



# Rule Workshop: 6A-14.095 Site Determined Baccalaureate Access

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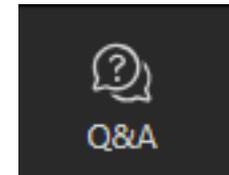


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## Agenda

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## Rule Background and Overview

- Currently, Rule 6A-14.095, Florida Administrative Code, Site Determined Baccalaureate Access, implements a uniform submission, approval and compliance process for baccalaureate degree programs proposed and offered by Florida College System (FCS) institutions, in accordance with Section (s.) 1007.33, Florida Statutes, (F.S.).
- FCS institutions seeking to offer new workforce baccalaureate degree programs are required to undergo an approval process, and FCS institutions currently offering baccalaureate degree programs are required to annually submit a compliance report. As part of the approval and compliance processes, there are four (4) required forms that are incorporated in rule.
- Currently, there is no formal guidance or standardized process for colleges to submit change requests for baccalaureate programs, particularly when a college wants to inactivate, reactivate, terminate a program or make changes to the CIP code, program hours, degree type or program name.

# Summary of Proposed Rule Amendment

To operationalize a standardized process for colleges to submit change requests for baccalaureate programs, an amendment to the rule is being proposed, specifically:

- The rule amendment will add a section that sets forth provisions that create a streamlined process for colleges to request changes to baccalaureate programs.
- A new form, Baccalaureate Program-Level Changes, Form No. BAAC-05, will be incorporated in rule for colleges to submit change requests to the Division of Florida Colleges for proposed changes to a baccalaureate program's status and other programmatic changes.
- Instructions were added to a section of the incorporated forms to provide clarity.

# Summary of Proposed Rule Amendment (continued)

Additional changes are also being proposed, specifically:

- There is an addition to the definition section of the rule to define “Notice of intent.”
- A provision was added specifying that the APPRiSe notification will remain valid for two years from the date it was noticed.
- During the 2023 legislative session, House Bill (HB) 5 re-established the Department of Economic Opportunity under the new name, Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce). The amendment removes reference to the Department of Economic Opportunity in the incorporated forms and replaces mention of it with the new agency name.
- Additionally, non-substantive changes were made to the rule language and incorporated forms for purposes of consistency and clarity.

# Proposed Draft Rule Language

## **6A-14.095 Site Determined Baccalaureate Access.**

(1) Purpose. This rule implements a uniform submission, approval and compliance process for baccalaureate degree programs proposed and offered by Florida College System institutions, in accordance with Section (s.) 1007.33, Florida Statutes, (F.S.).

(2) Definitions. For the purposes of this rule and forms incorporated herein, the following definitions shall be used.

(a) “Academic Program Pre-Proposal Recognition System” or “APPRiSe” is a web-based notification system used by the Florida College System and the State University System to provide advance notice to both systems of plans to develop a new baccalaureate degree program.

(b) “Board of Trustees” means a Florida College System institution board of trustees.

(c) “Classification of Instructional Programs” or “CIP code” refers to the taxonomic scheme developed by the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics and located at <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

(d) “College” means an institution within the Florida College System.

(e) “Completed proposal” means a college’s final submission of a baccalaureate program proposal to the Division for consideration by the State Board of Education.

(f) “Division” means the Division of Florida Colleges.

(g) “Initial proposal” means a college’s first submission of a baccalaureate program proposal to the Division for review.

(h) “Institutional educational accrediting body” means the body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions.

(i) “Notice of intent” means the pre-proposal submission of a brief description of the baccalaureate degree program including the workforce demand, supply, unmet need and other requirements pursuant to s. 1007.33(5)(a), F.S.

(j) “Service district” means the geographical area served by a college identified in s. Section 1000.21, F.S.

## Proposed Draft Rule Language (continued)

(3) Baccalaureate Notice of Intent Process.

