



Florida’s Career Colleges Play a Critical Role in State’s Workforce

New Data Finds Florida Career Colleges Produce the Largest Share of Graduates for the Fastest Growing Occupations in Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (Sept. 5, 2008) - The largest share of workers filling Florida’s fastest growing occupations graduated from a Florida career school or college, according to new data reported by the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges (FAPSC).

Data reveals that Florida’s career schools and colleges surpass the state universities, community colleges, technical centers and independent, non-profit colleges at producing graduates to fill Florida’s top growing occupations - information technology, allied health, transportation and legal support. The Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation job growth list is available at www.fapsc.org.

Comparison of the Production of New Graduates by Occupational Cluster 2006 – 2007	Career Colleges & Schools	Community Colleges	Technical Centers	State University System	Independent Non-profit Colleges	Total Graduates
Transportation Driving & Repair	74.14%	6.04%	19.82%	0.00%	0.00%	5,514
IT & Computer Science	63.93%	16.27%	3.53%	10.41%	5.85%	9,487
Health & Allied Health Sciences	54.72%	19.9%	9.2%	10.6%	5.5%	60,865
Legal Court Reporter, Paralegal	34.04%	24.9%	4.51%	19%	17.55%	1,795

“The data speaks to the economic significance of career colleges in Florida’s workforce as they are responsible for treating patients in hospitals, dispensing medication in pharmacies, transporting goods, managing computer systems and supporting our legal system,” said Kathy Mizereck, executive director of FAPSC. “And in a time of budget cuts and economic uncertainty, we will continue to play an even larger role in educating and training Florida’s non-traditional, career-driven students.”

Licensed and regulated by the state, Florida has over 800 private career schools and colleges that prepare over 265,000 students each year in over 200 occupational fields. Many students can complete educational programs in 18 months or less and use their new skills within weeks of graduation. In 2007-2008, more than 90,000 students graduated and received a certificate, two-year, four-year, masters or PhD degree from a Florida career school or college.

Florida career schools and colleges graduates:

- 100% of barge and boat operators – meeting the increased demand due to \$100 million expansion of Cape Canaveral port
- 54% of all health and allied health workers - pharmacy technicians, home health workers, medical coders, nursing assistants, cardiovascular technicians, etc.
- 24% of all Education PhDs

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Transportation Barge and Boat Operations	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	122
Cosmetology	87.98%	4.67%	7.34%	0.00%	0.00%	14,261
Transportation Truck Driving, CVD	74.14%	6.04%	19.82%	0.00%	0.00%	5,514
Culinary	71.25%	4.60%	24.14%	0.00%	0.00%	2,216
IT & Computer Science	63.93%	16.27%	3.53%	10.41%	5.85%	9,487
Health & Allied Health Sciences	54.72%	19.9%	9.20%	10.6%	5.50%	60,865
Business & Management (Certificates - BA)	50.00%	10.23%	3.19%	27.12%	9.76%	39,456
Welding	42.14%	9.76%	48.10%	0.00%	0.00%	420
Transportation Aviation -excluding repair	38.28%	13.06%	0.00%	0.00%	48.66%	1,439
Legal Paralegal, Legal Sect, Court Reporter	34.04%	24.90%	4.51%	19.00%	17.55%	1,795
Child Care	31.37%	19.19%	22.88%	26.56%	0.00%	3,121
Education (PhD)	24.75%	0.00%	0.00%	22.27%	52.98%	1,091
Business & Management (MBA, Masters, PhD)	20.92%	0.00%	0.00%	32.97%	46.10%	9,717
Security Criminal Justice	18.25%	42.92%	7.20%	23.06%	8.57%	8,306
Legal (Lawyers)	12.48%	0.00%	0.00%	32.28%	55.24%	2,565
Security Fire Fighting Science	11.35%	46.82%	41.83%	0.00%	0.00%	2,565
Education (BA)	5.11%	3.01%	0.00%	70.52%	21.37%	5,424
Psychology (BA)	3.30%	0.00%	0.00%	72.61%	24.09%	4,484
Education (MA)	2.92%	0.00%	0.00%	46.67%	50.40%	5,682
Security (Police)	0.00%	46.82%	41.83%	0.00%	0.00%	2,119

Data Methodology

FAPSC evaluated graduate data from 2006 to 2007 for Florida's career colleges and schools, technical centers, community colleges, state universities and independent, private non-profit colleges as reported to the US Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and the Florida Department of Education's Commission for Independent Education. IPEDS does not contain reports for all of the certificates issued by Florida's community colleges so data is adjusted and proportionately distributed to appropriate categories. www.nces.ed.gov/IPEDS

About the Commission for Independent Education

The Commission for Independent Education (CIE) serves as the state's regulatory agency and has statutory responsibility in matters relating to nonpublic, postsecondary, educational institutions. CIE functions include overseeing educational quality, consumer protection, program improvements and compliance, institutional policies, data management and the licensure of Florida's degree and non-degree granting nonpublic career schools, colleges and universities. CIE's oversight process is set forth by Chapter 1005, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 6E, Florida Administrative Code. www.fldoe.org/cie

About the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges (FAPSC)

Serving as the voice of career schools and colleges since 1956, the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges (FAPSC) provides professional leadership, support and advocacy for accessible, quality career education for Florida's non-traditional students. FAPSC represents the interests of Florida's 800 licensed, private career schools and colleges that educate and prepare over 265,000 students each year for employment in more than 200 occupations. Schools offer students career-focused courses that include short-term certificate and diploma programs, associate and baccalaureate degrees, masters and doctoral programs. For more information, visit www.fapsc.org or call 850.577.3139.

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