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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Florida College System Presidents

**FROM:** Kathryn S. Hebda 

**DATE:** August 22, 2024

**SUBJECT: Approval of New Rule 6A-14.094, and Amendments to Rules 6A-14.0303 and 6A-14.030, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)**

On July 24, 2024, the State Board of Education (SBOE) approved new rule, Rule 6A-14.094, F.A.C., Site Determined Specialized Associate in Arts Transfer (SAAT) Degree Access and approved amendments to Rule 6A-14.030, F.A.C., Postsecondary Instructional Unit Definitions and Awards in the Florida College System and Rule 6A-14.0303, F.A.C., General Education Course Options. A copy of each rule is attached for your reference.

Rule 6A-14.094, F.A.C., implements a uniform submission, approval and compliance process for SAAT degree programs, per section 1007.25(9), Florida Statutes. The new rule will allow Florida College System (FCS) institutions to propose SAAT degree programs that will support students who need supplemental coursework for admission into a State University System (SUS) baccalaureate degree program beyond the 60 semester hours required for the general associate in arts degree. The new rule will require FCS institutions to enter into an articulation agreement with the receiving SUS institution. FCS institutions that are approved to offer the SAAT degree will be required to complete annual reporting.

Rules 6A-14.0303, and 6A-14.030, F.A.C., were amended to include the newly created SAAT degree among the degrees with general education requirements. Other changes for clarity and consistency were made to the rules as well.

### **Action Required**

Once the rules are effective, each FCS institution should review the statutory requirements of the rule revisions and take any necessary action to be consistent with the new requirements and changes, where applicable. Any institution choosing to apply for an SAAT degree may need to revise existing institutional policies and procedures to comply with the provisions. Additionally,

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FCS institutions may need to modify their advising practices and update institutional catalogs and websites, reporting mechanisms and inform academic advisors of the new degree type. Guidance regarding the annual reporting template is forthcoming.

**Next Steps**

To assist institutions in implementing Rule 6A-14.094, F.A.C., the Division of Florida Colleges is hosting a rule implementation webinar on September 17, 2024, from 2:00 – 3:15 p.m., ET, to review the new rule adopted by the SBOE at its July 24, 2024, meeting. Those interested in the webinar may register at [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_z3Ic9TPaTKi8VXj3XDPRJQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_z3Ic9TPaTKi8VXj3XDPRJQ).

Please contact Dr. Mike Sfiropoulos, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs, at [Mike.Sfiropoulos@fldoe.org](mailto:Mike.Sfiropoulos@fldoe.org) for questions regarding the rules.

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