



GRADUATE
AND
DOCTORATE
PROGRAMS



WHY FLORIDA SOUTHERN?

1 of

the nation's top colleges for
the sixth year in a row.

- *The Princeton Review*

#4

Best Regional College in the South

- *US News and World Report*

#8

Most Beautiful Campus

- *The Princeton Review*

Top 5%

The Barnett Business School
is among the top business schools
worldwide with AACSB accreditation.



WELCOME TO
**FLORIDA
SOUTHERN
COLLEGE**

As the Director of Adult and Graduate Admission, I would like to thank you for your interest in Florida Southern College's prestigious graduate programs. Whether you're looking for a promotion or a career change, you've taken an important step in your path to success.

Our graduate programs prepare you with the executive-level knowledge, skills, and credentials most sought after in today's global economy. Expert faculty, an engaged learning approach to education, and conveniently scheduled classes make us the ideal choice for professionals looking to get ahead.

Once you've explored the enclosed material, please reach out to your Admission Counselor to find out more about what Florida Southern can do for your future.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Kristen Pinner '08, MBA '12

OUR PROGRAMS

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Credits/Courses vary by program track

The demand for nurses with advanced education is on the rise. Florida Southern's Master of Science in Nursing is a quick route to upward mobility and greater earning power. A Master of Science in Nursing will not only prepare you for a variety of leadership roles, but also enable you to command a generous salary. MSN students choose one of four rewarding tracks: **Nursing Administrative Leadership, Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), and Nurse Educator (NE)**. No matter which track you choose, you will receive personalized instruction from our impressively credentialed faculty.

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

14 courses + DNP Project and Practicum/38 credits

The DNP focuses on preparing nurses to achieve the highest level of advanced nursing practice. Our hybrid model is designed to combine the benefits of face-to-face and online engagement with peers, faculty, and expert mentors. Students can complete the program in as little as two years. The DNP Project and Practicum learning immersion experiences provide students with opportunities to synthesize evidence and apply project management skills to address real-life challenges in health care organizations and the community. Evaluation and dissemination of DNP Project results allow our graduates to demonstrate the contributions of nursing toward system-level and sustainable change.

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

35 courses/108 credits

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program is an accelerated 2.5-year program, preparing physical therapy practitioners for diverse and rewarding careers. Students enjoy small class sizes and a challenging curriculum led by widely credentialed faculty with areas of expertise ranging from orthopedics, neurological, and cardio-pulmonary physical therapy. The spacious state-of-the-art Academic Center for Physical Therapy is dedicated solely to this program and provides the latest tools and technology, including plastinated cadaver models and classrooms with multiple cameras and large screens to maximize instruction. Integrated Professional and Community Education (IPCE) provides students the opportunity to use real-world application from the skills learned in their coursework to meet the essential needs of the community through volunteer services and collaboration with several community partners.





Master of Business Administration (MBA)

11 courses/33 credits

With its unique focus on cross-industry learning, an MBA from Florida Southern will give you a competitive edge in the global marketplace. The rigorous curriculum, supported by hands-on experience, will give you the tools you need to rise swiftly to positions of leadership. Through internships, living case studies, and an executive mentorship, you'll be challenged both personally and professionally. You'll also gain valuable résumé experience and networking contacts through our strategic partnerships with organizations such as OPEC, Goldman Sachs, Lockheed Martin, GEICO, and Publix Super Markets. Success is closer than you think because the program can be completed in as few as 12 months and is offered in a flexible Saturday-hybrid delivery or fully online.

Master of Accountancy (MAcc)

12 courses/30 credits

How long does it take to launch a successful accounting career? At Florida Southern, as few as 16 months! Our accelerated MAcc satisfies the 150-semester-hour requirement for CPA licensure, and you only have two in-class meetings per month! The rest of the coursework can be completed online around your schedule. At the conclusion of this program, you will be fully prepared for CPA licensure. We're one of a few graduate programs that incorporates a CPA Exam Review into our curriculum, ensuring you have mastered all the skills and concepts you need to become a fully licensed CPA.

