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How Many Concurrent- and Joint-Use Partnerships Does the Florida College System Have?

Since 2000-01, concurrent- and joint-use partnerships between Florida College System (FCS) institutions and other colleges and universities within Florida and the United States have continuously provided additional educational options to support the needs of a wide range of students. Concurrent-use programs include all upper-division programs offered at FCS facilities in partnership with cooperating four-year public or private institutions. Joint-use programs are legislatively-funded, upper-division programs taking place in FCS facilities. Concurrent- and joint-use partnerships provide students the added convenience of taking courses on an FCS campus to earn an undergraduate, graduate or professional degree from a college or university partner.

A survey of FCS institutions showed that 25 of the 28 colleges have partnerships with other colleges and universities. In 2012-13, there were 323 partnerships, which included 263 baccalaureate programs, 44 masters programs, two education specialist programs, nine doctorate programs and five professional programs. Nearly three-quarters (74.4 percent or



grams. Nearly three-quarters (74.4 percent or 10,525) of all students participating in concurrent- and joint-use partnerships were enrolled in programs offered by the State University System (SUS). Another 22 percent of these students (3,052) were enrolled in programs offered by the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF). ICUF partnerships comprised about 35 percent of all partnerships with the FCS. Four percent of enrollments (568) were with out-of-state universities, which comprised 3 percent of all partnerships.

Program Areas with the Most Partnerships Programs were categorized by their two-digit Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code. There were 26 different CIP categories

represented. As shown in Figure 1, of the 323 programs, the five most prevalent programs were: business (60 programs); education (52 programs); nursing and health professions (26 programs); liberal arts/sciences/general studies (25 programs); and visual and performing arts (20 programs). The number of business programs decreased by 13 from 2010-11 and the number of education programs decreased by 10 from 2011-12. These two programs still top the list of the most prevalent majors offered. Programs in other areas that followed closely behind with 19 programs included: psychology, homeland security/law enforcement/firefighting and public administration.

Highest Enrollment Program Areas Table 1 shows partnership majors with the highest enrollments. Business and education lead the list with each enrolling over 2,500 students. Three of the programs listed are also listed as the most prevalent majors offered with high enrollments (business, education and nursing/health professions). Psychology and programs related to protective services had more enrollments than general studies and visual and performing arts, though these programs were among the most prevalent majors offered through the partnerships with the FCS.

Table 1. Five Partnership Majors with the Highest Enrollments, 2012-13
Business – 2,941
Education – 2,534
Psychology – 1,621
Nursing/Health Professions – 1,565
Homeland Security/Law Enforcement/
Firefighting/Related Protective Services – 789

A wide range of education opportunities are offered at the FCS institutions through these partnerships. For more information, please visit the FCS baccalaureate <u>website</u>. To learn more about degree program requirements at institutions in Florida, please see "Degrees & Careers" at the <u>Florida Virtual Campus</u>. To find a college near you, please visit the FCS <u>directory</u>.

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