

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

## How Many Florida College System Students Graduate with Baccalaureate Degrees?

In 2012-13, the Florida College System (FCS) baccalaureate degree production registered a record level with 5,009 graduates. Twenty-four of the 28 FCS institutions are approved to offer 168 baccalaureate degree programs. Programs range from workforce-related, regionally specific Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degrees to education and nursing to general baccalaureate degrees in areas such as business administration or general biology.

Table 1 contains the most recent five years worth of baccalaureate completion trend data. Over the five-year period, completions have increased nearly fivefold from 1,042 in 2008-09 to 5,009 in 2012-13 (4.8 times greater). Within the last year alone, completions increased 25.9 percent from 3,979 to 5,009. There were record baccalaureate program enrollments during 2012-13, so the prospects are good for further increases in baccalaureate degree completions in the years ahead.

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Completions	1,042	1,602	2,729	3,979	5,009
% Change	49.5%	53.7%	70.3%	45.8%	25.9%

Source: Community College Technical Center MIS & FCS Research & Analytics. AA-1A Reports.

Baccalaureate degrees are a small but fast-growing component of FCS institutional efforts to provide students with needed skills and communities with educated and trained individuals to strengthen the area workforce. Across all the formal awards conferred in the FCS (e.g., Associate in Science, Associate in Science, Career Technical Certificates or College Credit Certificates), baccalaureate degrees comprised close to 5 percent of all FCS awards granted in 2012-13.

**Table 2. Five Baccalaureate Programs with the Highest Completions, 2012-13**

Supervision & Management – 1,903
Nursing – 773
Elementary Education – 288
Public Safety Administration – 285
Exceptional Student Education – 248

Table 2 shows the five baccalaureate programs with the most student completions. Supervision and management had the largest number of graduates by far with almost two out of five FCS baccalaureate graduates in 2012-13 majoring in that field (1,903). The other programs in the top five include: nursing (773), elementary education (288), public safety administration (285) and exceptional student education (248). Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduates position themselves for advancement in the nursing profession (e.g., directors of nursing, case managers, etc.).

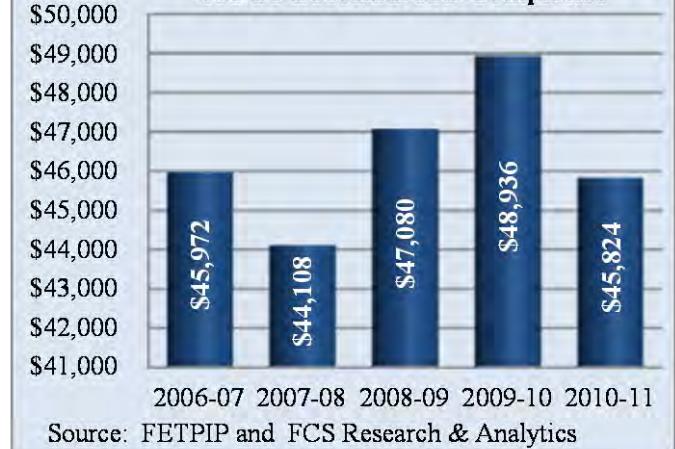
Table 3 shows that in 2012-13, BAS programs accounted for three out of five completers (3,084). Baccalaureate degrees in education were awarded to 847 students while nursing had 773 completions. Finally, other baccalaureates (e.g., biomedical sciences, financial services or human services) had a total of 305 completions.

**Table 3. Broad Baccalaureate Types with the Highest Completions, 2012-13**

Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) – 3,084
Bachelor of Science, Education (BSE) – 847
Bachelor of Science, Nursing (BSN) – 773
Bachelor of Science, Other (BS) – 305

Figure 1 shows the average annualized salary of baccalaureate graduates one year after completion. This includes completers who were employed full-time, full-quarter. For 2010-11, baccalaureate program graduates earned an average annualized salary of \$45,824. The mix of majors, college location and other factors impacts earnings. For example, the average annualized salaries of students who earned Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees was \$63,516 and the average annualized salary for students completing degrees in supervision and management was \$40,112. To explore baccalaureate opportunities in your vicinity, check the [FCS directory](#).

**Fig 1: Average Overall Annualized Salary of FCS Baccalaureate Completers**



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