

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
July 21, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice, CIP 51.3804, Florida State University

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice, CIP 51.3804, at Florida State University.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

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

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Florida State University (FSU) is proposing to establish a Professional Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) degree program. The purpose of the proposed program is to provide students with the skills necessary to be successful Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA). This would be the fourth DNAP program in the State University System with Florida International University, the University of North Florida, and the University of South Florida having similar programs. The DNAP is a program of strategic emphasis for Health. It will be housed at the FSU College of Applied Studies at the Panama City campus. This change is required by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs and it will replace the existing Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia (MSNA). The DNAP degree is a total of 99 credit hours, and it offers instruction in areas of leadership, basic sciences, anesthesia, research, simulation, and clinical practice. The DNAP meets all necessary requirements for graduates to qualify for the certification exam to become CRNAs. It will be offered primarily through face-to-face delivery with some portions of the program offered through online delivery.

The university will charge \$9,500 per semester for both resident and nonresident students, which is the current rate for the existing MSNA program. The total program cost to the student is \$85,500, and the tuition amount includes the fees for the proposed program. The university does not intend to operate this program through continuing education on a cost-recovery basis, seek approval for market-rate tuition, or establish differentiated graduate-level tuition.

The FSU Board of Trustees approved the program on February 12, 2020. If approved by the Board of Governors, FSU will implement the program effective summer 2021.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, this program will be forwarded to the Full Board for consideration.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

In Academic and Student Affairs  
Committee Materials