

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
APPROPRIATIONS
Senator Lynn, Chair
Senator Thrasher, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Thursday, October 20, 2011
TIME: 8:30 —10:30 a.m.
PLACE: *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Lynn, Chair; Senator Thrasher, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Braynon, Detert, Hays, Joyner, Montford, Oelrich, Simmons, Siplin, and Wise

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	College Accreditation Process and Status Updates		Discussed
2	2+2 Baccalaureate Incentive Update		Not Considered
3	Adult Education Block Tuition Update		Not Considered
Other Related Meeting Documents			

Budget Subcommittee on Higher Education Appropriations

College Accreditation Process and Status Update

October 20, 2011



Why Accreditation?

The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. Accrediting agencies, which are private educational associations of regional or national scope, develop evaluation criteria and conduct peer evaluations to assess whether or not those criteria are met.

U.S. Dept. of Education

The Role of the U.S. Department of Education in Postsecondary Education

- The U.S. Dept. of Education does not accredit educational institutions and/or programs. The Secretary of Education is required by law to publish a list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies that the Secretary determines to be reliable authorities as to the quality of education or training... The U.S. Sec. of Ed. also recognizes State agencies for the approval of public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education.
- <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation>

Two Basic Types of Accreditation

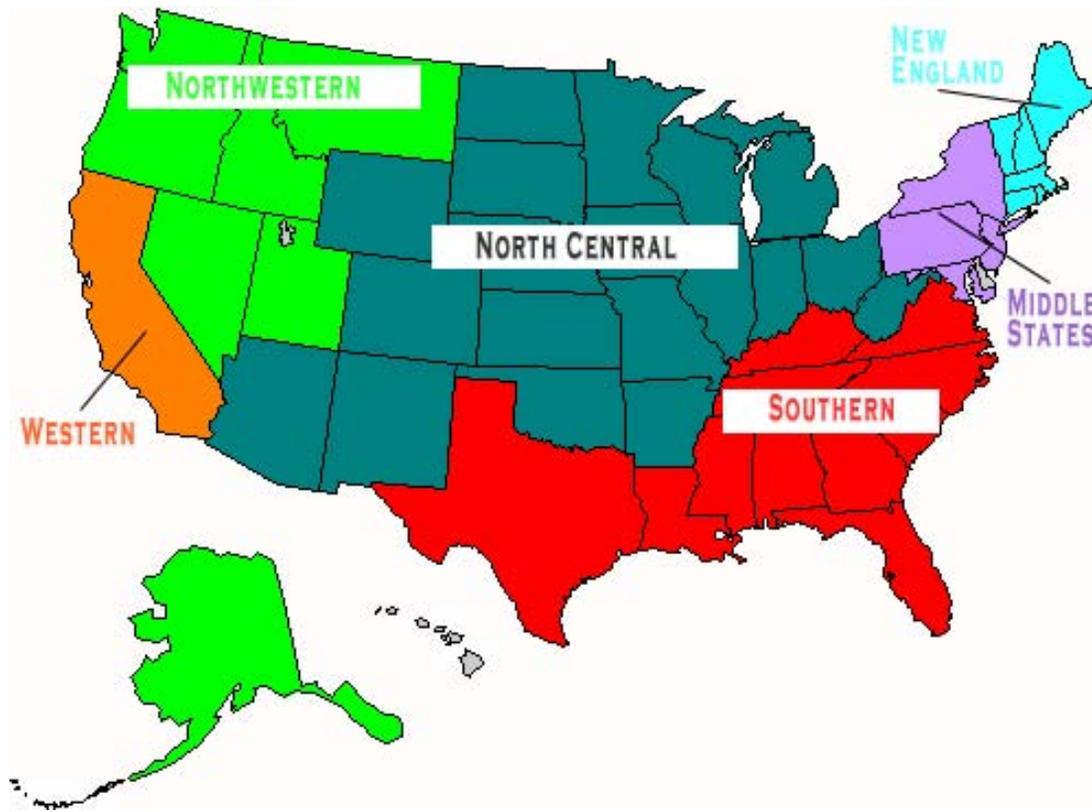
- **Institutional:** Normally applies to an entire institution, indicating that each of an institution's parts is contributing to the achievement of the institution's objectives.
- **Specialized or Programmatic:** Normally applies to programs, departments or schools that are parts of an institution. The accredited unit may be as large as a college or school within a university or as small as a curriculum within a discipline.