(a) Notification using APPRiSe. As the first step in the baccalaureate program proposal process ~~First~~, a Florida College System institution proposing a new baccalaureate degree program shall enter the prospective program in APPRiSe to provide state colleges and universities information regarding the new degree program. The APPRiSe notification shall be made prior to the submission of the notice of intent. The information submitted to APPRiSe must include at least: the program location, the program name, the program level, the CIP code family, the anticipated beginning term, a narrative description, and a primary contact name.

1. The APPRiSe notification will remain valid for two (2) years from the date it was noticed.

2. If the notice of intent is not received within two (2) years of the APPRiSe notification, the college must begin the approval process set forth in ~~Section~~ s. 1007.33(5), F.S., anew, beginning with the submission of a new APPRiSe notification.

(b) Notice of intent. Once the APPRiSe notification has been made, then pursuant to s. ~~Section~~ 1007.33(5)(a), F.S., a college seeking consideration of approval by the State Board of Education for a new baccalaureate degree proposal must complete and submit the Notice of Intent, Form No. BAAC-01 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15155>) which is hereby incorporated by reference in this rule effective February 2023. A copy of the form may be found at <http://fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/baccalaureate-degree-proposal-process.shtml> or by writing to the Division at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1244, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

1. The notice of intent will remain valid for two (2) years from its receipt by the Division.

2. If the initial proposal is not received within two (2) years of receipt of the notice of intent, the college must begin the approval process set forth in s. ~~Section~~ 1007.33(5), F.S., anew, beginning with the submission of a new APPRiSe notification and followed by a notice of intent.

## Proposed Draft Rule Language (continued)

(4) ~~Baccalaureate proposal process~~, Alternative Proposals and Objections. Alternative proposals and objections to the proposed baccalaureate degree may be submitted by a Florida state university or a private college or university that is accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Alternative proposals must be submitted to the Chancellor of the Florida College System and must address all criteria specified in s. Section 1007.33(5)(c), F.S., and specifically include a calculation of the total tuition and fees for a student starting as a first-time, freshman student in the program and a calculation of the total tuition and fees for completing the last two (2) years of the program. Both calculations must be based on the total hours required for the baccalaureate degree. A state university or private college or university that is accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education may also submit an objection to a proposed new program to the Division, pursuant to s. Section 1007.33(5)(b), F.S. State universities have sixty (60) days following the receipt of the notice of intent to submit alternative proposals and objections. Subsequent to the sixty (60) day submission window for state universities, regionally accredited private colleges have thirty (30) days to submit alternative proposals and objections.

(5) Baccalaureate Proposal process, Application. A college seeking consideration of approval by the State Board of Education for a new baccalaureate degree proposal must complete and submit the Baccalaureate Proposal Application, Form No. BAAC-02 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15156>) which is hereby incorporated by reference in this rule effective February 2023. A copy of the form may be found at <http://fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/baccalaureate-degree-proposal-process.shtml> or by writing to the Division at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1244, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(a) Upon receipt of an initial proposal, the Division shall review the proposal to determine compliance with criteria in s. section 1007.33(5)(d), F.S., and other information requested on the Baccalaureate Proposal Application form.

(b) Based on the review of the initial proposal, the Division shall notify the college of any deficiencies. The college shall be required to submit a revised, completed proposal application, which addresses deficiencies identified by the Division, in order to proceed with the request to offer the baccalaureate degree program.

(c) Unless the proposal is withdrawn by the college, the Division shall forward the completed proposal application, including all related documentation, to the Commissioner of Education with a written analysis.

## Proposed Draft Rule Language (continued)

(6) Baccalaureate Accountability Process. Each college with one (1) or more baccalaureate programs shall annually submit one College-Level Baccalaureate Accountability Report, Form No. BAAC-03, and a Program-Level Baccalaureate Accountability Report, Form No. BAAC-04, for each active baccalaureate degree program.

(a) The College-Level Baccalaureate Accountability Report, Form No. BAAC-03 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15157>), effective February 2023, is hereby incorporated by reference and may be accessed at <http://fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/baccalaureate-degree-proposal-process.shtml> or by writing to the Division at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1244, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(b) The Program-Level Baccalaureate Accountability Report, Form No. BAAC-04, (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15158>) effective February 2023, is hereby incorporated by reference and may be accessed at <http://fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/baccalaureate-degree-proposal-process.shtml> or by writing to the Division at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1244, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(c) Annually, the Division shall notify the colleges of the due date for Baccalaureate Accountability Reports at least sixty (60) days prior to the due date.

