



# 28 colleges

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THE FLORIDA  
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- Broward College, Fort Lauderdale
- Chipola College, Marianna
- College of Central Florida, Ocala
- Daytona State College, Daytona Beach
- Eastern Florida State College, Cocoa
- Edison State College, Fort Myers
- Florida Gateway College, Lake City
- Florida Keys Community College, Key West
- Florida State College at Jacksonville, Jacksonville
- Gulf Coast State College, Panama City
- Hillsborough Community College, Tampa
- Indian River State College, Fort Pierce
- Lake-Sumter State College, Leesburg
- Miami Dade College, Miami
- North Florida Community College, Madison
- Northwest Florida State College, Niceville
- Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth
- Pasco-Hernando Community College, New Port Richey
- Pensacola State College, Pensacola
- Polk State College, Winter Haven
- Santa Fe College, Gainesville
- Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford
- South Florida State College, Avon Park
- St. Johns River State College, Palatka
- St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg
- State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton
- Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee
- Valencia College, Orlando

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THE *Florida*  
COLLEGE SYSTEM

STATE COLLEGES  
COLLEGES  
COMMUNITY COLLEGES



## Did you know

- There are 28 colleges in the Florida College System with 68 campuses located all over the state.
- Many of the fastest-growing jobs will be in occupations requiring the type of education and training offered by the Florida College System.
- With a standard high school diploma, a student may enroll in college-credit courses toward a certificate or associate degree program at a Florida College System institution.
- Students who earn an associate in arts degree from one of our colleges are guaranteed admission to the upper division of a state university or a Florida College System institution offering bachelor's degrees (not necessarily their first choice).
- Most students in the Florida College System receive federal and state financial aid.
- The average cost of tuition is much lower in the Florida College System compared to private institutions and public universities. In fact, many institutions now offer select bachelor's degree programs costing students no more than \$10,000.
- The Florida College System offers bachelor's degrees targeted to high-demand, high-need, critical workforce shortage areas.



## What does it take to be college and career ready?

Students are considered **college and career ready** when they have the knowledge, skills and academic preparation needed to enroll and succeed in introductory college credit-bearing courses within associate or bachelor's degree programs without the need for developmental education. These same attributes and levels of achievement are needed for entry into and success in postsecondary workforce education or jobs that offers gainful employment and career advancement.

The Florida College System continues to collaborate with school districts to increase college and career readiness by aligning high school graduation requirements to college entry expectations.

## What if I'm interested in dual enrollment?

- Check with your guidance counselor to determine if you are eligible for dual enrollment.
- Take a college-placement test, like the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test.
- Remember that grades earned through dual enrollment coursework become a permanent part of your college transcripts and impact financial aid eligibility.

## I want to attend a Florida College System institution. What's next?

- Fill out the college application in the spring of your senior year of high school.
- Check with the college admissions office about specific requirements.
- Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in the spring of your senior year to find out what type of financial aid you are eligible to receive. The FAFSA can be found at <http://fafsa.ed.gov>.
- Attend financial aid events in your area. For more information, ask your guidance counselor or call the advising office at your local college.
- Check with your high school guidance counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate with a standard high school diploma.
- Consult with the college you're interested in attending to ensure you meet the residency requirements. You must meet residency requirements in order to get in-state tuition, which is considerably less expensive than out-of-state tuition.
- Visit the college campus.
- Register for an orientation to the college you are interested in attending.