

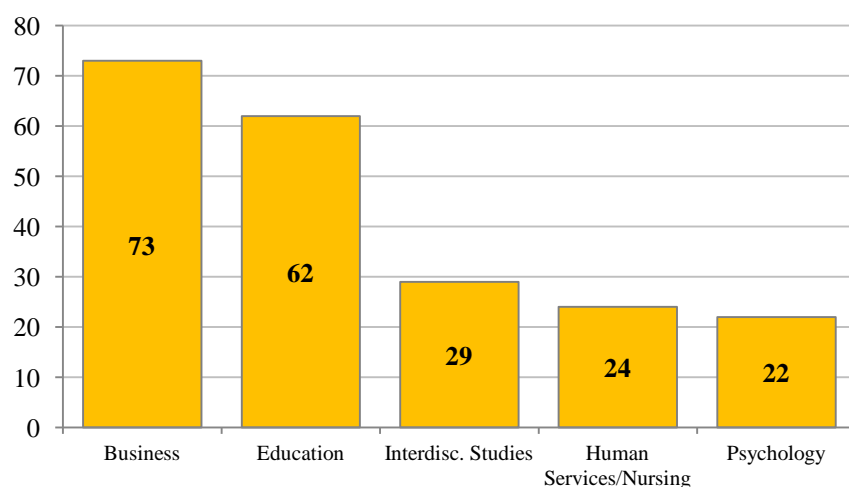
The Florida College System – Transparency, Accountability, Progress, and Performance

HOW MANY CONCURRENT- AND JOINT-USE PARTNERSHIPS DOES THE FCS HAVE?

Since 2000-01, concurrent-use and joint-use partnerships between institutions in The Florida College System (FCS) and universities within Florida and the United States have continuously provided additional educational options to support the diverse needs of students. Concurrent-use partnerships are academic programs offered at FCS facilities in partnership with four-year public or private institutions; joint-use partnerships include academic programs in facilities on FCS campuses that have been funded through the Legislature. Concurrent- and joint-use partnerships provide students the convenience of taking courses on a FCS campus and access to earning an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree from a university partner.

A survey of all FCS institutions showed 25 of 28 colleges currently has partnerships with other colleges and universities. In 2011-12, there were 358 partnerships which included 291 baccalaureate programs, 55 masters programs, 6 doctorate programs, 2 Education Specialist programs, and 4 professional programs. Since 2000-01, the number of partnerships has increased 91 percent and in 2011-12, over 15,000 students enrolled in partnership programs. Partnerships were with 6 State University System (SUS) institutions, 6 Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) institutions, and 5 out of state universities.

Fig. 1. Five Most Prevalent Majors Offered Through Partnership Programs, 2011-12



Business (73 programs); Education (62 programs); Interdisciplinary Studies (29 programs); Human Services/Nursing (24 programs); and Psychology (22 programs). Table 1 shows the majors with the most enrollments with Business topping the list with 3,797 students enrolled in 2011-12. Four of the majors shown in Table 1 are also included in the five most common majors offered through partnership programs in Figure 1.

In addition to local college and university options, concurrent- and joint-use programs also offer a wide array of programs conveniently offered at a FCS campus. Partnerships between FCS institutions, state public and private universities, and a few out-of-state institutions provide Floridians with many choices for pursuing a college education.

For a list of partnership programs available, please visit the FCS baccalaureate [website](#). To learn about degree program requirements at institutions in Florida, please see “Degrees & Careers” at the [Florida Virtual Campus](#). To find education opportunities close to home, please visit the [Florida College Directory](#).

Fifty-seven percent (57.0% or 204 of 358 programs) of all concurrent- and joint-use partnerships were with Florida SUS institutions. Seventy-six percent (76 percent or 12,118) of students were enrolled in partnership programs in the State University System. Approximately 37 percent (131 of 358) of partnerships were with ICUF institutions with about 2,775 (17.6 percent) of all students enrolled in partnership programs.

All programs were categorized by their two-digit Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code. There were 25 different CIP categories represented via concurrent- and joint-use partnerships. As shown in Figure 1, of the 358 programs, the five most prevalent programs are:

Table 1. Five Partnership Majors with Most Enrollments, 2011-12

Business – 3,797
Education – 3,190
Psychology – 1,684
Human Services/Nursing – 1,198
Political Science - 856