Accrediting Bodies

- National
 - Accredits institutions that usually have a single purpose and are located anywhere in the country
- Regional
 - Accredits institutions that are located within a specific geographic area of the country
- Specialized or Programmatic
 - Accredits programs within an institution

Regional Accrediting Commissions

- Seven regional accrediting agencies



Organizational Structure of SACSCOC

- COMMISSION ON COLLEGES
 - 804 member institutions
 - 11 Southern States of AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA, Latin and Central America and Dubai
 - 77 Members elected by the membership
 - 4 from each state (44)
 - 21 At-Large Members
 - 11 Public Members
 - 1 International Member
 - 13 member Executive Council

Institutional Accreditation

Under the terms of the Higher Education Act an institution or program must be accredited by an agency recognized by the U. S. Secretary of Education

- **SACSCOC** — Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
 - The regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the 11 Southeastern United States
 - Accredits **all** 28 colleges in the Florida College System
- **COE** — Council on Occupational Education
 - A national body for the accreditation of non-degree granting and applied associate degree granting institutions
 - Accredits Florida’s “tech centers”

Specialized *Program* Accreditation

Required – High Stakes

In order to become licensed or employed in certain occupations, students must complete an accredited / approved program:

Examples:

- Nursing –BON – Board of Nursing
- Aircraft Maintenance – FAA – Federal Aviation Administration
- Law Enforcement – CJSTC – Florida Criminal Justice and Training Commission
- Fire Fighter – SFM – Florida State Fire Marshal

Recognized – Value Added

In some occupations, a program is not required to be accredited or approved by an additional agency, however, in a number of occupations, there are accreditations that are value added and enhance students employability:

Examples:

- Dental Hygienist – CDA – Commission on Dental Accreditation
- Emergency Medical Responder – NREMT – National Registry for Emergency Medical Technicians
- Pharmacy Technician – BOP – Board of Pharmacy
- Emergency Manager – NCCEM – National Coordinating Council on Emergency Management
- Registered Nurse – NLNAC – National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission
- Teacher Education – NCATE – National Council for the Accreditation of Teachers of Education

Principles of Accreditation

- Principle of Integrity
- Core Requirements
 - Governance, Administrative Structure, Mission, Curriculum, Learning Resources, Student Support Services, Financial and Physical Resources, Faculty, Evaluation and Planning, Quality Enhancement Plan
- Comprehensive Standards
 - Same as above but in further detail
- Federal Requirements
 - Student achievement, complaints, publication of policies

Types of Information Requested

- Substantive Changes
 - Mergers and consolidations
 - Institutional Name Changes
 - Instructional Sites
 - New degrees and programs
 - Distance Learning
 - Changes in Governance
- Names of new presidents and liaisons
- Institutional Profile (twice a year)

Reaffirmation Process

- Compliance Certification
- Off-Site Committee Review
- Focused Report
- On-Site Committee Review
 - QEP
 - Non-Compliance Issues
 - Selected Issues for US DOE
- C&R Committee Review
- Executive Council Review
- Board Approval

Classification of Institutions

INSTITUTIONAL LEVELS

(Highest Degree Offered)

Level I	Associate's degree
Level II	Bachelor's degree
Level III	Master's degree
Level IV	Specialist degree
Level V	Doctorate in 3 or fewer disciplines
Level VI	Doctorate in 4 or more disciplines

For more information about accreditation in the Florida College System, please contact:

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2+2 Baccalaureate Partnership Incentive Program Update

Senate Budget Subcommittee
On Higher Education Appropriations
October 20, 2011

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The Florida College System

2+2 Public and Private Partnerships

Overview



- 25 of Florida's 28 colleges currently offer upper-level courses through concurrent-use or joint-use partnerships. In 2010-11, these partnerships served over 18,000 students in 364 programs (227 or 62% were offered by public institutions) and have provided access on FCS campuses or shared facilities to:
 - 287 baccalaureate, 65 masters, 6 doctoral, 2 education specialist and 4 professional programs

- Active partnerships include:
 - 6 of 11 Florida State University System (SUS) public institutions
 - 7 of 29 Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF) schools
 - 7 colleges / universities outside of Florida

- Since 2000-2001, the total number of concurrent-use and joint-use programs has increased by 56%

2+2 Public Partnerships: 2010-11



- The 2010 Legislature appropriated funds for 2+2 partnerships based on public university baccalaureate degree programs offered on college campuses. The total appropriation was \$5 million, split between existing partnerships and new partnerships.
 - To qualify for the \$4 million allocated to existing partnerships, the enrollment must have been in a state university (SUS) program physically located on an FCS site in 2010-11.
 - For the \$1 million allocated to new partnerships, the SUS program must have planned to enroll students on an FCS location no later than the 2011-12 school year.

