

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

Are Florida College System Baccalaureate Program Enrollments Growing?

Yes. Baccalaureate program enrollments in the Florida College System (FCS) are at an all time high level. **The number of students enrolled in baccalaureate programs in FCS institutions reached a record level of 30,515 in 2012-13. Over the last five years headcount enrollments have nearly quadrupled** (grew 3.8 times). Students mostly participate in baccalaureate programs part-time often due to career or family responsibilities. Full-time-equivalent (FTE) calculations convert the part-time students to full-time status. The annual FTE figure reflects the total credit hours being taken by all students divided by 30, which is the number of semester hours traditionally considered a full-time class load. **Over the last five years FTE enrollments more than tripled** from 3,521 in 2008-09 to 11,399 in 2012-13 (grew 3.2 times).

At the time of publication, 24 of 28 FCS colleges were authorized to offer 168 baccalaureate programs. The most popular programs based on enrollments appear in Table 2. For 2012-13, supervision and management enrolled over 11,000 students.

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Headcount	8,048	13,171	19,366	25,389	30,515
% Change Headcount	50.9%	63.7%	47.0%	31.1%	20.2%
Full Time Equivalent Enrollments (FTE)	3,521	5,377	7,584	9,722	11,399
% Change FTE	53.8%	52.7%	41.0%	28.2%	17.2%

Source: Community College Technical Center MIS & FCS Research & Analytics.
Headcount: FCS Fact Book. FTE counts: FTE report, FCS Budget Office

Nursing had almost 4,500 enrollments, education enrollments were over 3,600 while other majors that had over 1,000 enrollments include public safety administration, business administration, and health service administration.

Supervision/Management: 11,263
Nursing: 4,470
Education: 3,626
Public Safety Administration: 1,471
Business Administration: 1,236
Health Service Administration: 1,232
Source: AA1A Report

Overall, Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) programs that are workforce-related for regional needs account for most enrollments (17,840). Examples of BAS programs include cardiopulmonary science, clinical laboratory science, and public safety administration. Bachelor of Science (BS) programs in areas such as general biology, engineering technology or financial services had over 4,579 enrollments in 2012-13. Nursing programs were fourth overall (4,470 enrollments) and education programs enrolled 3,626 students for the same year.

Table 3 identifies colleges with 10 or more approved baccalaureate programs in 2012-13. St. Petersburg College which was the first FCS institution to offer baccalaureate programs has 25 programs from which students can choose. Following close behind are Indian River State College (17), Miami Dade College (16), and Florida State College at Jacksonville (14). Daytona State College and Broward College both offer 11 programs and Chipola College and Edison State College each has 10 programs. With a total of 24 colleges offering a variety of baccalaureate programs, students have many options from which to choose. Generally these programs are geared toward place-bound, working adults and non-traditional students with class schedules that meet outside of usual work hours. FCS baccalaureate programs are available close to home to allow individuals to build skills for advancement in their chosen careers and professions. The Florida College System offers a variety of [baccalaureate programs](#). To find what programs are available near you, visit the [Florida College Directory](#).

St. Petersburg College: 25
Indian River State College: 17
Miami Dade College: 16
Florida State College, Jacksonville: 14
Daytona State: 11 & Broward College: 11
Chipola College: 10 & Florida SouthWest: 10
Source: AA1A Report