

BOARD MEETING DATE: Feb. 17, 2026

ITEM NUMBER: VI A

RECOMMEND THAT the District Board of Trustees for North Florida College
approve transmitting the Substantive Change Prospectus to The Southern
Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) for
“New Program Approval” for the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.

January 2026

**SACSCOC
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE PROSPECTUS**

Program Change: New Program Approval

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education



COMMON CONTENT A – BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT**List of Programs Offered at North Florida College****Bachelor of Science**

BSN Nursing (ADN-RN to BSN)

Bachelor of Applied Science

BAS Organizational Management (AS to BAS OM)

Associate in Arts**Associate in Science**

Business Administration, Emergency Medical Services, Registered Nursing, Accounting Technology, Accelerated Registered Nursing – LPN to RN Bridge, Criminal Justice Technology, Engineering Technology, Agribusiness Management

College Credit Certificates

Paramedic, Business Operations, Child Care Center Management Specialization, Preschool Specialization, Human Resources Administrator, Accounting Technology Management, Accounting Technology Operations, Accounting Technology Specialist, Criminal Justice Technology Specialist, Engineering Technology Support Specialist, Lean Manufacturing, Pneumatics, Hydraulics & Motors for Manufacturing, Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Information Coder/Biller, Human Services Generalist, Business Management

Career and Workforce Certificates (PSAV/Clock Hours)

Practical Nursing (LPN), Patient Care Technician, Early Childhood Professional Certificate, Administrative Office Specialist, Child Care Center Operations, Medical Administrative Specialist, Florida CMS Correctional Basic Recruit Academy, Florida Law Enforcement Academy, Correctional Officer Cross-Over to Florida Law Enforcement Academy, Law Enforcement Officer Cross-Over to Florida CMS Correctional Officer, Correctional Probation Officer to Florida CMS Correctional Officer, Correctional Probation Officer Cross-Over to Law Enforcement Officer, Medical Assisting, Commercial Vehicle Driving (CDL Class A), Advanced Manufacturing and Production Technology, Commercial Class B Driving, Certified Production Technology, Emergency Medical Responder, Industrial Machinery Maintenance 1, Industrial Machinery Maintenance 2, Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning/Refrigeration (HVAC/R), Nursing Assistant (CNA), Fundamental Food Service Skills, Welding Technology, and Welding Technology – Advanced

Workforce/Supplemental

Continuing education units (CEUs), industry specific job training (non-credit) as needed

Abstract

Proposed Change and Implementation Date

North Florida College (NFC) is requesting approval from SACSCOC to offer the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree on its main campus location in Madison, Florida, beginning in August 2026.

Projected Number of Students

North Florida College's Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree program projected numbers of enrollment are approximately 30 students per semester.

The projected life of the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree will be ongoing.

Primary Target Audience

The primary audience of the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree will be Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree graduates who are seeking employment or advancement in education careers.

Strengths of NFC to Manage Change

North Florida College's history of providing an individualized and supportive learning environment is unique in that small class sizes and a commitment to student engagement leads to student success. In line with NFC's vision to be its communities' first choice for education and cultural enrichment, NFC's faculty and staff understand and value the opportunity to deliver quality education and services to be more accessible to our communities, students, and industries.

NFC has a significant pool of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree students and graduates who aspire to careers in education. With an established rapport with students as an institution that prioritizes student success, NFC will continue to support our students who are enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (BSEE) by way of tutoring, academic coaching, mentoring, advising, and career development. NFC has a reputation for success in offering online and hybrid courses through a variety of technologies, and has retained a substantial core of seasoned instructors, administrators, and support staff. Furthermore, NFC has strong community partners who view the College as the primary source of training and education for our district's workforce, and the NFC Foundation is endowed with resources to provide academic scholarships for students in the program. NFC remains committed to continual improvement in course offerings and delivery, consistently seeking new cost-saving methods such as the use of Open Education Resources (OER) for reducing textbook costs, universal syllabus design for consistency, interdepartmental collaboration for faculty and student insight, and vigilant determination to aide in student success.