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# Florida Education Guide

THE ULTIMATE RESOURCE FOR COMPARING POST-SECONDARY  
EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS IN FLORIDA

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**Choosing a college is a major decision.** Understanding what is important to the student is the first step. Then it's time to do some research. What are the school's acceptance and graduate rates? Are unique study programs available? How much will it cost? What's the campus like? And that's just the start ...

To provide your family with some starting knowledge, we created the *Florida Education Guide*, a true resource for comparing and contrasting Florida's post-secondary educational options. The following pages will begin your journey to learning more about Florida's colleges, universities and career/technical schools.

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# College Choices

**For two years in a row, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Florida best in the nation for higher education, citing the time it takes for students to graduate and the cost of tuition.**

These aren't the only accolades for Florida's higher education system. Many of the state's public universities, state colleges and private post-secondary schools have received national awards for their commitment to excellence. Three Florida colleges – Broward College, Indian River State College and Miami Dade College – are finalists for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. While two Florida universities were among the top 15 worldwide for the number of U.S. utility patents awarded in 2017 – the University of South Florida ranked No. 12 with 116 patents, and the University of Florida was No. 13 with 111 patents. The state is also among the nation's top producers of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) graduates.

With so many good options for pursuing higher education in Florida, it can be difficult to choose. These four students had equally good reasons for making their choice.

## ▶ STATE UNIVERSITIES

Florida's public university system includes 12 universities with an enrollment of more than 300,000 students, more than 60,000 faculty and staff, and an annual operating budget of more than \$8.5 billion. Admission is competitive; students can increase their chance of acceptance by completing a rigorous curriculum in high school.



**"I chose to attend a public university because it was the best fit for my family's financial situation. It was a perfect choice. I've joined a fraternity and so many campus organizations. I thank God every day that I'm here!"**

**Mario Tobar**  
22, senior at the University of West Florida

## ▶ PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Florida has 29 private, not-for-profit educational institutions, all of which are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF) system serves more than 130,000 students at 128 sites around Florida and awards 26% of the state's bachelor's degrees.

**"When I toured Florida Southern College, I immediately determined that a private college would be the best place to achieve my dreams. The academic programs are top notch, and the smaller classes have allowed me to excel."**

**Alyssa Robare**  
20, senior at Florida Southern College



## ▶ STATE COLLEGES

Florida's state colleges are the primary point of access to higher education, with 65% of the state's high school graduates pursuing postsecondary education beginning at a Florida college. More than 80% of freshman and sophomore minority students in public higher education attend one of Florida's 28 state colleges.

**"I wanted to make sure I earned great grades in college because I want to go to med school. I started at a state college because the classes are smaller and you get more one-on-one attention from teachers."**



**Joseph Mantle**  
20, graduated from Daytona State College in May 2018; now a junior at the University of Central Florida

## ▶ CAREER / TECHNICAL

Florida also has dozens of career and technical schools. These offer highly specialized training in a specific skill or field.

**"I was impressed with the vast experience that the instructors have to offer and their willingness to help their students learn. Plus, I like the ability to be able to talk one-on-one with my instructors who have had years of experience in the field. The "Career in a Year" program gave me the ability to quickly gain the professional skills needed for the rest of my life."**

**Brandon Smith**  
25, Lake Technical College, Paramedic Program Graduate





# College 2.0

**The college experience has changed.** Today, students can complete a majority of their introductory college classes while they're still in high school. And some earn their bachelor's degree without stepping foot in a classroom. Want to learn more? Here are six phrases that may not have been around when you went to college.

**Bright Futures:** Since 1988, the Florida Lottery has contributed more than \$34 billion to education and has sent more than 800,000 Florida students to college on Bright Futures Scholarships. Depending on a student's grades, test scores and volunteer activity, the scholarship may cover up to 100% of tuition and fees and help with other educational expenses.

**CLEP:** The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) allows students to earn college credit while still in high school. But unlike dual enrollment, which we'll talk about in a second, students don't have to sit through a class to get credit; they only have to pass a subject-matter exam.

**Dual enrollment:** Like CLEP, dual enrollment allows

students to earn college credit while they're still in high school. Students can take the class either at their high school or a local state college.

**Early decision/early action:** Not every college can accept every applicant. Applying early may help increase a high school senior's odds of being accepted to their dream school. An early decision application creates a binding contract between the student and the school. An early action application, on the other hand, is nonbinding.

**Interdisciplinary major:** Most Florida colleges now allow students to essentially create their own major. An interdisciplinary studies major is great for students whose interests or career goals may not be covered by one of the school's existing majors.

**Online classes:** Most Florida high school and college students have the option to take online classes to satisfy their graduation requirements. Leaving school early may sound amazing, but taking online classes requires strong time management and organization skills.

## Get the Facts Before Enrolling

### Questions to Ask on a College Tour

#### How many students graduate in four years?

When it comes to school, the longer it takes, the more money it costs.

#### How many students are employed or enrolled in graduate school within a year of graduating?

Every college and university is supposed to maintain these figures and make them accessible.

#### Does the college help students find internships?

Graduates need experience to get experience. What resources does the college have to help them find and apply for internships while they're still in college?

**"I would recommend touring at least three schools.** By visiting, you're able to get an idea of the college's culture, ask questions that may not be answered on the school's website and try out the café. You also have the opportunity to meet other students, specifically other first-year students who could potentially become your roommate if you stay on campus."



**Dayontrese Boatwright**

23, senior at Florida State College at Jacksonville

# Making College Affordable

**For many Florida families, cost is a big deterrent to college.** The average annual in-state tuition at a public four-year institution in Florida costs around \$6,300. It's one of the lowest rates in the country. But the cost really adds up over four years. Private school tuition raises the price point even higher. Financial aid can help pay for tuition, room and board and other college expenses. Regardless of a student's level of need, there is truly something for everyone. Here are the most common types of financial aid:

## ► SCHOLARSHIPS don't have to be repaid.

**Who qualifies:** Scholarships are based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to financial need, academic standing, which college the student is attending and community service accomplishments.

## ► LOANS have to be repaid, often with interest.

**Who qualifies:** Everyone. Lower interest rates may be available to those who demonstrate financial need.

## ► GRANTS don't have to be repaid.

**Who qualifies:** Usually based on financial need.

## ► WORK/STUDY is earned money so there's nothing to repay.

**Who qualifies:** Work/study programs provide students who demonstrate financial need with a part-time job where they can earn money while taking classes. The jobs may be located on or off campus, and the work schedules are designed to not interfere with a student's course load.

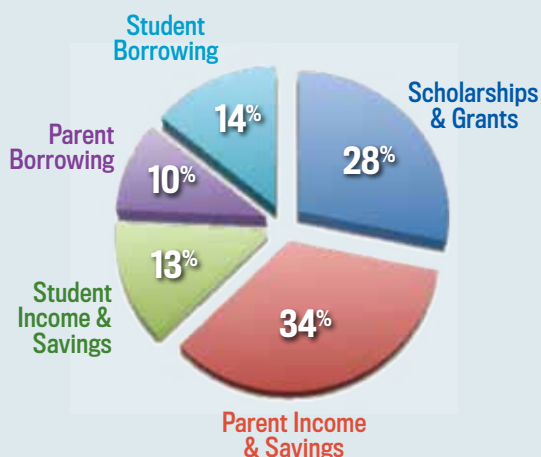


## Know What You Will Owe

Florida colleges and universities are required to provide students with annual reports that detail how much they've borrowed, their anticipated total loan amount and monthly payments. The state law, which took effect July 1, 2017, is intended to help students keep track of how much they owe.



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\* 1% OTHER

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## The money's out there. Here's how to get it.

To find out what type of financial aid a student qualifies for, their family has to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (aka the FAFSA).

Even if the family doesn't demonstrate financial need, filling out the FAFSA is still highly recommended. Some scholarships and programs require the student to have one on file even if their aid is not dependent on family income.

### PRO TIP:

**Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis; the earlier a student applies the better. There's no charge to apply.**

**To learn more, check out [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov).**

## FAFSA Terms to Know

**Cost of Attendance:** Also known as COA, this refers to the total amount it will cost to attend college each year. It includes tuition, books, room and board, and other expenses like supplies and transportation.

**Expected Family Contribution:** Also called EFC, this is calculated based on information like income, assets and the number of people in the family. EFC is used to determine how much financial aid the student should receive. Even if someone thinks they should qualify for more need-based aid, they won't be awarded more than what the EFC suggests.

**Financial Aid:** Remember, it's not all free money. "Financial aid" refers to awards like grants (which don't have to be repaid) and loans (which do).

**Front-loading:** About half of all colleges award students more scholarships and grants during their first year of school than during their second, third or fourth years. That means you may need more loans or additional sources of funding after freshman year.

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# College of Central Florida

Ocala, Lecanto, Chiefland • CF.edu



## INSTITUTION TYPE:

Public, 4-year and above

## CAMPUS TYPE:

Medium, Urban

## UNDERGRADUATE

ENROLLMENT: 10,854

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 100%

RETENTION RATE: 67.8% FTIC  
(first-time-in-college)

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1957

## PRESIDENT:

Dr. James Henningsen

**MISSION:** We transform lives and enrich our community by providing a supportive, high-quality learning environment that prepares individuals to excel in work and life.

**ACADEMICS:** The College of Central Florida (CF) offers more than 140 academic pathways, which allows students to prepare for a career in a field that they love. Health sciences programs include Dental Assisting, EMT, Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiography and Surgical Technology. More than 60 business and technology programs are offered in areas such as business, engineering, equine studies, IT, logistics and management. Associate in Arts pathways include everything from art to veterinary science. And CF offers bachelor's degrees in education, nursing and business with several specializations.

**UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS:** CF has the only two-year Equine Studies program in Florida. Students learn about the industry, visit prominent farms and veterinary clinics, take classes and participate in labs at the college's Vintage Farm Campus. The program is a perfect fit for Marion County, which is the Horse Capital of the World and where the economic impact of the equine industry has increased 33% in the last decade, according to the American Horse Council.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** CF serves Marion, Citrus and Levy counties, which cover an area of 3,283 square miles. The largest campus is in Ocala and serves as the education hub for the county. The Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus, the first permanent higher education institution in Levy County, opened for classes in fall 2017. Agribusiness and Equine Studies classes are now offered at the Vintage Farm Campus, a working farm donated to the college in 2016. The award-winning Appleton Museum of Art serves as a classroom for students in all disciplines. Other locations are the Citrus Campus in Lecanto and Hampton Center in Ocala.

**STUDENT LIFE:** At CF students learn, lead and connect through a robust student life program that provides unlimited opportunities both on campus and in the community. Students can explore new interests and hobbies, join a club (or start one), play intramural sports, learn to dance, attend a student concert, and more.

**ATHLETICS:** CF has intercollegiate teams in men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball and competes in the Florida College System Activities Association and National Junior College Athletic Association. The men's basketball team won the NJCAA National Championship in 2013.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** Students who earn an Associate in Arts at CF are guaranteed admission into at least one of Florida's public universities. CF is part of DirectConnect to UCF, which guarantees admission to the University of Central Florida for students who earn an Associate in Arts or select Associate in Science degrees, and FUSE, a similar agreement with the University of South Florida. CF provides a comprehensive education, is responsive to community workforce needs and is consistently recognized for high quality and affordability.

**COST/AID:** CF is among the most affordable colleges in the country with tuition at \$107 per credit hour for associate-level courses and \$123 per credit hour for bachelor's courses. Non-Florida residents pay \$422 for associate's and \$570 for bachelor's courses. CF has more than \$2 million in scholarships available annually, and 76% of students graduate with no debt.





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**EMBRY-RIDDLE**  
Aeronautical University

## INSTITUTION TYPE:

Private, Non-profit

## CAMPUS TYPE:

Residential, Satellite,  
Online

## UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:

33,000  
5,900 (FL)

## ACCEPTANCE RATE: 75%

## RETENTION RATE: 82%

## YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1926

## PRESIDENT:

P. Barry Butler, Ph.D.

**MISSION:** Our mission is to teach the science, practice and business necessary to prepare students for productive careers and leadership roles in business, government agencies and the military. Embry-Riddle's reputation as the leader in aviation and aerospace education is grounded in its aviation roots dating back to 1926.

**ACADEMICS:** Embry-Riddle offers 100-plus associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in its colleges of Aeronautics, Arts & Sciences, Aviation, Business, Engineering and the nation's first College of Security & Intelligence (in Arizona). Embry-Riddle Worldwide offers the top-ranked online bachelor's degree program for 2019, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. Industry advisors from leading employers and federal agencies meet with faculty to ensure our programs remain responsive to emerging trends and demands. On the residential campuses, the student-faculty rate is 17:1 with more than 20% of classes with fewer than 20 students.

**UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS:** Embry-Riddle continues to pioneer industry-responsive degree programs and specialized courses. We work in partnership with industry leaders in aviation, defense/aerospace and information technology to provide accelerated career and preferential hiring programs for pilots, engineers and veterans transitioning to civilian careers in IT.