Master of Science in Industrial/Organizational Psychology (I/O)

10 courses/33 credits

Industrial/Organizational psychologists use the principles of psychology and research methods to study people in formal organizations, such as the workplace. They use their findings to solve problems and improve the quality of life and workplace productivity to further enhance employee work styles. IO psychologists work throughout various industries — such as consulting, human resources, training departments, government, research and academia. At Florida Southern, our graduate program offers coursework that integrates engaged learning practices, faculty-mentored research and supervised field experience. Graduates will be well-positioned to work in the private and public sector, government, education and non-profits. Within the curriculum, students may choose either a thesis or internship option. The thesis option prepares students who plan to continue their studies at the doctoral level and the internship option prepares students to move directly into an applied position in the workplace.



All Master of Education in Transformational Curriculum and Instruction courses are delivered online, **allowing professional educators to complete coursework in just four semesters.**



Master of Arts in Transformational Curriculum and Instruction (MAT)

10 courses/42 credits

If you have a bachelor's degree, the MAT will provide the coursework you need to become a certified teacher. Our affordable program is one of the top graduate teaching programs in the U.S. Our highly qualified faculty will guide you through the challenges and complexities of today's educational environment, assisting you from start to finish. This degree is 100 percent online, with the exception of your internship. The internship will help you develop the skills and knowledge you need to become a confident educator. Upon completing this advanced degree and passing the necessary teacher certification exams, partnerships with local public schools will help you with job placement.

Master of Education in Transformational Curriculum and Instruction

8 courses/30 credits

This program is for teachers who currently hold a Florida Professional Teaching Certificate. Ideal for busy professionals, this program is offered completely online, allowing you to complete the coursework around your schedule. Focused on further developing your teaching practice, the curriculum provides practical knowledge and professional networking opportunities through partnerships with practitioners from local public schools. You'll be connecting with educational leaders who will help you advance your career.

Master of Education (MEd) in Educational Leadership

9 courses/36 credits

This program is designed for practicing teachers, with two years of teaching experience, who currently hold a Florida Professional Teaching Certificate. It provides the next level of skills and credentials for educators who want to become leaders in their schools, districts, and beyond. The curriculum provides practical knowledge and professional networking opportunities, allowing you to connect with educational professionals who will help you advance your career. All coursework can be completed in as few as four semesters.



Doctor of Education (EdD) in Educational Leadership

12 courses + 12 hours of dissertation/60 credits

If you want to shape the future of education, the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership will prepare you for positions in administration, policy development, college or university professorship, or research. Hands-on, faculty-led projects will help you grow intellectually and sharpen your leadership skills. You can be assured that you're learning from the best, because every faculty member holds a doctoral degree. Full-time students can complete this degree in two years, plus a dissertation. A combination of online and in-class learning will allow you to continue working while pursuing your degree.

Doctor of Education (EdD)

12 courses + 12 hours of dissertation/60 credits

The EdD program integrates the fields of education, business, and public policy to provide diverse knowledge, skills, and experiences. As a doctoral student, you will engage in rigorous study and research under the guidance of expert and highly respected researchers, scholars, and practitioners from varied disciplines. The flexible format allows students to complete the program in two years and qualified candidates may begin working on their dissertation after completing 20 credits so that dissertation research need not wait until you have finished all of your coursework. Graduates possess the requisite knowledge, skills, and resources to have a consequential impact on their organizations and to become exceptional leaders in administration, policy development, college and/or university teaching, or research.

ACCELERATE YOUR CAREER

Florida Southern College has a number of graduate programs designed to accelerate your career. An award-winning leader in engaged learning, Florida Southern takes you far beyond the lectures and books. You'll be exposed to extraordinary learning experiences that allow you to apply classroom concepts to real-life situations, and be mentored by a distinguished faculty dedicated to your personal and professional success.

Support for Success

A graduate degree should enhance your life, not complicate it. With that in mind, we offer a wide variety of support to help students balance the demands of work and graduate studies. Services available to graduate students include access to our Career Center, Student Solutions, and Technology Center.

Expert Faculty

Our elite faculty consists of instructors who are top executives, experts in their fields, and proven leaders. They are attentive, available, and committed to your success.

Academic Advisor

From the moment you enroll, you'll be assigned an academic advisor to see you through your graduate experience from start to finish. This advisor will help you develop an educational plan that matches your schedule and priorities.

Accelerated Programs

At FSC, you can earn your degree at a pace that suits your life. Many of our degrees can be completed in as few as 16 months. That's less than a year and a half of your time!

