

Academic & Career Counseling Resources

Today in Florida, nearly 5 million Florida students are making higher education decisions at different educational stages, and charting different educational routes to their future.

The Problem

- Wrong course, major or degree decisions waste time and resources. Each extra semester increases educational costs and living expenses and postpones workplace careers and increased earnings.
- Lowering the cost of higher education is a growing imperative. Clear routes to a chosen degree include; low-cost high school courses; discounted summer on-campus courses; on-line courses; tuition scholarships; and payments for degrees earned without excess credits are tools to expedite degree completion.

The Solution

- Lessening time spent getting a degree through better counseling is a best and lowest-cost strategy to lower degree costs. Take the simplest, surest and swiftest degree route. Supporting smart student choices and changing student behavior to make smart higher education choices earlier will lower the cost of bachelor's degrees for students, families, colleges, universities and Florida more than any other cost-cutting strategy.

The Challenge

In Florida, fewer than 3,000 public school counselors are advising more than 2 million students. There are too few college and university counselors on campuses advising their students. College and university students increasingly have college credits from other colleges and other universities to fit into a successful degree completion strategy.

Supporting school, college and university counselors, who are the primary contact on the educational routes to degrees, must be a high-priority assignment. It will help students make the right decisions to complete their bachelor's degrees swiftly and affordably.

Florida's population is again expanding. Degrees are increasingly a career essential. Degree costs are substantial. It is imperative to move students along their degree route quick

Student Route Finder

(Under Construction)
Find Your Route to a College, University & Career

Military Veterans College Network

(Under Construction Establish a new Subpage)
Support That the Military Community Has Earned

Independent Higher Education

Simple, Swift, Sure & Affordable Routes to Degrees

American Student Assistance

Free On-Line Assistance on Money, Student Debt & Careers

My Career Shines

Sign in Page to Open Free Education & Career Planning System

ON-LINE RESOURCES & INFORMATION

FROM THE COLLEGE BOARD

Getting Into College - Big Future by the College Board

FROM FLORIDA SHINES

Getting Ready For College

College Prep Courses

Many Florida high schools offer rigorous college preparatory courses with end-of-course exams that are eligible for college credit.

Advanced Placement - courses are rigorous college-preparatory courses in 34 subjects offered in classrooms and on-line in middle and high school. Students who pass the end-of-course exam with a score of 3 or higher, on a scale of 1 to 5, can earn college credit for the course.

The **International Baccalaureate** - program is a rigorous academic program offered in some public high schools. Students who pass an end-of-course exam in the program with a score of 4 or higher, on a scale of 1 to 7, can earn college credit for the course.

The **Advanced International Certificate of Education**- is a rigorous academic program offered in some public high schools. Students who earn an A, B, C, D or E on an end-of-course exam in the program can earn college credit for the course.”

Dual Enrollment

“**Dual Enrollment** allows students to earn simultaneously credits toward their high school diploma and a college degree. Students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades can enroll in courses offered, on campus or online, at state colleges and universities. Credit earned by successfully completing the course applies to both high school and college graduation requirements. School districts may pay independent and state colleges and universities partial tuition for a student through articulation agreements. The courses and all instructional materials are free to students in public and private schools and home education programs. Books and instructional materials for the courses are free for public school students, but students in private schools and home education programs must pay for their own books and instructional materials.

College Course Work Coaching - Florida Shines

[Managing Your Time \(PDF\)](#)

[Note Taking Skills \(PDF\)](#)

[Developing Study Skills \(PDF\)](#)

[Test Taking Strategies \(PDF\)](#)

FROM MY CAREER SHINES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Sign in page to open a free account

MyCareerShines is a free on-line education and career planning system that gives students the tools they need to build a foundation for lifelong career success.

Students will learn what their interests, skills and work values are and how to apply them to a career plan for their future.

This website also helps students with real-world skills such as how to write resumes and cover letters, how to research employers, and how to prepare for job interviews.

Students can even create an electronic profile that they may choose to share on-line with prospective colleges or employers.

FROM AMERICAN STUDENT ASSISTANCE (SALT)

Students & Alumni: Your Money, Student Debt, and Career

Saltmoney.org is a free on-line program dedicated to simplifying everything from budgeting for college to FAFSA Federal Student Aid Applications to student loan repayment options to internships and job searches, with articles and tools that are easy to use, and even easier to understand.

FROM BEYOND EDUCATION

Key facts about Higher Education Outcomes in Florida.

Higher Education is an investment. Understanding the costs and benefits is helpful when choosing a degree. This website provides information to help students make informed higher education and career choices.

FROM THE COLLEGE BOARD

Explore Careers - Big Future by the College Board

JOB MARKETS

FROM THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF FLORIDA

About Florida's 30 Independent Colleges and Universities in Florida

Websites & Profiles of Independent Colleges and Universities in Florida

Financial Aid Offices at Independent Colleges and Universities in Florida

On-Line Certificates, Courses and Degrees