**COST/AID:** Tuition and Fees: \$35,714 (2018-19). Room and Board: \$11,438 (2018-19). Approximately 57% of full-time undergraduates receive need-based financial aid. The average need-based scholarship or grant is \$14,976.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** We advance signature research that enhances our competitive advantage as a global aerospace innovator. Key areas of research include aviation cybersecurity; aviation data science and business analytics; flight research; unmanned

aerial systems and autonomous systems. Our Applied Aviation and Engineering Research Hangar and the specialized labs in our Research Park support industry and federal research and entrepreneurship in the areas of engineering, space, unmanned systems and sustainable energy. At Eagle Flight Research Center, faculty is developing patented technology for hybrid engine aircraft.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** The Florida Campus is in a city setting, on 185 acres adjacent to Daytona Beach International Airport. The Mori Hosseini Student Union is home to the Hunt Library, career services and a student services hub. It features a rooftop deck with runway views. Both campuses maintain a fleet of planes and sophisticated flight simulators.

**STUDENT LIFE:** Students come from 107 countries. They participate in national fraternities and sororities and more than 50 clubs, intramural and recreational sports. Both campuses are home to award-winning flight teams. Approximately 60% of students live off campus. The Florida Campus has a large ROTC presence and one of the largest U.S. Air Force ROTC programs in the nation. In 2019, for the fourth consecutive year, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Embry-Riddle Worldwide No. 1 among online bachelor's degree programs for veterans.

**ATHLETICS:** Florida Campus athletes compete in NCAA Division II programs and the Sunshine State Conference: men and women compete in basketball, cross country, rowing, lacrosse, tennis, golf, soccer and track and field. Men compete in baseball. Women compete in softball and volleyball.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** We are proud that 96% of recently surveyed alumni are working in their chosen field or in graduate school within a year of graduation. The 2017-18 PayScale College Salary Report found that Embry-Riddle graduates earn a higher salary than 82% of graduates from 1,531 other ranked institutions.







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**EMBRY-RIDDLE**  
Aeronautical University

# Florida Institute of Technology

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*Florida Tech*

## INSTITUTION TYPE:

Non-profit, doctoral-granting research institute

## CAMPUS TYPE:

Small, Suburban, Residential

## UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:

3,620

## ACCEPTANCE RATE:

65%

## RETENTION RATE:

81%

## YEAR ESTABLISHED:

1958

## PRESIDENT:

T. Dwayne McCay, Ph.D.

**MISSION:** Florida Institute of Technology's mission is to provide high-quality education to a culturally diverse student body in order to prepare students for entering the global workforce, seeking higher-education opportunities and serving within their communities. The university also seeks to expand knowledge through basic and applied research and to serve the diverse economic, cultural and societal needs of our local, state, national and international constituencies.

**ACADEMICS:** Florida Tech is known worldwide for its uniquely strong aerospace engineering, space sciences, marine sciences, cybersecurity, behavior analysis and aviation (flight) degree programs. The university also offers dynamic hands-on programs in business, biological sciences, biomedical sciences and engineering, chemistry and chemical engineering, civil engineering, communication, computer science and engineering, education, electrical engineering, environmental studies, mathematics, mechanical engineering, physics, premedical studies and psychology.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** Florida Tech is fueled by the research of its stellar faculty, who are experts on everything from primates to sharks, fluid dynamics to advanced manufacturing. They unravel the mysteries of lightning, supermassive black holes and autism spectrum disorder. They build better rocket engines, space telescopes and cybersecurity software. They are inventors, musicians, historians, inventors, astronauts and authors. At Florida Tech, being "stellar" means more than just being accomplished. It means using one's accomplishments to help students reach their full potential — and that's what our faculty is all about.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** Our subtropical campus is home to unique facilities like the Harris Student Design Center where students collaboratively design and fabricate engineering projects using laser cutters, CNC machines, welding stations, 3D printers and other tools. Our Ortega Telescope hosts monthly stargazing parties, while the Digital Scholarship Lab offers students the chance to play with new technologies. Florida Tech is also home to WFIT, an NPR affiliate station, the Scott Center for Autism Treatment and the Ruth Funk Center for Textile Arts. In addition to all of our facilities, Florida Tech has ample green space for relaxing outside as well as a 15-acre botanical garden.

**STUDENT LIFE:** Take a dip in the pool, volunteer in the Ethos Community Garden and find your fit among more than 100+ clubs and organizations. Spend your free time at the beach, kayak the Indian River Lagoon, visit the Kennedy Space Center or hang out in Downtown Melbourne.

**ATHLETICS:** Florida Tech is a member of NCAA Division II. It is home to 18 intercollegiate men's and women's sports teams, which play as the Florida Tech Panthers. Most teams participate in the competitive Sunshine State Conference. Florida Tech's football team competes in the renowned Gulf South Conference.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** More than anything, Florida Tech is defined by its relentless pursuit of greatness. In academics and research. In innovation. In sports and student life and community service. Florida Tech is a university where serious students from more than 100 countries around the world come to put their passion to work transforming ideas into actualities. Florida Tech is among the nation's and Florida's best universities for return on investment 20 years after graduation, according to the 2018 PayScale College ROI Report.



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# Florida International University

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**INSTITUTION TYPE:**  
Public, 4-year and above

**CAMPUS TYPE:**  
Urban

**UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:**  
41,796 (Fall 2018)

**RETENTION RATE:** 88%  
(full-time, first-time-in-college,  
2-year retention; 2017-2018  
cohort)

**YEAR ESTABLISHED:** 1965

**PRESIDENT:**  
Mark B. Rosenberg

**MISSION:** Florida International University is an urban, multi-campus, public research university serving its students and the diverse population of South Florida. FIU is committed to high-quality teaching, state-of-the-art research and creative activity, and collaborative engagement with our local and global communities.

**ACADEMICS:** FIU offers 200+ degree programs. Over the past decade, FIU has invested heavily to expand its academic offerings and add locations to meet student and industry needs. Eighteen of FIU's academic programs now rank among the top 100 within their respective academic fields, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

**NATIONAL RECOGNITION:** FIU competes among the state's and nation's elite institutions. It is ranked among America's top 100 public universities by *U.S. News & World Report*. The school is also ranked No. 2 among all Florida's State University System institutions for student retention, four-year graduation rates and career placement of new graduates.

**COST/AID:** \$6,558 (2018-19 in-state), \$18,956 (2018-19 out-of-state). FIU is consistently ranked in *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine's "100 Best Values in Public Colleges." FIU is dedicated to keeping higher education accessible to all and awards more than \$180 million in financial aid annually.

**RESEARCH & PREEMINENT PROGRAMS:** FIU's research output ranks among the top 3% of U.S. universities, and it joins some of the nation's oldest and most respected public and private institutions with an "R1" designation for the highest level of research activity.

**SOLUTIONS CENTER STATUS:** University programs for underserved populations such as The Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP® and The Education Effect serve as national models.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** Today, FIU has two Miami-Dade County campuses in addition to academic centers in South Beach, Brickell, Coconut Grove, the Florida Keys and Broward County as well as sites in Qingdao and Tianjin, China. FIU's state-of-the-art research facilities include the Wall of Wind Research and Testing Facility and the Aquarius Reef Base. FIU also supports artistic and cultural engagement through its three museums: the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, the Wolfsonian-FIU, and the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU.

**STUDENT LIFE:** FIU offers something for each and every student with hundreds of clubs and organizations to join, health and recreation centers on both campuses and an active Student Government Association.

**ATHLETICS:** FIU is a member of Conference USA with more than 400 student-athletes participating in 18 sports. FIU's football team recently won the Bahamas Bowl and set an all-time win record.

**FIU ONLINE:** FIU's online programs increase access to education through the use of modern technology. The fully online undergraduate and graduate degrees are specifically designed for working students to address today's global workforce needs. FIU's faculty and students represent more than 100 nations worldwide, and their diversity truly enriches online learning to provide the international experience FIU is known for.





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**INSTITUTION TYPE:**  
Public, 4-year and above

**CAMPUS TYPE:**  
Small, Residential

**UNDERGRADUATE  
ENROLLMENT:** 1,426

**ACCEPTANCE RATE:** 50%

**RETENTION RATE:** 79%

**YEAR ESTABLISHED:** 2012

**PRESIDENT:**  
Randy K. Avent

**MISSION:** Florida Polytechnic University serves students and industry through excellence in education, discovery and application of engineering and applied sciences.

**ACADEMICS:** The only member of the State University System of Florida dedicated exclusively to science, technology, engineering and math, we are producing highly desirable graduates with lifetime employable skills. Our students don't change with the world, they change it.

**UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS:** From computer and electrical engineering to data science and business analytics, Florida Poly offers several innovative undergraduate degree programs. Concentrations include cybersecurity, machine intelligence, health informatics, renewable energy and nanotechnology, to name a few.

**COST/AID:** We're proud to be the most affordable public university in Florida. Florida residents pay \$16,370 for tuition and fees and room and board. Out-of-state residents pay \$32,435. On top of that, we offer several merit-based scholarships and financial assistance averaging \$9,000 a year.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** With a student-faculty ratio of 18:1, Florida Poly offers valuable access to some of the top educators in STEM. Students don't have to wait until they are in graduate school to take part in research. Many get to work alongside their faculty mentors to conduct cutting-edge, high-tech research as undergraduate students. Florida Poly's Advanced Mobility Institute is poised to be the premier university-affiliated applied research center for the development and testing of autonomous vehicle-related technology.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** Our iconic Innovation, Science and Technology Building is the centerpiece of our state-of-the-art campus centrally located off I-4 between Orlando and Tampa, along the I-4 corridor. Students have access to a number of high-tech labs, a super-computer and one of the largest collections of 3D printers in higher education. Soon, Florida Poly will break ground on an Applied Research Center, which will increase lab and research space.

**STUDENT LIFE:** Students participate in more than 40 clubs and organizations. Our small size makes it easy to become engaged in a variety of activities outside of the classroom. One of the most popular events is the student-run FLPolyCon convention, which includes anime, sci-fi, horror, comics, and video games. The University's Student Development Center opened in 2017 and offers a variety of intramural and recreational opportunities.

**INTERNSHIPS:** Providing students with meaningful opportunities outside of the classroom to develop career skills is a hallmark of the Florida Poly experience. In the last year alone, Career Services has collaborated with more than 200 companies located throughout Florida and the U.S. to employ students in internship or career positions.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** We're a very selective, public STEM university focused on student engagement, with 72% of freshmen earning Florida Bright Futures Scholarships. Our students benefit from a highly collaborative and hands-on environment in which they work alongside some of the best and brightest minds in the country.







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Academic, research, and internships go hand-in-hand at Florida Poly. Our students intern at prestigious institutions across the country. Computer Science senior Celeste Ramirez interned at animation powerhouse Steamroller Studios in Eustis, FL. While there she worked alongside some of the nation's leading animators to develop video games. The hands-on experience allowed her to blend her passion for the arts and her love of coding.

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# Florida Southern College

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## INSTITUTION TYPE:

Private

## CAMPUS TYPE:

Residential, Suburban

## UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:

3,000+

## YEAR ESTABLISHED:

1883

## PRESIDENT:

Dr. Anne B. Kerr

**MISSION:** Florida Southern College prepares students through dynamic engaged learning to make a positive and consequential impact on society.

**ACADEMICS:** Florida Southern is a comprehensive college that offers more than 70 undergraduate degree programs in business, education, nursing, arts and the sciences. A national leader in engaged learning, FSC guarantees each student an internship, a travel-study experience and the opportunity to graduate in four years. Our commitment to hands-on experiences gives students a taste of daily life in their field and a deep understanding of the curriculum through real-world application. In fact, 100% of FSC graduates participate in internships, performance, study abroad, research and other high-impact experiences.

**UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** Business and Free Enterprise, Computer Science, Citrus and Horticultural Science, Marine Biology

**COST/AID:** Total tuition, fees and room/board per year for a first-year student averages \$47,998. Each year, Florida Southern offers more than \$35 million in college aid on the basis of academic merit, talent in athletics or fine arts, leadership, community services, student need and other factors.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** Florida Southern students work alongside world-renowned faculty. A community of dedicated teachers, scholars and artists, our faculty engage in research and creative activities that push the boundaries of understanding and imagination. Students often publish their findings in academic research journals and at national conferences.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** Consistently named one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation by *The Princeton Review*, Florida Southern's 100-acre campus sits

on beautiful Lake Hollingsworth in Lakeland. As home to the largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture in the world, the campus is a National Historic Landmark that welcomes tens of thousands of visitors from around the world each year. In addition to 13 Wright-designed structures, the campus features lavish gardens, lakeside residence halls and state-of-the-art academic facilities, including the Becker Business, Blanton Nursing and Christoverson Humanities buildings — as well as the Wynne Warden Dance Studio and Rinker Technology Center.

**STUDENT LIFE:** Florida Southern, a residential college with 94% of students living on campus, is home to more than 100 student clubs and organizations and 14 national fraternities and sororities. From cheering on teammates from our student fan section (the "Snake Pit"), to late-night comedy shows by our improv group Studio Box, to movies under the stars through our Southern Cinema series, our students are never bored. FSC is a short walk to downtown Lakeland, which features boutique shopping, craft dining, live entertainment, a monthly food truck rally and a Saturday morning farmers market. And for more entertainment options, students can travel less than an hour to world-class beaches and the nation's top theme parks.