- Colleges submitted enrollment data and new program agreements to the Division of Florida Colleges on behalf of both partners. The Division compiled the submissions and determined the allocation of funds. In accordance with statutory guidance, the awards were shared equally by the partner institutions; some universities had multiple partnership arrangements

2+2 Public Partnerships: 2010-11

- 18 Florida colleges
- 6 Florida universities



- 227 existing programs
- 12 new programs
- 6,928 FTE

2+2 Public Partnerships: 2010-11

Allocation



FY 2010-11 Incentive Funding for 2+2 Baccalaureate Partnership Programs

	Florida College	State University Partner	Existing Partnerships			New Partnerships		Total Award
			FTE	Awarded to College	Awarded to University	Awarded to College	Awarded to University	Awarded to College
1	Brevard Community College	University of Central Florida	632.97	\$182,724.50	\$182,724.50			\$182,724.50
2	Broward College	Florida Atlantic University	2,572.03	\$742,492.50	\$742,492.50	\$114,367.00	\$114,367.00	\$856,859.50
3	College of Central Florida	University of Central Florida	235.90	\$68,099.50	\$68,099.50			\$68,099.50
4	Daytona State College	University of Central Florida	330.87	\$95,514.50	\$95,514.50			\$95,514.50
5	Hillsborough Community College	University of Florida	3.50	\$1,010.50	\$1,010.50			\$1,010.50
6	Indian River State College	Florida Atlantic University	195.13	\$56,331.00	\$56,331.00			\$56,331.00
7	Lake Sumter Community College	University of Central Florida	284.57	\$82,148.50	\$82,148.50			\$82,148.50
8	Miami Dade College	University of Florida	142.40	\$41,108.00	\$41,108.00	\$94,140.00	\$94,140.00	\$135,248.00
9	Northwest Florida State College	University of West Florida	33.83	\$9,767.00	\$9,767.00	\$94,140.00	\$94,140.00	\$103,907.00
10	Palm Beach State College	Florida Atlantic University	7.00	\$2,021.00	\$2,021.00			\$2,021.00
11	Pasco-Hernando Community College	University of South Florida St. Petersburg	69.30	\$20,005.50	\$20,005.50			\$20,005.50
12	Pensacola State College	University of Florida	3.87	\$1,116.00	\$1,116.00			\$1,116.00
13	Polk State College	University of South Florida Polytechnic	135.17	\$39,020.00	\$39,020.00			\$39,020.00
14	Saint Petersburg College	Florida State University	10.90	\$3,146.50	\$3,146.50			\$3,146.50
15	Santa Fe College	University of Florida				\$47,070.00	\$47,070.00	\$47,070.00
16	Seminole State College of Florida	University of Central Florida	857.97	\$247,677.50	\$247,677.50			\$247,677.50
17	South Florida Community College	University of South Florida	45.00	\$12,990.50	\$12,990.50			\$12,990.50
18	Valencia College	University of Central Florida	1,367.70	\$394,827.00	\$394,827.00	\$150,283.00	\$150,283.00	\$545,110.00
	TOTAL		6,928.10	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00

Totals by University			Existing Partnerships			New Partnerships		Total Award
	State University	Florida College Partner(s)	FTE	Awarded to College(s)	Awarded to University	Awarded to College(s)	Awarded to University	Awarded to University
1	Florida Atlantic University	Broward, Indian River, Palm Beach	2,774.17	\$800,844.50	\$800,844.50	\$114,367.00	\$114,367.00	\$915,211.50
2	Florida State University	Saint Petersburg	10.90	\$3,146.50	\$3,146.50			\$3,146.50
3	University of Central Florida	Brevard, Central Florida, Daytona, Lake Sumter, Seminole, Valencia	3,709.97	\$1,070,991.50	\$1,070,991.50	\$150,283.00	\$150,283.00	\$1,221,274.50
4	University of Florida	Hillsborough, Miami Dade, Santa Fe	149.77	\$43,234.50	\$43,234.50	\$141,210.00	\$141,210.00	\$184,444.50
5	University of South Florida	South Florida	45.00	\$12,990.50	\$12,990.50			\$12,990.50
6	University of South Florida Polytechnic	Polk	135.17	\$39,020.00	\$39,020.00			\$39,020.00
7	University of South Florida St. Petersburg	Pasco-Hernando	69.30	\$20,005.50	\$20,005.50			\$20,005.50
8	University of West Florida	Northwest Florida	33.83	\$9,767.00	\$9,767.00	\$94,140.00	\$94,140.00	\$103,907.00
	TOTAL		6,928.10	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00

2+2 Public Partnerships: 2011-12



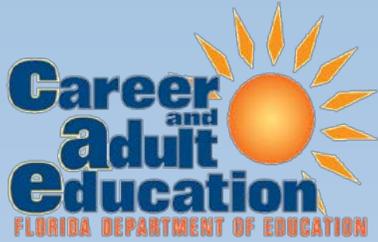
- The 2011 Legislature designated \$3,000,000 to be awarded
 - \$2,250,000 for existing programs
 - \$750,000 for new programs

- Colleges shall submit applications to the Department of Education requesting funds for eligible programs by April 15, 2012