(7) Change to Baccalaureate Program Status and Other Programmatic Changes. A college seeking to inactivate, reactivate, terminate, or make other changes to an approved baccalaureate program must adhere to the provisions set forth herein. A college submitting a baccalaureate program change request must complete and submit the Baccalaureate Program-Level Changes, Form No. BAAC-05, (PLACEHOLDER FOR WEB ADDRESS) effective January 2026, which is hereby incorporated by reference and may be accessed at <http://fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/baccalaureate-degree-proposal-process.shtml> or by writing to the Division at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1244, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Form No. BAAC-05 may be submitted on a rolling basis.

## Proposed Draft Rule Language (continued)

(a) Inactivation (temporary suspension). A program that is inactivated for new enrollments remains an approved program. Students that are already enrolled can continue to progress towards degree completion. Colleges that inactivate, or temporarily suspend, an approved baccalaureate degree program shall report the inactivation via the Baccalaureate Program-Level Changes, Form No. BAAC-05. Reasons for inactivating programs may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Curriculum is being revised;
2. Key faculty member(s) have left the college and replacements are being recruited for the program;
3. Accreditation standards have changed;
4. The college is reprioritizing its resources and/or efforts; and
5. Student demand for the program has diminished over time and the college is re-evaluating the viability of the program.

(b) Reactivation. A college may subsequently reactivate an inactivated program and can begin accepting new enrollments without undergoing the baccalaureate approval process as outlined in paragraphs (3) and (5) of this rule provided that the reactivation occurs within two (2) years of the date that the approved program was inactivated. Colleges that reactivate an approved baccalaureate degree program shall report the reactivation via the Baccalaureate Program-Level Changes, Form No. BAAC-05. Colleges that wish to subsequently reactivate a program that has been inactive for more than two (2) years from the date that the program was inactivated must undergo the baccalaureate approval process as outlined in paragraphs (3) and (5) of this rule.

(c) Termination. Termination means that the college is no longer approved to offer the program. To ensure the efficient use of state resources and maintain the quality and relevancy of baccalaureate programs, colleges may terminate programs. Colleges that terminate an approved baccalaureate program shall develop a teach-out plan to accommodate students currently enrolled in the program and shall report the termination via the Baccalaureate Program-Level Changes, Form No. BAAC-05. Reasons for terminating programs may include but are not limited to the following:

## Proposed Draft Rule Language (continued)

1. Enrollments are no longer sufficient to justify the cost of instruction, facilities, and equipment, or the program duplicates other offerings at the college;
2. Faculty or other resources are no longer sufficient to deliver a high-quality program;
3. The program is no longer aligned with the mission or strategic goals of the college;
4. The program no longer meets local and regional workforce need and demand; and
4. The program no longer meets the needs of the citizens of Florida or the residents of the service area in providing a viable education or occupational objective.

Colleges that terminate a program and subsequently wish to offer the program must undergo the baccalaureate approval process as outlined in paragraphs (3) and (5) of this rule.

(d) A college seeking to make changes to an approved baccalaureate degree program other than to inactivate, reactivate, or terminate the program, must report other changes via the Baccalaureate Program-Level Changes, Form No. BAAC-05. Other changes to an approved baccalaureate degree program include the following:

1. Program 6-digit federal CIP code;
2. Program credit hours;
3. Limited/restricted/open access designation;
4. Degree type; and
5. Program name.

*Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), 1001.02 (2)(n), 1007.33(6), 1003.491(5) FS. Law Implemented 1007.33, 1003.491(5) FS. History—New 8-8-10, Amended 9-16-12, 8-26-15, 10-27-20, 2-21-23.*

## Forms Incorporated in Rule

- **Notice of Intent, Form No. BAAC-01** - FCS institutions submitting proposals at the notice of intent stage must use the revised Form No. BACC-01. **(REVISED)**
- **Baccalaureate Proposal Application, Form No. BAAC-02** - FCS institutions that have already begun the baccalaureate proposal process can choose to use the original or the revised Form No. BACC-02. **(REVISED)**
- **College-Level Baccalaureate Accountability Report, Form No. BAAC-03** - FCS institutions must use the revised Form No. BACC-03 for the 2026 accountability report. **(REVISED)**
- **Program-Level Baccalaureate Accountability Report, Form No. BAAC-04** - FCS institutions must use Form No. BACC-04 for the 2026 accountability report. **(REVISED)**
- **Baccalaureate Program-Level Changes, Form No. BAAC-05** - FCS institutions must use Form No. BACC-05 for change requests. **(NEW)**

# Revised: Notice of Intent, Form No. BAAC-01 and Baccalaureate Proposal Application, Form No. BAAC-02

## SUPPLY: NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS, IPEDS

3.1.3 The Excel spreadsheet below is set up with predefined formulas. To activate the spreadsheet, right click within the spreadsheet, go to “Worksheet Object”, and then “Open”. To exit, save any changes and exit out of the spreadsheet. Alternatively, double click anywhere on the table. To exit the spreadsheet, single click anywhere outside of the table.

~~CLICK [HERE](#) FOR INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE SUPPLY SECTION:~~ If institutions do not have data available for completers in the service district, please report statewide data. You may note these are statewide figures.

### [INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE SUPPLY SECTION](#)

- If there is no institution in the college’s service district, leave this section blank.
- If an institution in the college’s service district does not have the same program, leave this section blank.
- If an institution in the college’s service district has the same program, provide FloridaCommerce figures.
- If an institution in the college’s service district has the same program, but FloridaCommerce does not provide data (masked, data integrity issues), then provide statewide figures.

# New: Baccalaureate Program-Level Changes, Form No. BAAC-05

## **BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM-LEVEL CHANGES**

### **Form No. BAAC-05**

S. 1007.33(5), F.S., requires each Florida College System institution to include a plan of action if an approved baccalaureate program's status has changed, and Rule 6A-14.095, Florida Administrative Code, requires colleges to report changes in baccalaureate program status and other programmatic changes to the Division of Florida Colleges (Division).

To fulfill these requirements, colleges must complete Form No. BAAC-05 and may submit the form on a rolling basis. The completed Baccalaureate Program-Level Changes form shall be submitted to the Division at [FCSInfo@fldoe.org](mailto:FCSInfo@fldoe.org).

## **INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION**

<b><u>College Name</u></b>	
<b><u>Program Name</u></b>	
<b><u>10-Digit CIP Code</u></b>	
<b><u>Baccalaureate Liaison Name</u></b>	
<b><u>Baccalaureate Liaison Email</u></b>	

# New: Baccalaureate Program-Level Changes, Form No. BAAC-05 (continued)

## **Section I. CHANGE OF BACCALUAREATE PROGRAM STATUS**

### **A. Baccalaureate Program Inactivation**

Inactivation means a program is temporarily suspended for new enrollments but remains an approved program for students that are already enrolled so that they can continue to progress towards degree completion. Inactivated programs are flagged by the Division for a period of two years. Programs that are inactive for more than two (2) years will be terminated by the Division. Please check the reason(s) for the inactivation of the program, which may include but are not limited to the following, or give a reason not listed below in the “Other” textbox provided.