**ATHLETICS:** Florida Southern College has 20 men's and women's varsity sports teams and boasts 30 NCAA Division II national championships, as well as four club sports: esports, water skiing, equestrian and ice hockey. FSC also offers 26+ intramural sports.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** Florida Southern College has been recognized as one of the nation's best four-year colleges by *The Princeton Review*, *U.S. News & World Report*, and *The Fiske Guide* and was recently named a Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Scholars and Students. FSC is committed to preparing students for success after graduation and boasts a 97% placement rate.







# OUR GUARANTEES

Florida Southern College goes beyond the conventional college experience, guaranteeing each student an internship, a travel-study experience, and graduation in four years. These signature opportunities, combined with our world-class faculty and stunning historic campus, create a college experience unlike any other.



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# Florida State College at Jacksonville

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Florida State College  
at Jacksonville

**INSTITUTION TYPE:**  
Public, 2- and 4-year

**CAMPUS TYPE:**  
Four campuses and  
three centers

**UNDERGRADUATE  
ENROLLMENT:** 49,721

**ACCEPTANCE RATE:** 100%

**YEAR ESTABLISHED:** 1965

**PRESIDENT:**  
Kevin E. Hyde, J.D.

**MISSION:** Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) provides high value, lifelong education that enhances the intellectual, social, cultural and economic development of our diverse community. We are guided by the values of integrity, excellence in teaching and learning, culture of honesty and trust, creativity and respect for diversity.

**ACADEMICS:** FSCJ offers 13 bachelor's degrees, 49 associate degrees and more than 100 technical certificates and workforce certifications.

**UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS:** FSCJ offers an A.A./University Transfer degree that provides students with the academic skills necessary to succeed in a bachelor's degree program at FSCJ or one of Florida's public colleges or universities. Special articulation pathways have been developed for the University of North Florida, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and the University of West Florida.

**COST/AID:** Full-time Florida residents taking 12 credits can expect to pay \$308-458 per class. The average cost for books is \$80 per credit hour. Tuition, fees and books cost approximately \$2,219 for a full-time term. Financial aid is available for many programs and is awarded based on financial need and/or merit.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** FSCJ recruits and retains world-class faculty that transform the lives of the students they interact with on a daily basis. In the physical or online classroom, our faculty's dedication to high-quality learning, academic excellence, innovative teaching methodologies and passion for the disciplines they represent inspires our students to achieve at the highest level and prepares them to meet their academic, career and personal goals.

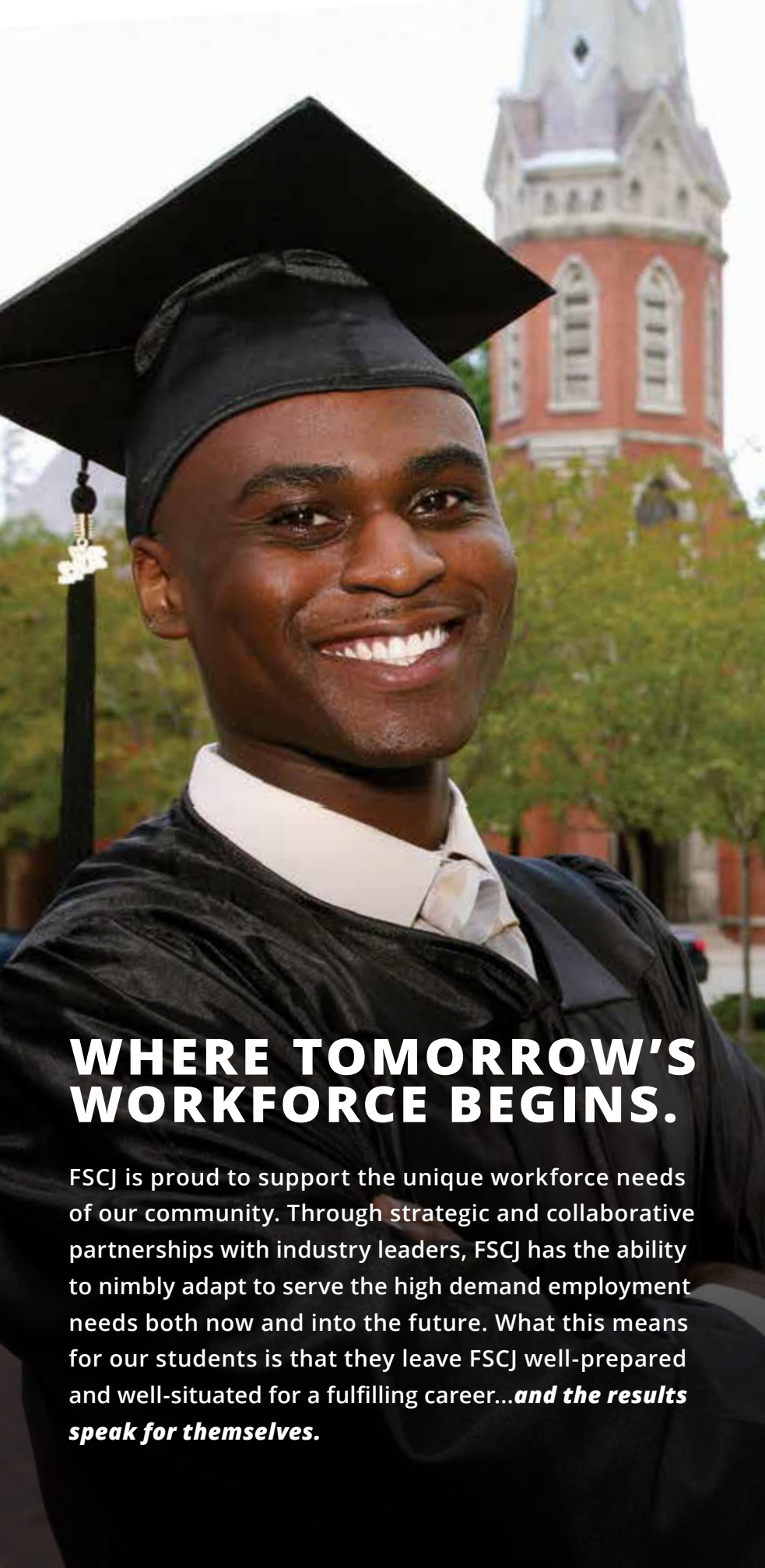
**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** Downtown Campus is centrally located in Jacksonville's urban core. Kent Campus serves the western and south-western areas of Duval County. North Campus reaches students in northern and north-western Duval County, as well as much of Nassau County. South Campus is our largest campus and serves the southern portion of the county, as well as students in the beaches area. Deerwood Center is located in Jacksonville's Southside to provide a full range of academic programs as well as housing FSCJ On-line. Cecil Center is adjacent to Cecil Airport and offers our avionics and commercial vehicle driving programs. Nassau Center is a full-service center for students in Nassau County.

**STUDENT LIFE:** FSCJ offers engagement opportunities that provide students with a fulfilling college experience. For students who wish to get involved, leadership opportunities such as Student Government Association, student ambassadors and programming boards are available. Clubs, service learning and volunteerism initiatives, athletic and academic teams, and other special interest organizations enhance learning and promote personal and professional growth. Some students take advantage of FSCJ's new student living community at 20West Housing, giving them a comprehensive and unique college experience just steps from the Downtown Campus.

**ATHLETICS:** FSCJ has seven athletic programs: men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball and men's and women's cross country. The college competes in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 8 Mid-Florida Conference.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** We pride ourselves on the significant role the college plays in creating stability and progress for local business and infrastructure. FSCJ works to supply a highly skilled, educated workforce that is both proactive and responsive to the unique needs of the population we serve.





## WHERE TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE BEGINS.

FSCJ is proud to support the unique workforce needs of our community. Through strategic and collaborative partnerships with industry leaders, FSCJ has the ability to nimbly adapt to serve the high demand employment needs both now and into the future. What this means for our students is that they leave FSCJ well-prepared and well-situated for a fulfilling career...*and the results speak for themselves.*

Average Salary  
of FSCJ Graduates:  
**\$44,956**

FSCJ ranks among the  
**top 50 most  
affordable**  
public, four-year  
institutions in the nation.

Average cost of tuition,  
fees and books per term:  
**\$2,219**

FSCJ's Job Placement  
and Transfer Rate:  
**95%**

# FSCJ

Florida State College  
at Jacksonville

# Keiser University

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## INSTITUTION TYPE:

Private, Not-for-Profit  
4-year and above

## CAMPUS TYPE:

Mid-size, 21 locations,  
including residential  
Flagship campus

## UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:

16,760 (undergrad)  
18,335 Total

## RETENTION RATE:

90%

## YEAR ESTABLISHED:

1977

## CHANCELLOR:

Arthur Keiser, Ph.D.

**MISSION:** Keiser University (KU) is a regionally accredited, private career university that provides degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels for a diverse student body. Through quality instruction and learning, students develop the knowledge and skills necessary for successful employment. Service to the community is inherent in our mission.

**ACADEMICS:** KU offers 100+ degrees from the associate to doctoral levels in targeted industries such as health care, information technology, business, homeland and cybersecurity, behavioral sciences and more. Knowledgeable faculty with real-world experience provide personalized attention and rigorous career-focused academics. Students learn leadership and professional skill development in small, well-equipped classrooms and laboratories through workshops, industry expert advisors, community service initiatives and internships. Most degree programs are offered year-round, on-campus, online, or in hybrid formats to support career-minded students in reaching their academic and professional goals.

**UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** KU offers South Florida's only Doctor of Chiropractic degree. Other unique study programs include: the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia; the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science; programs in pre-med, equine studies, physician's assistant, golf management; and multiple degrees offered in Spanish and Mandarin to serve international students.

**COST/AID:** Average tuition is \$24,964 per academic year. Over the past two years, KU has awarded approximately \$72 million in needs-based and academic scholarships. A variety of institutional and federal aid programs are available to students who qualify. Financial services personnel are available before, during, and after the educational experience to address students' finances.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** KU prides itself on its use of full-time, qualified, student-centered, and engaged faculty. While research initiatives are encouraged of all faculty, as a Level VI (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) and Doctoral/Professional classified institution (Carnegie Commission), disciplinary-appropriate research is required of graduate students and faculty and funded by governmental, corporate, third-party private and institutional resources.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** KU's 21 campuses are located in nearly all of Florida's metropolitan areas. The Flagship residential campus in Palm Beach County offers a traditional collegiate experience including accessible faculty advisement, athletics, student housing, student organizations and clubs, social activities and career placement services. The College of Chiropractic Medicine is in West Palm Beach. The Nurse Anesthetist campus is in Naples, and the College of Advanced Technology is in Pembroke Pines.

**STUDENT LIFE:** Students have countless opportunities to engage in activities such as Student Government Association (SGA), honor societies, Student Veterans Association chapters, club sports, athletic competitions, campus-wide service projects, community events and professional development.

**ATHLETICS:** The Keiser Seahawks compete in 25 athletic programs and hold numerous national rankings in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) as members of the Sun Conference. Recently KU entered the competitive arena of Esports competing virtually with college students worldwide.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** KU's philosophy is "Students First." Individualized attention, engaged faculty, small class sizes, career-focused degree programs, leadership and professional skill development, convenient and innovative scheduling for working adult learners and recent high school graduates are paramount to the educational experience at KU.







# Students First

## **Prioritize Your Career Today Your Education | Your Schedule**

Keiser University offers more than 100 doctoral, specialist, master's, bachelor's, and associate degrees. In addition to our well recognized history of educating adult learners, a comprehensive college experience is available for traditional students seeking a culturally rich campus life comprised of student events, athletics, and a safe environment to live, learn, work, and play. Visit our website to learn how Keiser University can empower you to succeed.

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# New College of Florida

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**INSTITUTION TYPE:**  
4-year Public College

**CAMPUS TYPE:**  
Small, Residential

**UNDERGRADUATE  
ENROLLMENT:** 808

**ACCEPTANCE RATE:** 76%

**RETENTION RATE:** 76%

**YEAR ESTABLISHED:** 1960

**PRESIDENT:**  
Dr. Donal O'Shea

**MISSION:** New College offers a liberal arts education of the highest quality in the context of a small, residential public honors college with a distinctive academic program which develops the student's intellectual and personal potential as fully as possible; encourages the discovery of new knowledge and values while providing opportunities to acquire established knowledge and values; and fosters the individual's effective relationship with society.

**ACADEMICS:** As one of the nation's premier public liberal arts colleges and the designated Honors College of Florida, we offer nearly 40 areas of study. Students receive performance evaluations from faculty that provide much more detailed feedback than letter grades. The culmination of every New College student's education is the senior capstone project, which can be a significant research paper, findings from a scientific study, a body of artwork, or a theatrical production.

**UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** All students participate in independent study projects during January and complete a senior capstone project. Past projects have focused on coal mining in Appalachia, malaria in Florida's lizards, surrealist art movement, music therapy, and particle physics. Students can also embark on a tutorial, an academic undertaking sponsored by a faculty member that is not offered as a class in the course catalog.

**COST/AID:** \$20,756 (FL), \$43,784 (out of state); 84% of students receive institutional financial aid. Our students graduate with the lowest debt among all Florida public universities. New College has been named the seventh most affordable small college in the nation by Fiske Guide to Colleges.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** Our proximity to Sarasota Bay enables our faculty and students to conduct environmental research on microplastic pollution in the bay, mangrove restoration and the impact of red tide on the local ecosystem. Faculty research incorporates a range of interdisciplinary fields spanning the arts, human and artificial intelligence, sustainability and natural and social sciences.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** Our 110-acre bayfront campus is housed on the former estate of circus magnate Charles Ringling on Sarasota Bay. It is home to the Pritzker Marine Biology Research Center, Public Archaeology Lab, Heiser Natural Sciences Complex, Academic Center, Caples Fine Arts Complex and the Hamilton Student Center. Students live on campus in 11 residence halls that include seven different living learning communities.

**STUDENT LIFE:** Students can participate in more than 70 different clubs and organizations. There are also affinity groups for students representing a variety of racial and cultural backgrounds, religions and political affiliations. Other clubs focus on students' academic and professional pursuits.

**ATHLETICS:** Students can participate in a variety of intramural and club sports, including basketball, sailing, beach volleyball, tennis, soccer and softball.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** Named to *The Princeton Review's* "Best Value Colleges: 200 Schools with Exceptional ROI for Your Tuition Investment," which highlights schools with excellent academics, great career preparation and low cost.



Dr. Donal O'Shea



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# Northwest Florida State College

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**INSTITUTION TYPE:** Public

**CAMPUS TYPE:** Rural

**UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:** 9,066

**ACCEPTANCE RATE:** 100%

**RETENTION RATE:** 64%

**YEAR ESTABLISHED:** 1963

**PRESIDENT:**  
Dr. Devin Stephenson

**MISSION:** Northwest Florida State College improves lives. We deliver outstanding educational programs that are relevant, accessible and engaging for students of all ages and provide exceptional cultural, athletic and economic development activities for the communities served. We commit to excellence, creativity, integrity and service.

**ACADEMICS:** Northwest Florida State College's (NWF) Associate of Arts (AA) degree is offered at a reasonable cost, recognized nationally for excellence by the Aspen Institute, and is fully accessible through NWF Online. NWF provides several career-ready certificates and degrees which prepare students to enter the workforce immediately. NWF's welding program is home to a faculty member, facility, and student graduate all of whom have been recognized nationally for excellence. In addition to programs in the health sciences and manufacturing, NWF offers other exceptional programs in the arts, public safety, business and education for students to take flight.

**UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS:** Located in close proximity to Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field, NWF offers a few workforce bachelor's degrees that align closely, like the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management for Military Science and Leadership. From real estate preparation courses to earning industry certifications in flying drones, a host of professional and continuing education courses can be customized to complement the training needs of the local workforce.

**COST/AID:** In 2018, the NWF Board of Trustees focused on student success by: holding tuition flat for the 2018-2019 academic year, making it the fifth consecutive year with the same tuition rate; \$104 per credit hour for lower-division undergraduate in-state students; eliminating parking and graduation fees; waiving fees for active duty military using tuition assistance. NWF Online offers a \$1 eRate,

meaning out-of-state online students pay only \$1 more per credit hour. In 2017-2018, 59% of undergraduates received financial aid totaling \$9,406,809.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** In 2018, Scottie Smith, Allied Welding Technologies program instructor received the Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty award presented by the American Association of Community Colleges. Amy Krafcik, English instructor at the Collegiate High School, was selected a high impact teacher by the Florida Department of Education for the second consecutive year. Faculty member Cecil Scalf was voted FCSAA 2018 Forensics Coach of the Year for the third time.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** Six locations across Okaloosa and Walton counties in the Florida Panhandle. NWF's facilities are among the best, including the state-of-the-art Raider Arena, a nationally recognized welding facility, and a 1,650-seat performing arts center.

**STUDENT LIFE:** NWF's office of Student Development and Campus Engagement promotes the social, physical and educational well-being of students by providing opportunities and experiences for student development and engagement at school as well as in the community.

**ATHLETICS:** The Raiders men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball teams compete in the Panhandle Conference where they have collectively brought home 30 conference championships and three national championships as of February 2019.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** NWF has earned a reputation for educational excellence and community involvement. We are proud to be designated a Military Friendly® School by Victory Media for 2019-2020, serving the highest number of students receiving post 9/11 GI Bill benefits in the Florida College System. In 2017, our Collegiate High School ranked first in the state for four-year graduation rates.





### A History of Excellence

Located in the coastal heart of the Florida panhandle, Northwest Florida State College has earned a reputation for educational excellence and community involvement.



Named one of the Top 150 community colleges in the Nation by the Aspen Institute every cycle since 2010.



Advanced to Silver Status in the Florida College System Performance Funding model.



Highest number of students (2,537) receiving post 9/11 GI Bill benefits in the Florida College System - four times the system average of 664 students.



Named the first Military Order of the Purple Heart College in Florida.



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Collegiate High School at NWF received the Blue Ribbon School distinction in 2006 and 2013. In 2017, CHS ranked first in the state in four-year graduation rates.



Associate of Science in Nursing program's NCLEX-RN pass rates (98.5%) were greater than the 2017-2018 Florida (71.9%) and national (86.9%) pass rates.



### Faculty

Scottie Smith, Distinguished Faculty Member of the Year - AACC

2018 Teacher of the Year - Welder Magazine



### Students

Lindsey Irvine, First Female to Win - Associated Builder and Contractor Craft Championship Pipe Welding contest



### Facility

#1 Welding Education Facility in the Nation - American Welding Society

# Nova Southeastern University

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## INSTITUTION TYPE:

Private, Non-profit

## CAMPUS TYPE:

314 acres, Suburban  
(8 campuses in Florida  
and Puerto Rico)

## UNDERGRADUATE

ENROLLMENT: 4,500

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 58%

RETENTION RATE: 80%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1964

## PRESIDENT:

George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D.

**MISSION:** NSU fosters academic excellence, intellectual inquiry, leadership, research and community through engagement of students and faculty members in a dynamic, life-long environment. NSU supports its diverse student population by providing a variety of degree programs and flexible delivery options. The NSU edge gives students a competitive advantage with the use of innovative technology, personalized attention, hands-on learning, research experiences and faculty with real-world experience in their fields.

**ACADEMICS:** With 18 colleges and centers, NSU offers more than 150 degrees. The student-faculty ratio is 17:1. Some 72.4% of classes have fewer than 20 students. Undergraduates choose from more than 50 majors and 50 minors. Graduate and doctoral students can explore more than 80 programs. Professional degrees/programs include law, medicine, clinical psychology, dental medicine, optometry, pharmacy, audiology and physical therapy.

**UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** The Farquhar Honors College offers high-achieving students unique learning and research opportunities, resources, faculty mentoring, and participation in campus and community leadership roles. NSU's Dual Admission Program allows high-achieving, motivated and career-focused students to apply for graduate or professional schools as incoming freshmen and earn a reserved seat in the program while they complete their undergraduate degree.

**COST/AID:** 2018-2019 undergraduate tuition and fees: \$30,900. Graduate tuition and fees: \$20,419. Some 71% of full-time undergraduates receive financial aid. The average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$17,639.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** NSU is classified as a research university with "high research activity" by the Carnegie

Foundations for the Advancement of Teaching. More than 200 research projects underway include studies on cardiovascular diseases, anti-cancer therapies, chronic fatigue syndrome, autism, coral reef restoration, stem cells, disorders causing blindness and wildlife DNA forensics. Located adjacent to the Fort Lauderdale campus, the state-of-the-art Center for Collaborative Research is one of the largest and most advanced research facilities in Florida. In Dania Beach, NSU's Guy Harvey National Oceanographic Center is a renowned, oceanfront research facility in the marine sciences.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** In addition to the Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus, NSU has campuses in Tampa/Clearwater, Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Miami, Miramar, Orlando, Palm Beach and Puerto Rico. The Fort Lauderdale campus includes the Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center, the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center and the Rick Case Arena at the Don Taft University Center. NSU Art Museum is located 10 miles from campus in downtown Fort Lauderdale.


**STUDENT LIFE:** NSU has more than 400 student organizations, an active student government, fraternities and sororities and intramural sports. The Fort Lauderdale campus is a 15-minute drive from the beach. Home of the Miami Dolphins training camp facility, NSU's partnership with the team allows students access to free tickets to Dolphins home games.

**ATHLETICS:** NSU has 17 NCAA Division II intercollegiate and champion athletic programs, including men's and women's basketball, soccer, swimming, golf, track and field, cross country, baseball, softball, women's rowing, women's tennis and women's volleyball.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** NSU students prepare for real careers, real contributions and real life. They enter looking to take on the world and emerge prepared to dominate their own future.







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# Palm Beach Atlantic University

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## INSTITUTION TYPE:

Private, 4-year and above

## CAMPUS TYPE:

Medium-sized, Urban, Residential

## UNDERGRADUATE

ENROLLMENT: 2,407

RETENTION RATE: 75%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1968

## PRESIDENT:

William M.B. Fleming, Jr.



**MISSION:** Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBA) prepares students for lifelong learning and leadership by offering excellent undergraduate, graduate and professional programs of study in the arts, humanities, sciences and selected professions. As a community of learners, the university provides students with a rigorous educational environment that leads to intellectual, spiritual and personal character development.

**ACADEMICS:** Traditional undergraduate students choose from more than 50 undergraduate programs of study offered by nine academic schools: Arts and Sciences, Communication and Media, Education and Behavioral Studies, Gregory School of Pharmacy, MacArthur School of Leadership, Ministry, Music & Fine Arts, Nursing and the Rinker School of Business. Additionally, we offer eight master's degrees and professional degree programs in nursing practice and pharmacy. Our Orlando campus helps working people complete their degrees through evening classes.

**UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** The Titus Center for Franchising is the only university-based center in the nation offering an academic concentration in franchising as well as internships, job shadowing and training at franchises across the country.

**COST/AID:** PBA is committed to working with students individually to sustain financial aid throughout their entire college experience. We award over \$3 million in endowed and annual scholarships every year, and 97% of undergraduate students receive some form of financial aid. Florida residents can be eligible for the Effective Access to Student Education grant as well as using benefits from the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. One-third of a recent graduating class left with zero debt.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** The university's Quality Initiative faculty and student grant program began in 2002 to support primary research and presentation of findings to professional audiences.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** Our 29-acre campus is situated in the heart of West Palm Beach, directly across the Intracoastal Waterway from Palm Beach and only minutes from the Atlantic Ocean. PBA's urban location puts internships, part-time jobs, volunteer service and service learning opportunities nearby as well as beaches, restaurants, recreation and shopping. Just 1.5 miles away, the Rinker Athletic Campus is a 76-acre facility for practice and intercollegiate competition as well as intramural sports and recreation.

**STUDENT LIFE:** Workshop is PBA's award-winning community service program that responds to human needs with Christ-like action in the community and the world. Through community service, students can discern their vocation and develop a life-long habit of servant leadership. DIVE (Discovering Internships as Vocational Exploration) engages students in career experiences as the majority of those who immerse themselves in vocationally focused internships are offered full-time employment. Students have opportunities for involvement and leadership in 40+ social, professional and religious clubs and organizations. More than 1,000 students compete in intramurals.

**ATHLETICS:** PBA is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II and competes in the Sunshine State Conference, known for the academic achievement of its student athletes. Competitive sports include beach volleyball, baseball, m/w basketball, m/w cross country, m/w golf, m/w lacrosse, m/w soccer, m/w tennis, m/w track, softball and volleyball.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** PBA is constantly ranked by *Princeton Review* and *U.S. News & World Report* among the top colleges in the Southeastern United States. Graduates are in demand by employers and earn, on average, 7% higher salaries than other private colleges in the state.

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# Rollins College

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**INSTITUTION TYPE:**  
Private, Coed

**CAMPUS TYPE:**  
Suburban

**UNDERGRADUATE  
ENROLLMENT:** 1,984

**ACCEPTANCE RATE:** 61%

**RETENTION RATE:** 90%

**YEAR ESTABLISHED:** 1885

**PRESIDENT:**  
Dr. Grant H. Cornwell

**MISSION:** Rollins College educates students for global citizenship and responsible leadership, empowering graduates to pursue meaningful lives and productive careers.

**ACADEMICS:** Rollins is a comprehensive liberal arts college, nationally recognized for its distinctive undergraduate and selected graduate programs. We provide opportunities to explore diverse intellectual, spiritual, and aesthetic traditions. We are dedicated to scholarship, academic achievement, creative accomplishment, cultural enrichment, social responsibility, and environmental stewardship. We value excellence in teaching and rigorous, transformative education in a healthy, responsive and inclusive environment.

**UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS:** With over 60 undergraduate and graduate majors and minors, students can find the academic career path that's right for them. Rollins offers several special academic programs, including the 3/2 Accelerated Management Program, International Business Dual Degree Program, Honors Program, Pre-Health Advising Program and Pre-Engineering.

**COST/AID:** Eighty-five percent of Rollins students receive more than \$50 million in state, federal and institutional resources. Tuition and fees: \$49,760; room and board: \$14,470.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** Rollins features small classes taught by renowned faculty. Our academics are enhanced by study abroad and internship opportunities as well as ways to be engaged on campus and in the community.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** The Princeton Review recently ranked Rollins the most beautiful college campus in the country

— recognition that no one who has ever visited this place will dispute. The lush 80-acre campus enjoys an annual average temperature in the 70s and is in close proximity to the amusements of Orlando and miles of beautiful beaches on Florida's Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

**STUDENT LIFE:** Whether you're seeking intellectual and cultural enrichment, community and student organization engagement, or the excitement of intercollegiate athletics, Rollins provides a rich variety of opportunities for you to explore. At Rollins, your academic experience is enhanced by hundreds of ways to participate in student organizations and the local community. Rollins is consistently recognized as a community engagement leader.

**ATHLETICS:** The institution maintains an energized environment that promotes academic success as a precursor to participation in physical education, intramurals or varsity athletics. Students will be scholars first, athletes second. Rollins will also teach, counsel, motivate and support all students to encourage their progression as individuals. Course offerings and varsity athletics will provide the opportunity to learn discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship. NCAA Division II — Sunshine State Conference, 23 National Championships.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** For more than a century, we have held the belief that the academic experience we provide is about more than preparing you for a career. A Rollins education teaches you to open your eyes to the bigger picture, showing you how all areas of knowledge are connected, and how learning is a lifelong endeavor that continues after you graduate. No matter what you study, you will learn a little bit of everything throughout your academic experience — social sciences, natural sciences, humanities, and the arts — and you will graduate prepared to enter a wide range of career fields.



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*U.S. News & World Report (1996–2019)*

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*Forbes (1999–2017)*

**NO. 1 COLLEGE IN FLORIDA**  
*College Consensus (2017–2018)*

**NO. 1 IN LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**  
*HR.com (2016–2018)*

**NO. 1 MOST BEAUTIFUL COLLEGE CAMPUS**  
*The Princeton Review (2015–2016)*

**NO. 1 MOST PHILANTHROPIC COLLEGE CAMPUS**  
*BestCollegesOnline.com (2012)*

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# Santa Fe College

Gainesville • [sfcollege.edu](http://sfcollege.edu)



## INSTITUTION TYPE:

Public, 2-year and 4-year

## CAMPUS TYPE:

Medium, Urban, Rural

## UNDERGRADUATE

ENROLLMENT: 17,676

## ACCEPTANCE RATE:

Open Admissions

RETENTION RATE: 70.4%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1966

## PRESIDENT:

Dr. Jackson N. Sasser

**MISSION:** Santa Fe College, a comprehensive public institution of higher education serving North Central Florida and beyond, adds value to the lives of our students and enriches our community through excellence in teaching and learning, innovative educational programs and student services, and community leadership and service.

**ACADEMICS:** In addition to associate and bachelor's degree programs, Santa Fe College also offers vocational certificates, continuing and community education, and test preparation.

**UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** SF is one of only two colleges in the nation with an accredited teaching zoo on campus. The SF2UF Bridge program offers a specialized track for minority and underrepresented students pursuing degrees in the biomedical or behavioral sciences at the University of Florida. SF's Honors Program offers small and special topic classes. Students can earn an International Studies Certificate by taking relevant classes or traveling with faculty on Study Abroad trips.

**COST/AID:** \$106.77/credit hour (FL), \$1,281.24 for 12 credit hours, \$1,601.55 for 15 credit hours), \$382.90/credit hour (out of state) (\$4,594.80 for 12 credit hours, \$5,743.50 for 15 credit hours). Financial aid and scholarships are available based on need and/or merit.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** Faculty at Santa Fe College develop curriculum in consultation with area business and industry leaders so students develop the skill set needed to fill jobs in the local communities served by the college. SF is home to Fulbright Scholars, both as full-time professors and visiting lecturers.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** Santa Fe College has three locations in

Gainesville, the Northwest Campus, the downtown Blount Center and the Kirkpatrick Center. The recently renovated Institute of Public Safety at the Kirkpatrick Center provides first responders with realistic, scenario-based training, and is one of the premier training facilities in the nation. With the Andrews Center in Starke, the Davis Center in Archer, the Watson Center in Keystone Heights and the Perry Center for Emerging Technologies in Alachua, students in Alachua or Bradford counties are never more than a 20-minute drive from any SF location.

**STUDENT LIFE:** Santa Fe College offers students over 90 different clubs and organizations, and students are welcome to start something new. In the 2018-2019 academic year, the college Ethics Bowl, Brain Bowl and Model UN teams ranked nationally. The Society of Nerds takes the cake with its bake sales. If student government, educational and recreational clubs, international and special interest groups, art galleries and civic engagement activities don't interest you, there are plenty of events hosted by Student Life throughout the year in the Oak Grove on the Northwest Campus, where often free pizza can be found.

**ATHLETICS:** Santa Fe College has NJCAA-level women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball, plus an assortment of intramural sports and a gym facility for students to stay active.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** Santa Fe College has consistently ranked as one of the top community colleges in the nation, taking home the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence in 2015 as the No. 1 college in the nation. For its high graduation rates, retention rates and job placement rates, SF recently earned gold status for the fourth consecutive year from the Florida College System. SF was designated a 2019 Best for Vets college by *Military Times* and is home to more Bright Futures Scholars than any state college in Florida.







*Our doors  
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**AND SO IS YOUR FUTURE**

What happens when you apply to a college that has the highest performance rating in the state *and* an open door admissions policy? Literally, anything. Santa Fe College has what you need to succeed whether your first step is finishing a G.E.D. or you're heading straight for your Ph.D. Come take a tour!

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**SANTA FE COLLEGE**

# Seminole State College of Florida

Four campuses in Seminole County and online • [seminolestate.edu](http://seminolestate.edu)



## INSTITUTION TYPE:

Public, 2- and 4-year and above

## CAMPUS TYPE:

Suburban, non-residential

## UNDERGRADUATE

ENROLLMENT: Nearly 30,000

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 98%

RETENTION RATE: 69%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1965

## PRESIDENT:

Georgia L. Lorenz, Ph.D.

**MISSION:** Seminole State College enhances the educational, economic and cultural vitality of Central Florida by providing exemplary learning opportunities to our diverse community.

**ACADEMICS:** Seminole State offers seven bachelor's degrees in high-demand, high growth fields; two-year university transfer/Associate in Arts (A.A.) and Associate in Science (A.S.) degrees; specialized career certificates; continuing professional education; adult education; and global learning including study abroad. International partnerships offer opportunities for double degrees and an international MBA. Programs are in-person, hybrid or fully online.

**UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** Seminole State offers bachelor's degrees in business and information management, construction, interior design, health sciences, RN to BSN (nursing), information systems technology (including programming, cybersecurity and simulation), and engineering technology (including mechatronics and robotics). DirectConnect™ to UCF offers guaranteed entry to UCF for A.A. university transfer degree graduates. Our newest A.S. degree in hospitality management launches Fall 2019.

**COST/AID:** Annual tuition and fees: \$3,131 for associate level or \$3,597 for bachelor's level for Florida residents. Seminole State awards more than \$1 million in institutional scholarships and approximately \$50 million in financial aid annually.

**FACULTY:** Students learn from professors with master's and doctoral degrees. While some of our faculty continue to research and publish in their discipline, their primary focus is teaching. Faculty are committed to individual student success by promoting discussion, in-depth

study and one-on-one interaction, both inside and outside the classroom. In workforce programs, many faculty are licensed practitioners sharing real-world experience.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** All of Seminole State's four campuses offer certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees and university transfer (A.A.) programs. Academic specialties range from health care and nursing at Altamonte Springs, interior design and construction at Heathrow, and engineering technology at Oviedo. Our largest, 200-acre Sanford/Lake Mary Campus is home to adult education, the English Language Institute, the Honors Institute, the Planetarium, the Center for Fine and Performing Arts, Automotive Training and Public Safety.

**STUDENT LIFE:** Students can participate in more than 50 clubs and organizations, student government, leadership and career development, intramural and recreational sports, volunteer opportunities, and arts, music and theater events.

**ATHLETICS:** Seminole State is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Florida College System Activities Association's (FCSAA) Mid-Florida Conference. Raiders compete in baseball, softball, women's golf, men's and women's cross country. Our women's golf team is No. 1 in the country; our softball team is No. 5 in the state.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** Seminole State is a Gold College in the Florida College System for graduation rates, job placement and graduate starting salaries. We have one of the best nursing programs in the nation and 17 Jack Kent Cooke Scholars. Students choose Seminole State for its affordable tuition, small class settings (averaging 25 students), academic excellence, convenience, quality faculty, workforce training aligned with industry and access to four-year universities, but also for our culture and our expectation that they will thrive, succeed and "Go Far."







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Real-world-ready degrees and a 93% job placement rate get you from learning to earning right away. Affordable tuition keeps your academic and financial future open and optimistic. And, we'll prep you for a 4-year university and beyond, or you can choose from one of our seven bachelor's degrees in select high-demand careers.

As a Florida College System "Gold" College, Seminole State is an example of what modern public education should look like – respected, diverse, flexible, highly affordable, and applicable for today's job market. We welcome students from all backgrounds, at every point of their academic journey, to experience *the Seminole State difference.*

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# Stetson University

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**STETSON**  
UNIVERSITY

**INSTITUTION TYPE:**  
Comprehensive

**CAMPUS TYPE:**  
Residential

**UNDERGRADUATE  
ENROLLMENT:** 3,150

**ACCEPTANCE RATE:** 63%

**RETENTION RATE:** 76.4%

**YEAR ESTABLISHED:** 1883

**PRESIDENT:**  
Wendy B. Libby, Ph.D.

**MISSION:** Stetson University provides an excellent education in a creative community where learning and values meet. We foster in students the qualities of mind and heart that will prepare them to reach their full potential as informed citizens of local communities and the world.

**ACADEMICS:** At Stetson, education means discovering your passions and gaining skills that are highly sought-after by today's employers. With our faculty as guides, you'll experience high-impact learning, building your confidence. Choose from more than 86 areas of study and get ready to be challenged!

**UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** Stetson is recognized for integrative health, behavioral and environmental sciences, aquatic and marine biology and a computer science program known for its cybersecurity and hacking. The competitive Roland George Investment Program provides students experience in a high-tech trading room, buying and selling stocks and bonds using a \$3.5-million endowment. Other programs: Centurion Sales, Prince Entrepreneurship Program and a finance concentration in Certified Financial Planning. Stetson's undergraduate-only School of Music is unique because it emphasizes academics and performance. It is known worldwide for its vocal training programs in operatic and choral.

**COST/AID:** On average, Stetson families received \$38,367 of financial aid per year from all sources including scholarships, grants, loans and work-study. Nearly 90% of our incoming class receives a merit scholarship based on high school GPA, standardized test scores, recommendation letters and community service.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** Faculty research is diverse and dynamic at Stetson University. Projects range from impact studies with the Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience or the

Institute for Biodiversity and Law, sea level rise, fresh water springs, higher education law and policy, prisoner education, video games and society, plants and anticancer properties, the social epidemiology of cancer, dataset clusters and cybersecurity.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** The DeLand campus is home to Arts and Sciences, Business and Music, while the College of Law is in Gulfport, Fla. There are also the Center at Celebration and the Tampa Law Center. Stetson is well known for environmentally friendly, award-winning construction and its eight buildings on the National Register of Historic Places.

**STUDENT LIFE:** Living on campus is an integral part of the Stetson experience. Students enjoy more than 100 student clubs and organizations, and Stetson was recently named No. 2 on the Top 25 Most Pet-Friendly American Colleges.

**ATHLETICS:** Stetson University offers 17 Division I, NCAA programs, and competes in the ASUN Conference and Pioneer Football League. In 2018, Stetson baseball made it to the Super Regionals in its run for the College World Series. Stetson alumni enjoy careers on Major League Baseball and NFL teams.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** First-year students can participate in The Stetson Promise, which commits that students will graduate in four years or less, or Stetson will cover the cost of tuition for up to one full semester; students will participate in internships and experiential learning, and engage with great faculty in stand-out and distinctive academic programs. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Stetson University No. 5 on its 2019 list of Best Regional Universities (South) and No. 3 for Best for Veterans Regional Universities (South). Stetson has been recognized as one of *The Princeton Review's* 384 Best Colleges 2019. Stetson achieves a 91% placement rate (70% employed and 21% in graduate school) within six months of graduation.



Wendy B. Libby, Ph.D.





It's rare to hear colleges making promises. At Stetson University, we stand behind our word and your education – preparing you to go beyond in all you do.

Here, you go beyond classrooms and coursework, beyond expectations and experiences and beyond success - we promise.

