



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 10, 2016

TO: President John E. Thrasher

FROM: Sally McRorie *Sally McRorie*
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Establishment of the School of Physician Assistant Practice
Information Item

I have approved a request from the College of Medicine to create The School of Physician Assistant Practice. The purpose of the School of Physician Assistant Practice at the Florida State University is to further expand upon the statutory mission of the College of Medicine to provide qualified healthcare practitioners who practice patient-centered healthcare, discover and advance knowledge, and are responsive to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority and underserved populations.

The School of Physician Assistant Practice will reside in the College of Medicine, with the Associate Dean and School Director reporting directly to the Dean. All decisions related to curriculum and admission requirements for the new Physician Assistant Practice degree will be made by the faculty with oversight by the School Director and the Dean.

In accordance with University policy, the proposal to establish the School was voted on by the affected faculty members, who approved it unanimously, then was approved by the Academic Deans Council on September 20, 2016 and by the Faculty Senate on September 21, 2016.