A College Education Leads to Employment

A Florida College System credential increases likelihood of employment.

Academic programs in the Florida College System (FCS) are developed and updated based on the workforce demand of college service areas. In 2016, over 70 percent of recent FCS graduates were employed the year after graduation. This compares to an employment rate of only 51 percent for recent graduates with a High School Diploma.

The FCS degrees with the highest program employment rates include Advanced Technical Certificates (83 percent), Educator Preparatory Institutes (82 percent), Apprenticeships (81 percent), Career/Technical Certificates (81 percent), Certificates of Professional Prep. (81 percent), and Bachelor’s degrees (80 percent).

Because the Associate in Arts degree is utilized as a transfer credential to a Bachelor’s degree in the FCS or the State University System (SUS) via Florida’s “2+2” articulation system, recent graduates are less likely to be employed (65 percent) than the other FCS degree programs. However, a majority of Associate in Arts graduates are found continuing their education the year after earning their degree (81 percent).

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