#### **4 YEARS OR LESS**

At Stetson University we promise a 4-Year Plan and the advising you need to graduate in four years, or less, or Stetson will cover the cost of tuition for up to one full semester to finish your degree.

#### **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND INTERNSHIPS**

At Stetson University we promise that every student will put "theory into practice" through internships or other high-impact learning experiences.

#### **MENTORING AND DISTINCTIVE ACADEMICS**

At Stetson University we promise you will experience excellent faculty in outstanding and distinctive academic programs.



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# Tallahassee Community College

Tallahassee • [tcc.fl.edu](http://tcc.fl.edu)



**INSTITUTION TYPE:**  
Community College

**CAMPUS TYPE:**  
Commuter

**UNDERGRADUATE  
ENROLLMENT:** 12,500

**ACCEPTANCE RATE:** 100%

**RETENTION RATE:** 67%

**YEAR ESTABLISHED:** 1966

**PRESIDENT:**  
Dr. Jim Murdaugh

**MISSION:** To provide a learning environment that prepares students for success in a global economy by offering higher education pathways, workforce opportunities and civic engagement experiences.

**ACADEMICS:** For more than half a century TCC has focused its efforts on affordability, accessibility and academic excellence. We offer 70 degree and certificate programs in a variety of fields from business management to engineering to nursing to law enforcement. Our A.A. degree for transfer to a state university also offers multiple tracks for those who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree or higher.

**UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS:** TCC offers students the opportunity to start their college or professional career with the skills they need to achieve whatever goals they set. A TCC education is about more than just learning about a subject, it is preparation for life. Top ranked programs include nursing, dental hygiene and paralegal. TCC's two transfer programs, TCC2FSU and TCC2FAMU, provide students one-on-one advising with transfer-focused advisors, support for applying to limited majors and special transfer scholarships.

**COST/AID:** The in-state cost per credit hour is \$100.83, which is among the lowest in Florida. For the 2018-19 school year, the TCC Foundation awarded more than \$550,000 in scholarships to more than 600 students based on merit, need and other factors.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** TCC is a high performing institution with a reputation for its student-centered, dedicated faculty and workforce stability. Seven in 10 of TCC's faculty and staff have been with the college for five years or more. The college provides opportunities for professional development through tuition reimbursement, waivers and the college's Center for Professional Enrichment for faculty. The center provides leadership, support, and

guidance through a continuum of strategic enrichment opportunities for faculty, staff and administrators as they discover, explore, implement and evaluate practices that lead to success and unity. TCC also hosts a variety of programs to recognize faculty and staff achievements.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** TCC's main campus is located on the west side of Tallahassee, 3.5 miles west of the State Capitol and two miles west of Florida State University. The College has service centers in Gadsden and Wakulla counties, as well as a Center for Innovation in downtown Tallahassee. TCC's healthcare programs (with the exception of dental health) are housed in the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education. TCC operates the Wakulla Environmental Institute in Wakulla County and the Gadsden County-based Florida Public Safety Institute, home to the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy.

**STUDENT LIFE:** At TCC, we believe leadership takes many forms, from participating in a student organization to volunteering for a service project. By taking advantage of the many opportunities we offer to get involved, our students strengthen our campus community as well as themselves. The Student Leadership, Involvement and Civic Engagement office is a hub for campus activities, programs and volunteer opportunities.

**ATHLETICS:** TCC offers men's and women's basketball, men's baseball, women's softball, men's and women's track & field and cross-country, along with intramural sports for students who want fun competition. The women's basketball team is the reigning National Champion in the NJCAA division.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** Nearly 80% of TCC graduates transfer to a four-year institution in Florida after graduation. TCC is the top transfer school to both FSU and FAMU. TCC is ranked by Zippia.com No. 1 in Florida for the percentage of graduates employed 10 years after graduation.







The TCC2FSU Program is ideal for students who wish to earn a degree at Florida State University after completing an Associate in Arts degree at Tallahassee Community College.



**TCC2FSU PROGRAM PERKS INCLUDE:**

- *One-on-one advising with transfer-focused TCC and FSU advisors*
- *FSU Campus Recreation passes available for purchase*
- *Opportunity to apply for special TCC2FSU transfer scholarships*
- *Low tuition rates for Florida students around \$100 per credit hour*

Join us for TCC2FSU Day to find out more about the program, meet with TCC and FSU reps, tour the campus, explore the community and living arrangements.

Visit **[WWW.TCC2FSU.COM](http://WWW.TCC2FSU.COM)** to pick your date and learn more.

**April 5** | 1 – 3 p.m. | FSU Garnet and Gold Spring Game weekend

**April 12** | 1 – 3 p.m. | Word of South Literature and Music Festival weekend



# University of Central Florida

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**INSTITUTION TYPE:**  
Public, 4-year Research University

**CAMPUS TYPE:**  
Large, Urban, Residential

**UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:**  
58,913

**ACCEPTANCE RATE:** 35.9%

**RETENTION RATE:** 90.4%

**YEAR ESTABLISHED:** 1963

**MISSION:** The University of Central Florida is a public multi-campus, metropolitan research university. Its mission is to offer high-quality undergraduate and graduate education, student development and continuing education; to conduct research and creative activities; and to provide services that enhance the intellectual, cultural, environmental and economic development of the metropolitan region, address national and international issues in key areas, establish UCF as a major presence and contribute to the global community.

**ACADEMICS:** UCF is an academic and research leader in numerous fields, including optics, modeling and simulation, engineering and computer science, business, education, biomedical sciences, hospitality management, digital media and more. UCF offers more than 220 degree programs, including more than 80 programs fully online. The university supplies more graduates to aerospace and defense companies than any other institution in the country, according to *Aviation Week*, and graduates more teachers than any other Florida university.

**UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** *U.S. News & World Report* ranks UCF among the nation's top 10 most innovative universities. UCF is home to the world-renowned Rosen College of Hospitality Management that offers degrees in hospitality, events, restaurant and foodservice, and entertainment. The college is located in the tourism capital of the world and in close proximity to Orlando's theme parks, affording students premier hands-on learning opportunities. UCF also has a national model — DirectConnect to UCF — that guarantees admission to students who earn associate degrees from six partnering Florida state colleges.

**COST/AID:** UCF offers need- and merit-based grants and scholarships, as well as one of the lowest tuition rates in the country at about \$6,300 a year.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** UCF faculty in 2018 received \$183 million in research funding and have accrued more than \$1 billion in external grants and contracts in the past decade. The university ranks nationally for its number of U.S. patents, as well as research that leads to new tech spinoffs. Through the Faculty Cluster Initiative, faculty create interdisciplinary teams to tackle today's most challenging scientific and societal problems. Faculty clusters exist in sustainable coastal systems, renewable energy, prosthetic interfaces, cybersecurity and more.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** UCF's main campus spans 1,415 acres, including 800 acres of natural ecosystems and habitats for Florida-native animal species. Beyond state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms, the campus has a full-service health clinic; a student union with study lounges, restaurants and meeting spaces; 10 on-campus housing communities; and a 149,000-square-foot Recreation and Wellness Center complete with a three-story climbing tower, indoor track, lap pool and more. UCF also has 11 regional campuses, a College of Medicine and a new UCF Lake Nona Cancer Center. Coming soon are a new campus in downtown Orlando and a hospital in partnership with Hospital Corporation of America.

**ATHLETICS:** UCF competes in the American Athletic Conference. UCF Football in 2017 won a national championship after a perfect 13-0 season and a Peach Bowl victory over Auburn. In 2018, Knights football again was undefeated in regular season play and won a second consecutive conference championship. More than 400 student athletes consistently maintain an average GPA of at least 3.0.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** UCF is one of the best college values in America, according to *Forbes* and *Kiplinger*. Beyond its affordable tuition, about 50% of first-time-in-college students at UCF graduate with no debt. Those who do accrue debt average \$21,818, compared to the national average of \$31,000.





# WHERE INNOVATION THRIVES



Student success is at the heart of everything we do at UCF. It's why we maintain high academic standards, are proud to be ranked as one of the nation's top 10 most innovative schools by *U.S. News & World Report* and are in constant pursuit of excellence to impact the world. By graduating more students annually than any other state

university in Florida, UCF empowers more students to expand perspectives, broaden opportunities and unleash their full potential. [ucf.edu/innovation](https://ucf.edu/innovation)

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA



# University of Florida

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## INSTITUTION TYPE:

Top-10 public land grant research

## CAMPUS TYPE:

Large, Residential

## UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:

36,436

## ACCEPTANCE RATE:

34%

## RETENTION RATE:

96%

## YEAR ESTABLISHED:

1853

## PRESIDENT:

W. Kent Fuchs

**MISSION:** The University of Florida is a comprehensive learning institution built on a land-grant foundation. We are The Gator Nation, a diverse community dedicated to excellence in education and research and shaping a better future for Florida, the nation and the world. Our mission is to enable our students to lead and influence the next generation and beyond for economic, cultural and societal benefit.

**ACADEMICS:** As one of the most comprehensive universities in the nation, UF offers 100 undergraduate degree programs and more than 200 graduate programs. UF's Center for Undergraduate Research allows first-year students to learn from world-renowned faculty members by doing research right alongside them. The Honors Program provides intellectually stimulating experiences designed to create graduates who have disciplinary depth and who also have the ability to fully engage in meaningful dialogue across disciplines.

**UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** Innovation Academy, which allows students to attend class in spring and summer and use fall for study-abroad and internships. UF Online, a fully online bachelor's degree program.

**COST/AID:** \$6,380 (in-state), \$28,658 (out-of-state). UF distributes more than \$500 million in financial aid annually. More than 60% of UF students graduate with no student loan debt.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** UF has more than 5,000 faculty members with distinguished records in teaching, research and service, including 37 Eminent Scholar chairs and 45 faculty elections to the National Academy

of Sciences, Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, or the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Awards include a Fields Medal, two Pulitzer Prizes, NASA's top award for research, and Smithsonian Institution's conservation award. UF received a record \$837 million in research funding in FY2018.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** Our 2,000-acre campus is home to more than 1,000 buildings. UF is one of only six universities in the country with colleges of medicine, engineering, veterinary medicine, agriculture and law all on one campus.

**STUDENT LIFE:** More than 1,000 student organizations offer students a wide variety of activities and engagement. From Florida Quidditch and the Ukulele Club to Engineers Without Borders and the Gator Gardening Club, students are sure to find the right fit. UF also has a vibrant sorority and fraternity scene with an estimated 20% of UF students belonging to a Greek organization.

**ATHLETICS:** The Gators compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Southeastern Conference (SEC), and are consistently ranked among the top college sports programs in the United States. Florida is the only school in NCAA Division I history to hold the men's basketball and football championships during the same school year. We also are a school that brings home the gold, as in Olympic Gold. Since 1968, 163 Gators have represented 37 countries in 18 Olympiads. Former and current Gator athletes have laid claim to 109 medals, including 50 golds.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** UF is a top-10 school, ranked No. 8 by *U.S. News & World Report's* list of the best public universities, the only school in Florida in the top 10. UF also is the only Florida university to belong to the Association of American Universities, the top-62 research institutions in North America.



The letters 'UF' in a bold, white, sans-serif font on an orange background.A large background image showing three students in a lab setting. A male student in a black shirt with a 'FLORIDA' logo is holding a white drone. A female student in a blue shirt is looking at the drone. Another male student in a blue shirt is wearing a white head-mounted display (HMD) and looking at the drone. The background is a mix of orange, blue, and white patterns.A large background image showing a tall, ornate building, likely a university tower, with a blue sky and greenery at the base.

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From brain cancer and hurricanes to identity theft and climate change, our researchers are working tirelessly to tackle our most pressing challenges. Time and time again, the state, the nation and the world turn to UF experts for their extensive knowledge, keen insights and trusted advice.

Our drive to explore, inspire and improve our world is what keeps us moving forward. In the lab, on our shorelines and in the eye of the storm, we're facing Florida's challenges head-on. Because innovation begins right here. With UF.

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U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT 2019

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# University of South Florida

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## INSTITUTION TYPE:

Public, offering undergraduate, graduate, specialist, doctoral and professional degrees

## CAMPUS TYPE:

Urban, Residential

## UNDERGRADUATE

ENROLLMENT: 31,389

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 43%

RETENTION RATE: 90%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1956

## PRESIDENT:

Judy Genshaft

**MISSION:** The University of South Florida's mission is to deliver competitive undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, to generate knowledge, foster intellectual development and ensure student success in a global environment.

**ACADEMICS:** Across 14 colleges, undergraduates choose from more than 180 majors and concentrations, from business and engineering to the arts and health professions.

**UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** USF offers undergraduates a myriad of programs designed to help them pursue their passions. Programs include a new cybersecurity major, where students learn how to ensure online security and protect digital assets, and they also take courses in business, ethics and policy. In the pre-med dual degree with business/biomedical sciences, students learn about the business of medicine, which is useful to both physicians and administrators in the health care sector.

