

Accelerate Florida's Future Through the Florida College System

The Florida College System (FCS) is the state's largest higher education, workforce training, and open access system for Florida residents to find a pathway to economic prosperity. Educating approximately 650,000 students annually, our system strengthens the quality of life for many families by preparing Floridians for high-skill and high-paying careers.

Thanks to the support of both the Florida Legislature and Governor Ron DeSantis, the Florida College System is strong, innovative, and responsive to Florida's industries and businesses. Our students earn more than 120,000 credentials each year and are projected to earn more than 435,000 credentials by the end of 2024-25.

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1. **The FCS supports Governor DeSantis' recommended \$50M increase in the program fund and requests a total of \$150M in new recurring dollars distributed by the new funding formula as developed by the FCS Presidents.**
2. **The FCS supports exploring the possible cost savings and benefits by joining the State of Florida's Group Health Insurance.**
3. **The FCS supports the Governor's Recommendations for the Non Program Fund, including non-recurring funds for:**
 - Nursing education funding through the continuation of the LINE and PIPELINE grants of \$19M and \$40M respectively
 - Performance based incentives of \$20M
 - Work Florida Student Success Incentive Fund of \$10M
 - 2+2 Student Success Incentive Fund of \$20M
 - Academic Library Network of \$11M
 - Open Door Grant Program of \$15M
 - Commission on Community Service of \$983,182
 - Fixed Capital Outlay for Building Repairs & Maintenance of \$136M
 - New PECO priority projects throughout the college system of \$20M
 - CTE Charter School Programs of \$678,000

