



Council for Lifelong Learning  
**Site-Determined Baccalaureate  
Degree Access Program**

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<p>1. What is the Site-Determined Baccalaureate Degree Access Program?</p>	<p>The Site-Determined Baccalaureate Degree Access (SDBA) Program is designed to increase access to baccalaureate degree programs through the use of community colleges. A community college may be authorized to offer a limited number of baccalaureate degrees designed to meet local workforce needs.</p>
<p>2. How can a community college participate in the program?</p>	<p>A community college may offer limited baccalaureate degrees in one of two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enter into a formal agreement with the state university in its service area for the community college to deliver specified baccalaureate degree programs.</li><li>• Develop a proposal to deliver specified baccalaureate degree programs in its district.</li></ul> <p>The agreement or proposal must show the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• documented demand for the requested baccalaureate degree program;</li><li>• substantiated unmet need for graduates of the proposed degree program; and</li><li>• adequacy of community college facilities and academic resources to deliver the program.</li></ul>
<p>3. What is the approval process for such agreements and proposals?</p>	<p>Each agreement or proposal must be submitted to the Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement for review and comment. The Florida Board of Education (FBE) must provide final approval.</p>
<p>4. Are there additional accreditation requirements when offering specified baccalaureate degree programs?</p>	<p>Yes. Upon approval of the community college's proposal by the FBE, the community college must pursue regional accreditation by the Commission of Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.</p>

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<p>5. May a community college approved for the SDBA program offer <i>any</i> baccalaureate degree programs?</p>	<p>No. Only baccalaureate degree programs specifically detailed in the approved proposal may be offered by the community college. The Florida Board of Education must approve any additional baccalaureate degree programs the community college wishes to offer in the future.</p>
<p>6. What is the mission of a community college participating in the SDBA program?</p>	<p>The primary mission of the community college, including community colleges that offer baccalaureate degree programs, continues to be the provision of associate degrees that provide access to a university. A community college may not terminate its associate in arts or associate in science degree programs as a result of being authorized to offer selected baccalaureate programs.</p>
<p>7. What are the applicable statutes and rules?</p>	<p>Section 240.3836, F.S. -- Site-determined baccalaureate degree access</p>
<p>8. Where can I get additional information?</p>	<p>Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement (850) 488-7894 <a href="http://www.cepri.state.fl.us">www.cepri.state.fl.us</a></p> <p>Florida Board of Education Division of Community Colleges (850) 488-1721 <a href="http://www.dcc.firn.edu">www.dcc.firn.edu</a></p> <p>Florida Board of Education Division of Colleges and Universities (850) 201-7100 <a href="http://www.borfl.org">www.borfl.org</a></p> <p>The Florida House of Representatives Committee on Colleges &amp; Universities (850) 488-3711</p>