**COST/AID:** Undergraduate tuition and fees for Florida residents are \$6,410; non-resident tuition and fees are \$17,324. Along with generous financial aid and scholarships, many student employment opportunities are available.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** USF is a Preeminent State Research University, placing it in the most elite category of Florida institutions. With \$568 million in annual research expenditures,

USF ranks 25th among public universities nationally for research spending. In addition, USF is the top producer of Fulbright Scholars in the U.S. for 2018-19, and is the nation's fifth leading public university in generating new United States utility patents — a key measure of innovation.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** Students take advantage of endless

opportunities to make the most of their time at USF, including attending concerts and basketball games in the Yuengling Center. The newly expanded, state-of-the-art recreation center includes two gyms, an indoor suspended track and indoor pool. Outdoor facilities include 13 football and soccer fields, an outdoor pool and lounge area, two softball fields, 16 tennis courts and a 1.2-mile shaded running trail. USF's main library provides access to more than 2 million academic journals, databases and books, as well as research assistance. The library's Learning Commons offers high-tech study areas, tutoring, a SMART Lab and a Writing Center. High-tech classrooms and labs throughout the campus facilitate learning and teaching.

**STUDENT LIFE:** USF offers more than 600 official student organizations ranging from social to academic, political to religious. The arts thrive with more than 300 yearly concerts, performances, exhibitions, lectures, symposia and festivals, many free of charge. The Contemporary Art Museum presents significant exhibitions of contemporary art from around the world and maintains the university's art collection, comprised of more than 5,000 works. The Phyllis P. Marshall Student Center is the heart of campus. It offers conferences and meeting spaces, a ballroom and auditorium and a variety of retail options, including restaurants, wellness center, pharmacy and credit union.

**ATHLETICS:** USF participates in NCAA Division I athletics with nine women's and eight men's varsity sports. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** Faculty and staff believe that every student will succeed if given the opportunity to do so. At USF, all students graduate at the same rate, regardless of race, ethnicity or family income level. In March 2019, the American Council on Education honored USF with its Institutional Transformation award in recognition of achievements in student success, including retention and graduation rates.





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# University of South Florida College of Public Health

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**INSTITUTION TYPE:**  
Public, 4-year and above

**CAMPUS TYPE:**  
Large, Urban, Residential

**UNDERGRADUATE  
ENROLLMENT:** 634

**ACCEPTANCE RATE:** 65%

**RETENTION RATE:** 84%

**YEAR ESTABLISHED:** 1984

**LEADERSHIP:**  
President Judy Genshaft  
Dean Donna Petersen

**MISSION:** Our collective mission is to provide excellence in public health education, leadership, advocacy, research and service; to nurture and motivate our students; and to deliver enhanced health and well-being to all humankind through collaborative partnerships with researchers, educators, health professionals and administrators.

**ACADEMICS:** “Our practice is our passion” is more than our tagline. Every day our students work tirelessly to improve the health of populations in Tampa and around the world. The college is ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as No. 1 in Florida, No. 2 public institution in the Southeast and No. 16 nationally among Council on Education for Public Health accredited public health schools and colleges. Students choose from six degree programs in on-campus, online or blended formats — Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH), Master of Public Health (MPH), Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH), Master of Health Administration (MHA), Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Doctor of Public Health (DrPH). Student success is our number one priority, with more than 20+ concentrations, day and evening courses and almost 100 online courses.

**UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** USF is home to the first accredited undergraduate public health degree in Florida. With established study abroad programs to London, Japan, Panama and Cuba, plus formal research opportunities with faculty, it's no wonder why students say the #USFCOPHRocks.

**COST/AID:** The college makes a variety of funding vehicles available to degree-seeking students. For the 2018-19 academic year, Florida undergraduates paid \$6,410 (30 credit hours) and graduate students paid \$7,840 (18 credit hours) in tuition and fees. Additionally, the college offers a reduced-rate program for out-of-state online students and

the Academic Common Market tuition-savings program. More at: [health.usf.edu/publichealth/academicaffairs/finaid](http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/academicaffairs/finaid).

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** The college has 241 faculty members with regular, adjunct and affiliate appointments, including six who earned the designation of Distinguished University Professor or Distinguished University Health Professor. In fiscal year 2017–2018, the college's faculty generated \$22.9 million in external grants and contracts.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** Students who make public health their academic home thrive in our two renovated computer labs, high-tech active learning classrooms and refurbished common areas. Within the primary building there are 24 labs that support research and training. Located across campus, our Center for Global Health and Infectious Disease Research has approximately 26,000 square feet of BSL-2 and BSL-3 laboratories. The college is home to 12 internationally recognized centers and institutes addressing areas of public health importance. Plus, we joined the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy to form USF Health, whose mission is to envision and implement the future of health.

**STUDENT LIFE:** Our students are catalysts for health. They are the driving force behind 12 public health-related campus organizations. They continually present their award-winning research and practice at local, state, national and international professional meetings and are published in numerous peer-reviewed journals. They annually dedicate 2,400+ volunteer and 38k internship hours to making life better at home and around the world. Plus, our students really are going places. More than 100 students annually travel abroad to 20+ countries, including India, Belize, Uganda and Ecuador. Returned Peace Corps volunteers can also consider becoming a Paul D. Coverdell Fellow.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** If you have a passion for public health, you can practice it with us.





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# University of West Florida

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**INSTITUTION TYPE:**  
Public, 4-year and above

**CAMPUS TYPE:**  
Mid-sized, Suburban

**UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:**  
9,721

**ACCEPTANCE RATE:** 42%

**RETENTION RATE:** 82%

**YEAR ESTABLISHED:** 1963

**PRESIDENT:**  
Martha D. Saunders

**MISSION:** UWF's mission is to provide high-quality undergraduate and graduate education; conduct teaching and research that services the body of knowledge; and contribute to the needs of professions and society.

**ACADEMICS:** Home to five renowned academic colleges, UWF offers more than 45 undergraduate degree programs, 25 master's degree programs, two specialist degrees and two doctoral degrees. With approximately 13,000 students and an average class size of less than 40, UWF is committed to providing a close-knit academic experience.

**UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:**  
Cybersecurity, Supply Chain Logistics, Marine Biology, Maritime Studies, Anthropology

**COST/AID:** Estimated costs for students annually is \$15,940 (Florida resident) and \$28,840 (non-Florida resident), which includes tuition, housing and meal plans. Last year, UWF awarded nearly \$100 million in financial aid to UWF students.

**FACULTY/RESEARCH:** UWF students are taught by ranked faculty, who are among the most talented in the nation and are consistently awarded funding for doctoral level research. UWF's robust, institutional research agenda focuses on identifying, supporting and promoting scholarly activities and bringing an excitement about research into the classroom. As authors, speakers, practitioners, creators and thought leaders, UWF faculty members make up a community of scholars committed to a transformative education for our students and to the next big idea for the greater good.

**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** The UWF Pensacola campus spans 1,600 acres and is located minutes away from historic Pensacola and some of the world's most beautiful beaches. UWF features state-of-the-art facilities, comfortable residence halls and a beautiful landscape that offers more than 20 miles of outdoor trails. UWF also hosts its Emerald Coast location in Fort Walton Beach. Managed by UWF Historic Trust, the University owns and operates 32 historic properties in Northwest Florida.

**STUDENT LIFE:** At UWF there are no limits for how our students can make a splash. With more than 160 registered student organizations, 15 athletic teams and a wide variety of recreational activities, UWF's campus is filled with ways to create an unforgettable college experience.

**ATHLETICS:** UWF Athletics holds nearly 100 athletic conference championships, including nine national championships, and features 15 varsity sports. The Argonauts compete in NCAA Division II.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** UWF offers the resources of a big campus, but our small class sizes ensure personalized, focused attention from some of the nation's most engaging professors. Undergraduate students at UWF conduct research reserved only for graduate students at other universities and are taught by ranked faculty. The institution is also consistently named a top military-friendly institution.



A man in a dynamic, athletic pose, possibly a dancer or athlete, is the central figure. He is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and jeans. Overlaid on his body and the background are vibrant green digital graphics, including a network of nodes and lines, and a large, glowing green sphere. The background is white with large, light green abstract shapes.

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Orlando, Ocala, Melbourne, St. Petersburg, Lakeland and Jacksonville  
webster.edu



## INSTITUTION TYPE:

Private, Graduate School

## CAMPUS TYPE:

Evening Campus

## ENROLLMENT:

9,101

## ACCEPTANCE RATE:

86%

## RETENTION RATE:

78%

## YEAR ESTABLISHED:

1915

## PRESIDENT:

Dr. Elizabeth J. Stroble

**MISSION:** With its home campus in St. Louis, Missouri, Webster University comprises an action-oriented global network of faculty, staff, students and alumni who forge powerful bonds with each other and with their communities around the globe. Founded in 1915, Webster is a private non-profit university with students studying at campus locations in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa and in a robust learning environment online. The university is committed to ensuring high-quality learning experiences that transform students for global citizenship and individual excellence.

**ACADEMICS:** Accelerated evening graduate programs for adult professional students. Programs include MBA with 12 areas of emphasis, MHA, cybersecurity, counseling, finance, ITM, human resources, management and leadership, human services and criminal justice. Webster also offers certificate programs in business and technology.

**COST/AID:** All classes are 3-credit hours. \$615 per credit hour on campus; \$780 per credit hour online; first responders and active duty military, \$370 per credit hour. Webster University Corporate Partnership program is focused on ONE thing: to enable partner companies to attract, retain and reinvigorate the most important asset in their organization — the employees. Qualified employees can pursue a graduate or certificate program in an area of choice at a discounted, preferred tuition rate. Webster University's Corporate Cohorts allow organizations to have their employees take courses together. Cohorts have small class sizes ensuring individualized attention. Classmates are fellow colleagues, which enhances teamwork and promotes heightened class discussions specific to their

company or organization. What is learned in the classroom is applicable the next day at work.


**CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:** All Central Florida campus locations in Orlando, Ocala, Jacksonville, St. Petersburg, Melbourne and Lakeland offer convenient suburban and urban campuses. Classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art technology, and each campus offers facilities that include multiple classrooms, computer labs, student resource labs, student lounges and advising offices. Convenient free parking is available at each location.

**STUDENT LIFE:** Working professionals attend evening classes one night a week and can complete their graduate programs in as little as 20 months while working full time. The university's experienced faculty are practitioners in their field and bring a real world perspective to the classroom. Dedicated student services teams insure Webster students receive personal attention and are successful in Webster's accelerated graduate programs. Webster's flexible class delivery allows students to choose classes online, on campus or in a hybrid format to meet their personal and work schedules.

**VALUE PROPOSITION:** From our historic Webster Groves campus to Central Florida and campus locations worldwide, every Webster University campus is inviting and personal — with an esteemed student-focused faculty. Our programs are flexible and our reach is global; both our students and faculty are from around the world, creating a diverse learning environment. Our mission is bold, and appropriate for these times. Webster University, a worldwide institution, ensures high-quality learning experiences that transform students for global citizenship and individual excellence.








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Master of Health Administration (MHA)

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*School Counseling Specialization for Grades K-12*

*Human Resources Development*

*Human Resources Management*

*Human Services*

*Information Technology Management*

*Management and Leadership*

Master of Science:

*Criminal Justice - coming Fall 2019*

*Cybersecurity*

*Finance*

Graduate Certificates:

*Cybersecurity: Threat Detection*

*Government Contracting*

*Latino Media*

*Latino Communication Leadership*

*Project Management*



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**Jacksonville NAS:** 904-779-7124 | [webster.edu/jacksonville](http://webster.edu/jacksonville)

**Lakeland:** 863-687-9309 | [webster.edu/lakeland](http://webster.edu/lakeland)

**Melbourne:** 321-449-4500 | [webster.edu/spacecoast](http://webster.edu/spacecoast)

**Ocala:** 352-861-9330 | [webster.edu/ocala](http://webster.edu/ocala)

**Orlando:** 407-869-8111 | [webster.edu/orlando](http://webster.edu/orlando)

**St. Petersburg:** 727-570-9300 | [webster.edu/stpetersburg](http://webster.edu/stpetersburg)

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**Kira Burch** grew up at her father's side as he worked on airplanes. So her career choice was clear. At George Stone Technical College, Burch has completed general maintenance and is enrolled in airframe mechanics while apprenticing at ST Engineering under the guidance of seasoned instructors.

**Kira Burch**, George Stone Technical College, Pensacola

*"I am having a good experience and have had great mentors."*



**Gabriel Kavan** was an 11th grader who loved gaming when he enrolled in software and game design, programming and engineering courses at Orange Technical College. By the time his peers were graduating high school, Kavan had already earned three certificates and was pulling down a sweet salary at Steamroller Studios in Mount Dora.