- The Department shall distribute the funds to the eligible colleges and partner universities by June 1, 2012

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Learning Today, Earning Tomorrow

Implementation of Adult General Education Block Tuition

Senate Higher Education Appropriations Committee

October 20, 2011



Adult General Education Programs

- GED Preparation (GED)
- Adult High School
- Adult Basic Education
- Applied Academies (aka Vocational Preparatory Instruction)
- ESOL Programs
- Citizenship
- Adult General Education for Adults with Disabilities Educational Plan

2011 Statutory Changes

- All non-fee exempt adult general education students must be assessed tuition.
 - Exemption for students without a high school diploma or low literacy skills (below 9th grade) was removed from the statute
- Determination of whether the resident or non-resident rates apply must be based on s. 1009.21, F.S.
- See Senate Bill 2150 for details.

Tuition Rates

- s. 1009.22(3)(c), F.S.
- For adult general education programs, a block tuition shall be assessed in the amount of \$45 per half year or \$30 per term for residents. For nonresidents, the out-of-state fee shall be \$135 per half year or \$90 per term, in addition to the standard tuition.

Statutory Fee Exemptions/Waivers

- s. 1009.25, Florida Statutes, includes some statutory exemptions which include:
 - Student enrolled in an apprenticeship program
 - Student in DCF custody or adopted from DCF custody under certain conditions
 - Student who is homeless
- Co-enrolled students in the Adult High School program are also fee exempt
- Districts and colleges have an 8 percent waiver authority for all of workforce programs

Statutory and Rule Framework for Residency Determinations

- s. 1009.21, F.S., *Determination of Resident Status for Tuition Purposes*
- State Board Rule 6A-10.044, F.A.C., and Board of Governors Regulation 7.005 *Residency for Tuition Purposes*
- *Guidelines for Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes*

Initial Effect on Enrollment

- Initial student level data reports will not be available until the end of October for districts
- Preliminary college data is available
 - Initial fall headcount enrollments show a decline of **45%** in college adult education programs
 - Decline of more than **10,500 students** from the beginning Fall 2010 to Fall 2011

Survey of District and College Programs

- 96 percent of respondents reported a decline in enrollment so far this year (11 colleges, 40 districts)
 - 59% of respondents reported a decline of 41% or more (see table below)
 - 29% reported a decline of 56% or more

% Decline	% Reporting
Less than 10%	4%
10-25%	10%
26-40%	27%
41-55%	29%
56-70%	20%
71-85%	8%
More than 85%	2%

Survey of District and College Programs

- The program experiencing the largest percent decline in enrollment is Adult Basic Education.

Program	% Reporting
Adult Basic Education	33%
ESOL programs	27%
Adult High School (non co-enrolled)	2%
GED Preparation	18%
Equal across all programs	20%

Opinions on the Effect of Various Factors on the Enrollment Decline

FACTORS	% REPORTING HIGH OR VERY HIGH IMPACT
Documentation requirement for residency for tuition purposes	75%
12-month residency requirement for in-state tuition	65%
Amount of the Tuition for Non-Residents (Inability to Pay)	63%
Amount of the Tuition for Residents (Inability to Pay)	55%

Implementation Issues Identified in the Survey

- Issues with Correctional Programs
 - Individuals in local jails and detention centers who do not have ready access to documents required for residency
 - Some have discontinued serving inmates in the county jails because of the residency issues; others have delayed the start of programs to see how the residency and tuition issues can be handled
 - In some cases, the local sheriff's department is paying for the student tuition and working to get the required documentation

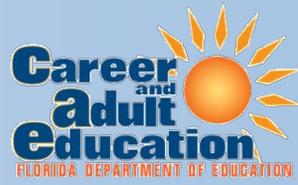
Implementation Issues Identified in the Survey

- Documentation of residency for adult general education students aged 16-24 (Dependent/Independent issue)
- Documentation of residency for individuals who live in multi-family households with the documentation in one family member's name
- Migrant workers who cannot document 12 months of residency in Florida
- Florida Driver's license is the most commonly available; however, original issue date is no longer on Florida Driver's License and this information is not posted on the public driver's license validation site (\$10 fee for DMV to validate date of issuance)

Positive Signs

- Some programs are reporting that students are taking more hours and making a greater commitment to the program now that they have to pay fees
- Some reported that the process has gone smoother than expected

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Ends: 10/20/2011 10:29:52 AM **Length:** 01:58:16

8:31:39 AM Call to Order

8:32:20 AM Roll Call

8:32:24 AM Chair Comments

8:36:49 AM Willis N. Holcombe, Chancellor, The Florida College System

9:46:59 AM Mary Myers, Dean of Professional and Technical Studies, Edison State College

9:52:07 AM Mark Lupe, General Counsel for Edison State College

10:29:34 AM Meeting Adjourned