- Curriculum is being revised.
- Key program faculty member(s) have left the college and new faculty are being recruited.
- Accreditation standards have changed and the college is attempting to align the program.
- The college is reprioritizing its resources and/or efforts.
- Student demand for the program has diminished over time, and the college is re-evaluating the viability of the program.
- Other [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Please provide the dates requested below:

- Last term/year students permitted to enroll [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
- Term/year teach-out begins [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
- Required program completion by (term/year) [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

# New: Baccalaureate Program-Level Changes, Form No. BAAC-05 (continued)

## **B. Baccalaureate Program Reactivation**

A college may reactivate an inactivated program and begin accepting new enrollments without undergoing the baccalaureate approval process provided that the reactivation occurs within two (2) years of the date that the approved program was inactivated. Colleges that wish to subsequently reactivate a program that has been inactive for more than two (2) years from the date that the program was inactivated must undergo the baccalaureate approval process. Please provide the information requested below:

- Date of Program Inactivation: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Effective Date of Program Reactivation (term/year college begins accepting new enrollments): Click or tap here to enter text.

## **C. Baccalaureate Program Termination**

Termination means that the college is no longer approved to offer the baccalaureate program. Please check the reason(s) for the termination of the program, which may include but are not limited to the following, or give a reason not listed below in the “Other” textbox provided.

- Enrollments are no longer sufficient to justify the cost of instruction, facilities, and equipment, or the program duplicates other offerings at the college.
- Faculty or other resources are no longer sufficient to deliver a high-quality program.
- The program is no longer aligned with the mission or strategic goals of the college.
- The program no longer meets local and regional workforce need and demand.
- The program no longer meets the needs of the citizens of Florida or the residents of the service area in providing a viable education or occupational objective.
- Other Click or tap here to enter text.

Please provide the dates requested below:

- Last term/year students permitted to enroll Click or tap here to enter text.
- Term/year teach-out begins Click or tap here to enter text.
- Required program completion by (term/year) Click or tap here to enter text.

# New: Baccalaureate Program-Level Changes, Form No. BAAC-05 (continued)

## **Section II. OTHER BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM CHANGES**

### **A. Baccalaureate Program 6-Digit Federal CIP Code**

Please provide the information requested below:

- Current 6-Digit CIP code: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
- New 6-Digit CIP Code: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Effective Date (term/year): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

### **B. Baccalaureate Program Credit Hours**

Please provide the information requested below:

- Current Credit Hours: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
- New Credit Hours: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Effective Date (term/year): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

### **C. Baccalaureate Program Open/Limited/Restricted Access Designation**

Please provide the information requested below:

- Change from open access to limited access
- Change from limited access to open access
- Change from open access to restricted access
- Change from restricted access to open access
- Change from restricted access to limited access
- Change from limited access to restricted access

Effective Date (term/year): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

### **D. Baccalaureate Program Degree Type**

Please provide the information requested below:

- Current Program Degree Type: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
- New Program Degree Type: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Effective Date (term/year): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

# New: Baccalaureate Program-Level Changes, Form No. BAAC-05 (continued)

## **E. Baccalaureate Program Name**

Please provide the information requested below:

- Current Program Name: Click or tap here to enter text.
- New Program Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Effective Date (term/year): Click or tap here to enter text.

## Timeline for Implementation and Next Steps

- At the April 15, 2026, State Board of Education (SBOE) meeting, it is anticipated that the SBOE will take action on the rule amendment proposal.
- Once the rule is effective, FCS institutions can begin utilizing the new change request process since the change requests can be made on a rolling basis.
- After that point, each FCS institution should review the statutory and rule requirements and take any necessary action to be consistent with changes, where applicable.
- The Florida Department of Education will provide additional technical assistance and guidance as needed.



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# Q&A

## Question & Answer

- We are now at the Q & A portion of the workshop.
- To submit questions, please use the “Q&A” function.
- We will start answering questions already in the questions pane.
- If you would like to be unmuted during the Q&A to pose a question, please use the “Raise” hand function.
- There may be a period of silence while the questions are being reviewed.



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# Public Comment

## Public Comment

- We are now at the public comment period of the workshop.
- If you would like to be unmuted during the public comment period to make remarks, use the “Raise” Hand function.
- Staff will indicate when you are unmuted. Once unmuted, remarks will be limited to three minutes per participant. Staff will notify participants when they have 30 seconds remaining.

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# Baccalaureate Webpage with Links to Resources

## Baccalaureate Webpage

<https://origin.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/administrators/baccalaureate-degree-proposal-process.shtml>



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