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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Technical Center Directors
Florida College Occupational Deans

FROM: Rod Duckworth, Chancellor 

SUBJECT: Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Program Length

The State Board of Education annually adopts postsecondary curriculum frameworks for all career and technical education programs (career certificate programs, college credit certificate programs, applied technology diploma programs and AAS/AS degree programs). These frameworks are designed to link career and technical education to specific occupational outcomes and include standard program lengths for each program.

Until 2011-2012, the State Board of Education rule for curriculum frameworks, 6A-6.0571 F.A.C., included a provision which permitted institutions offering the programs to vary the learning outcomes, but not the program length, by up to 10%. In the most recent adopted rule, this variance was removed due to a lack of direct statutory authority.

Institutions are not permitted to extend the program lengths specified in the frameworks. You may offer the program for less than the specified length based on employer needs. Please ensure websites, catalogs and other communications advertising the program lengths are accurate according to the curriculum frameworks. All curriculum frameworks and corresponding program lengths may be found at <http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/dwdframe/>.

If you have questions, please contact Kathleen Taylor, Bureau Chief, Standards, Benchmarks and Frameworks at Kathleen.Taylor@fldoe.org or 850-245-9062.

Thank you.

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