Convenient Schedules

Most classes meet in the evening or on weekends and utilize both on-campus and online learning.

State-of-the-Art Facilities

Our campus is continually expanding with modern facilities. Unveiled in late 2015, the Bill and Mary Ann Becker Business Building features an impressive array of technological advances, such as color-touch panels in every classroom and a market-research observation room. In the same year, the Joe K. and Alberta Blanton Nursing building was renovated and expanded with even more high-tech medical equipment. In 2019, the Jean and Sal Campisi, Sr. Academic Center for Physical Therapy opened its doors to educate and train the next generation of physical therapists. The following year, the Curry Education Center was dedicated and currently houses our advanced education degree programs.



Adriel Alexander, Student Physical Therapist, Class of 2021

If you want to have a personal education experience, then this is where you need to be. I highly recommend Florida Southern. It's one of the best decisions I've ever made.





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School of Physical Therapy

FINANCIAL AID

Our graduate programs are incredibly valuable. We offer options for financing your education, such as the facilitation of loans and employer tuition reimbursement. We also offer a limited number of graduate assistantships to qualified students. The graduate assistant application can be completed for consideration once a student has gained acceptance to their graduate program.

Federal Loans

Federal Graduate PLUS Loans are available to students who qualify.

Employer Reimbursement

Does your employer offer any tuition reimbursement benefits? We will work with you to get the most out of your tuition benefits.

Graduate Assistantships

Tuition discounts in exchange for hours worked are available in select graduate programs.

98%

of our students
receive financial aid.







A WEALTH OF RESOURCES

Graduate students at FSC get open access to our state-of-the-art facilities and student services. That includes free admission to campus events such as games, art exhibits, and theatre productions.

Career Center

Finding a great job after graduation is no small task, but our Career Center can take the stress out of your search. Think of it as the bridge between your education and your future. Our advisors will help you find internships, volunteer positions, and job openings that fit your education and skillset. They'll help you sharpen your interview skills, fine-tune your résumé, and develop important job search skills. All Florida Southern students get lifetime access to the Career Center — you can always turn to us for help!

Computers

The Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Technology Center offers students a place to complete coursework or collaborate for school projects.

Roux Library

Our library offers a comprehensive range of research and information resources, along with dedicated staff to assist you.

Student Solutions

Here you'll find support for everything, from academic and transition support to classroom strategies and test preparation.

Fine Arts

Continuing a tradition of more than fifty years, the Festival of Fine Arts features a series of vibrant events showcasing the arts. Whether it be music, dance, theatre, or art — there is something for everyone.

Nina B. Hollis Wellness Center

Our large fitness center has everything you need to stay healthy — a gymnasium, a 25-yard competition pool, group fitness classes, aerobics and yoga classes, and more! We even offer free lifestyle coaching and nutritional programs.

Tech Buddies

Having trouble accessing something online? Coping with a hard drive crash? The tech buddies are dedicated to helping you with any technology questions or issues.

Campus Security

We have a dedicated and responsive staff of security officers to ensure the well-being of all of our students. Our officers patrol by bike, vehicle, and foot 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Text alerts warn students about emergencies in and around campus.

38.3%

Individuals with a master's degree earn 38.3 percent more than those with a bachelor's degree.

—US News and World Report

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

At Florida Southern College, you are not just a number. This is true when it comes to the admission process, too.



Talk to an Admission Counselor about what Florida Southern has to offer you



Attend an information session



Apply online at fلسouthern.edu/apply

Steps to Apply

Step 1:

Complete our free online graduate or doctorate application at fلسouthern.edu/apply

Step 2:

Provide the following supporting documents either electronically or via mail:

- Official transcripts of all academic work taken previously at other colleges, universities, or professional schools
- An earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education as verified by an official transcript of all undergraduate work completed
- An earned graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education as verified by an official transcript of all graduate work completed (doctorate education and nursing applicants only)
- Updated Resume
- Personal or professional statement
- Successful completion of any standardized entrance exams, licensure requirements, or additional requirements described by program*

Step 3:

Once all supporting materials have been submitted, your application will be reviewed and you will be notified via mail of an admission decision.

**Please refer to the specific degree program requirements online at fلسouthern.edu for other admission expectations. Interviews for Florida Southern College graduate and doctorate programs may be required for final admission decisions.*





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