how it will relate to the central administration of the university.

UF Health - Jacksonville is the Southeast's most comprehensive academic health center, encompassing hospitals, clinics, physician practices, colleges, centers, institutes, programs and services across northeast and north-central Florida. UF Health includes facilities in both Gainesville and Jacksonville, including UF Health Shands Hospital, UF Health Jacksonville, UF Health Shands Psychiatric Hospital, and UF Health Shands Rehab Hospital. UF Health includes the colleges of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Health Professions and Veterinary Medicine, nine research institutes and centers, as well as full spectrum patient-care services in hospitals and numerous clinical programs throughout north central and northeast Florida.

All College of Medicine, College of Nursing, and College of Pharmacy program offerings—whether residencies, recertification courses, clinical training, or academic programs—are fully coordinated from the Gainesville campus in close partnership with Jacksonville faculty and administrators. Colleges using the UF Health - Jacksonville facilities are responsible for administration of their program offerings, including conformance with all UF requirements for curriculum review and student services.

The College of Nursing established a presence in Jacksonville in 1979, and faculty have been teaching courses through web-based or in-person delivery continuously since that time. Currently, the College has a suite of offices in the Learning Resources Center, and access to classroom instruction and laboratory space. Faculty members located in Jacksonville are assigned to one of two academic departments and report to department chairs on the Gainesville campus. Faculty attend departmental meetings, participating through distance technology, participate on faculty committees, and in governance. The dean travels to Jacksonville at least once a month through the year. All academic offerings taught by Jacksonville-located faculty are administered by the College of Nursing, under the leadership of Dean Anna McDaniel.

All UF offerings at the Jacksonville UF Health facilities have a mix of Jacksonville and Gainesville services. The Jacksonville facility includes study space, clinical sites, and research laboratories. For the PharmD, a dedicated on-site Student Affairs Coordinator provides advising and assistance to students. The Gainesville campus Student Affairs office also provides some infrastructure support for the Jacksonville students. Students participate in student organizations, local orientation activities, and have access to local student services, including mental health counseling, financial aid assistance, and Career Day events.

The College of Nursing has hired an undergraduate academic advisor who will be assigned to work with Jacksonville students at 0.5 FTE. He will communicate with students online and will travel to Jacksonville for onsite meetings as needed. Students also have access to all student services available in Gainesville, and a contract for local counseling services is planned. The placement rate for students is nearly 100% given the severe nursing shortage in Florida. All students will be accommodated in clinical rotations at UF Health Jacksonville facilities.

Students have onsite access to the Borland Health Sciences Library, a division of the UF Health Science Center Library (HSCL). Located on the second floor of the Learning Resources Center, the library houses books, reference materials, course reserves, and journals, as well as computers with Internet access, allowing access to the licensed database content and electronic journals of the main HSCL in Gainesville. Library resources are also accessible from off-campus computers and through interlibrary loan. UF Health - Jacksonville also has laboratories and associated facilities for research and teaching projects.

V. Budget and Facilities

- A. Include an explanation of how reclassification will result in any increase, decrease, or repurposing of facilities at the site. Describe any lease or joint-use agreements that will be modified or terminated as a result of reclassification, including land leases from the State of Florida (Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund).**

No additional facilities or changes to existing facilities are required.

- B. Provide a narrative description of how the operational budget for the educational site will be affected by reclassification. Describe the impact that reclassifying the educational site will have on the overall university budget. Identify any special funding necessary to implement reclassification of the educational site.**

The Provost Office has approved “seed funding” in the amount of \$500,000 over two years to establish the accelerated program in Jacksonville. Other than that start-up assistance, the program will rely on tuition and fees. See Appendix A, Table 2 for financial information on the ABSN degree program.