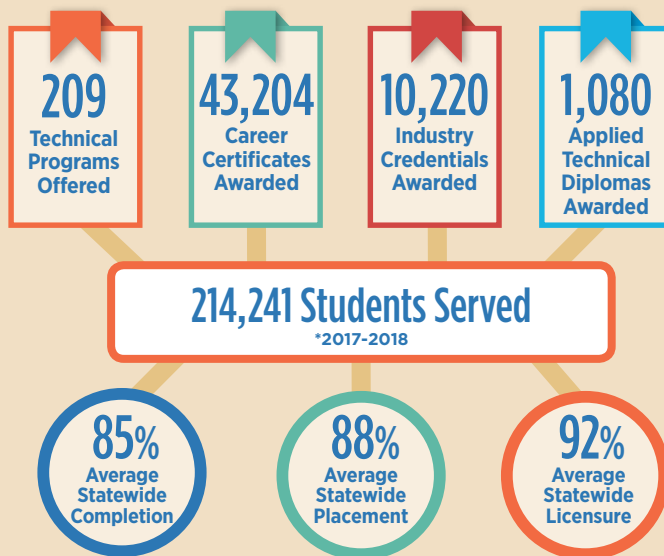


*"I'm living the dream."*

**Gabriel Kavan**, Orange Technical College, Orlando



## Florida's Technical Colleges Make an Impact



**Pedro Martinez** was in his 40s and sidelined by a workplace injury when he decided to pursue a new career in information technology. He enrolled at Florida Panhandle Technical College, received scholarships and financial aid, and to date has earned 18 industry certifications.

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**Pedro Martinez**  
Florida Panhandle Technical College,  
Chipley

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**Diane Culpepper**  
Executive  
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- Toran Davis,  
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### Research Colleges and Universities

Compare campuses, costs, deadlines, requirements, enrollment, and much more...all in one place!

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Learn about the various degrees, programs, and certificates available from colleges and universities in Florida. Go to [FloridaShines.org](http://FloridaShines.org) and select "Discover Programs" to begin.

### Download a College and Career Planner

This handy online tool can help you map out coursework needed for high school and college. Go to [FloridaShines.org](http://FloridaShines.org) and select "Get Ready for College" to read or download the Planner.

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# Directory of Schools

Florida's public and private colleges offer a wide range of degrees, certificates and experiences; many also offer online degree programs. Whichever path you choose, you can find the right place to pursue your goals in the Sunshine State.

## STATE UNIVERSITIES

**Florida A&M University**  
Tallahassee  
(850) 599-3796  
[famu.edu](http://famu.edu)

**Florida Atlantic University**  
Boca Raton  
(561) 297-3040  
[fau.edu](http://fau.edu)

**Florida Gulf Coast University**  
Fort Myers  
(800) 590-3428  
[fgcu.edu](http://fgcu.edu)

**Florida International University**  
Miami  
(305) 348-7000  
[fiu.edu](http://fiu.edu)

**Florida Polytechnic University**  
Lakeland  
(863) 583-9050  
[floridapoly.edu](http://floridapoly.edu)

**Florida State University**  
Tallahassee  
(850) 644-6200  
[fsu.edu](http://fsu.edu)

**New College of Florida**  
Sarasota  
(941) 487-5000  
[ncf.edu](http://ncf.edu)

**University of Central Florida**  
Orlando  
(407) 823-2000  
[ucf.edu](http://ucf.edu)

**University of Florida**  
Gainesville  
(352) 392-1365  
[admissions.ufl.edu](http://admissions.ufl.edu)

**University of North Florida**  
Jacksonville  
(904) 620-1000  
[unf.edu](http://unf.edu)

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Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee  
(813) 974-3350  
[usf.edu/system/](http://usf.edu/system/)

**University of West Florida**  
Pensacola  
(800) 263-1074  
[uwf.edu](http://uwf.edu)

## STATE COLLEGES

**Broward College**  
Fort Lauderdale, Coconut Creek, Davie, Miramar, Pembroke Pines, Weston  
(954) 201-7350  
[broward.edu](http://broward.edu)

**Chipola College**  
Marianna  
(850) 526-2761  
[chipola.edu](http://chipola.edu)

**College of Central Florida**  
Ocala, Chiefland, Lecanto  
(352) 873-5800  
[cf.edu](http://cf.edu)

**Daytona State College**  
Daytona Beach, DeLand, Deltona, New Smyrna Beach, Palm Coast  
(386) 506-3059  
[daytonastate.edu](http://daytonastate.edu)

**Eastern Florida State College**  
Cocoa, Melbourne, Palm Bay, Titusville  
(321) 632-1111  
[easternflorida.edu](http://easternflorida.edu)

**Florida Gateway College**  
Lake City, Bell, Cross City, Olustee  
(386) 752-1822  
[fgc.edu](http://fgc.edu)

**Florida Keys Community College**  
Key West, Marathon, Tavernier  
(305) 296-9081  
[fkcc.edu](http://fkcc.edu)

**Florida SouthWestern State College**  
Fort Myers, LaBelle, Naples, Punta Gorda  
(800) 749-2322  
[fsw.edu](http://fsw.edu)

**Florida State College at Jacksonville**  
Jacksonville, Yulee  
(904) 646-2300  
[fscj.edu](http://fscj.edu)

**Gulf Coast State College**  
Panama City, Port St. Joe, Tyndall Air Force Base  
(850) 769-1551  
[gulfcoast.edu](http://gulfcoast.edu)

**Hillsborough Community College**  
Tampa, Brandon, MacDill Air Force Base, Plant City, Ruskin  
(813) 253-7000  
[hccfl.edu](http://hccfl.edu)

**Indian River State College**  
Fort Pierce, Okeechobee, Port St. Lucie, Stuart, Vero Beach  
(772) 462-4722  
[irsc.edu](http://irsc.edu)

**Lake-Sumter State College**  
Leesburg, Clermont, Sumterville  
(352) 787-3747  
[lssc.edu](http://lssc.edu)

**Miami Dade College**  
Miami, Doral, Hialeah, Homestead  
(305) 237-8888  
[mdc.edu](http://mdc.edu)

**North Florida Community College**  
Madison  
(850) 973-2288  
[nfcc.edu](http://nfcc.edu)

**Northwest Florida State College**  
Niceville, Crestview, DeFuniak Springs, Fort Walton Beach, Hurlburt Field, Santa Rosa Beach  
(850) 678-5111  
[nwfsc.edu](http://nwfsc.edu)

**Palm Beach State College**  
Lake Worth, Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Loxahatchee Groves, Palm Beach Gardens  
(561) 967-7222  
[palmbeachstate.edu](http://palmbeachstate.edu)

**Pasco-Hernando State College**  
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**Pensacola State College**  
Pensacola, Century, Gulf Breeze, Milton  
(850) 484-1000  
[pensacolastate.edu](http://pensacolastate.edu)

**Polk State College**  
Winter Haven, Bartow, Lake Wales, Lakeland  
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[polk.edu](http://polk.edu)

**Santa Fe College**  
Gainesville, Alachua, Archer, Keystone Heights, Starke  
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[sfcollege.edu](http://sfcollege.edu)

**Seminole State College of Florida**  
Sanford, Altamonte Springs, Heathrow, Oviedo  
(407) 708-4722  
[seminolestate.edu](http://seminolestate.edu)

**South Florida State College**  
Avon Park, Arcadia, Bowling Green, Lake Placid  
(863) 453-6661  
[southflorida.edu](http://southflorida.edu)

**St. Johns River State College**  
Palatka, Orange Park, St. Augustine  
(386) 312-4030  
[sjrstate.edu](http://sjrstate.edu)

**St. Petersburg College**  
St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, Seminole, Tarpon Springs  
(727) 341-4772  
[spcollege.edu](http://spcollege.edu)

**State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota**  
Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch, Venice  
(941) 752-5000  
[scf.edu](http://scf.edu)

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Tallahassee, Havana  
(850) 201-8555  
[tcc.fl.edu](http://tcc.fl.edu)

**Valencia College**  
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[valenciacollege.edu](http://valenciacollege.edu)

## INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF FLORIDA

### AdventHealth University

Orlando  
(407) 303-7742  
[ahu.edu](http://ahu.edu)

### Ave Maria University

Ave Maria  
(239) 280-2550  
[avemaria.edu](http://avemaria.edu)

### Barry University

Miami Shores  
(800) 899-3100  
[barry.edu](http://barry.edu)

### Beacon College

Leesburg  
(855) 220-5374  
[beaconcollege.edu](http://beaconcollege.edu)

### Bethune-Cookman University

Daytona Beach  
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[cookman.edu](http://cookman.edu)

### Eckerd College

St. Petersburg  
(800) 456-9009  
[eckerd.edu](http://eckerd.edu)

### Edward Waters College

Jacksonville  
(904) 470-8000  
[ewc.edu](http://ewc.edu)

### Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Daytona Beach  
(800) 862-2416  
[erau.edu](http://erau.edu)

### Everglades University

Boca Raton  
(888) 854-5645  
[everglades-edu.info](http://everglades-edu.info)

### Flagler College

St. Augustine  
(800) 304-4208  
[flagler.edu](http://flagler.edu)

### Florida College

Temple Terrace  
(813) 988-5131  
[floridacollege.edu](http://floridacollege.edu)

### Florida Institute of Technology

Melbourne  
(321) 674-8000  
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### Florida Memorial University

Miami Gardens  
(305) 626-3600  
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### Florida Southern College

Lakeland  
(863) 680-4111  
[flsouthern.edu](http://flsouthern.edu)

### Hodges University

Naples  
(833) 510-1915  
[hodges.edu](http://hodges.edu)

### Jacksonville University

Jacksonville  
(904) 256-8000  
[ju.edu](http://ju.edu)

### Keiser University

Fort Lauderdale  
(888) 534-7379  
[keiseruniversity.edu](http://keiseruniversity.edu)

### Lynn University

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[lynn.edu](http://lynn.edu)

### Nova Southeastern University

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(800) 541-6682  
[nova.edu](http://nova.edu)

### Palm Beach Atlantic University

West Palm Beach  
(888) 468-6722  
[pba.edu](http://pba.edu)

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Sarasota  
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[rollins.edu](http://rollins.edu)

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Saint Leo  
(800) 334-5532  
[saintleo.edu](http://saintleo.edu)

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Lakeland  
(800) 500-8760  
[seu.edu](http://seu.edu)

### St. Thomas University

Miami Gardens  
(877) 788-7526  
[stu.edu](http://stu.edu)

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DeLand  
(386) 822-7100  
[stetson.edu](http://stetson.edu)

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Coral Gables  
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[miami.edu](http://miami.edu)

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Tampa  
(888) 646-2738  
[ut.edu](http://ut.edu)

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[altierus.edu](http://altierus.edu)

### Ana G. Mendez University System\*

Orlando, South Florida, Tampa  
[agmus.suagm.edu](http://agmus.suagm.edu)

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Miami, Tampa  
[artinstitutes.edu](http://artinstitutes.edu)

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Graceville, Jacksonville, Orlando  
[baptistcollege.edu](http://baptistcollege.edu)

### Carlos Albizu University\*

Miami  
[albizu.edu](http://albizu.edu)

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Jacksonville, Miramar  
[chamberlain.edu](http://chamberlain.edu)

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Fort Lauderdale, Altamonte Springs, Gainesville, Hollywood, Miami  
[citycollege.edu](http://citycollege.edu)

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[devry.edu](http://devry.edu)

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Boynton Beach, Hialeah, Jacksonville, Lauderdale Lakes, Margate, Miami, Orlando, Pembroke Pines, Tampa, West Palm Beach  
[floridacareercollege.edu](http://floridacareercollege.edu)

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Hialeah, Miami  
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Orlando, Cutler Bay, DeLand, Kissimmee, Lakeland, Pembroke Pines  
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[fullsail.edu](http://fullsail.edu)

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Winter Park  
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[jwu.edu](http://jwu.edu)

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Kissimmee  
[johnsonu.edu/Florida](http://johnsonu.edu/Florida)

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**Haney Technical Center**  
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(850) 767-5500  
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Starke  
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nftc.edu

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Coconut Creek  
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atlanticttechnicalcollege.edu

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(754) 321-5700  
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**Charlotte Technical College**  
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charlottetechcollege.net

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**Withlacoochee Technical College**  
Inverness  
(352) 726-2430  
wtcollege.org

### COLLIER COUNTY

**Immokalee Technical College**  
Immokalee  
(239) 377-9900  
itech.edu

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Naples  
(239) 377-0900  
lwtc.edu

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**George Stone Technical College**  
Pensacola  
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georgestonecollege.edu

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**Flagler Technical Institute**  
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fti.flaglerschools.com

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gadsdentech.org

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(352) 797-7091  
suntechd.com

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erwin.edu

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(813) 231-1840  
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laketech.org

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Cape Coral  
(239) 574-4440  
capecoraltech.edu

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Fort Myers  
(239) 334-4544  
fortmyerstech.edu

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livelytech.com

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dorseytechnicalcollege.com

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teciami.com

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bakeraviationtechcollege.com

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(305) 324-6070  
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Miami Lakes  
(305) 557-1100  
mlec.dadeschools.net

**Robert Morgan Educational Center & Technical College**  
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(305) 253-9920  
robertmorganeducer.com

### **South Dade Technical College**

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(305) 248-5723  
southdadetech.edu

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otcollege.net

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(407) 281-5155

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(407) 246-7060

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(407) 622-2900

### OSCEOLA COUNTY

**Osceola Technical College**  
otec.osceolaschools.net

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(407) 344-5080

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(407) 343-7341

**St. Cloud**  
(407) 343-7342

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(727) 893-2500

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