Diverse Programs Meet Varying Needs

*FCS institutions enroll students in a vast array of educational programs.*

- **Associate in Arts**
- **Associate in Applied Science & Associate in Science**
- **Baccalaureates**
- **College Credit Certificate**
- **Career Technical Certificate**
- **Adult & Secondary Education**

Enrollments for 2015-16 provide an example of the diverse programs offered by the Florida College System (FCS). Approximately three in five of all enrollments (over 337,000 students) were in Associate in Arts (AA) degree programs. The AA degree is primarily designed for students to transfer to upper division (baccalaureate) work upon completion. The next largest group of enrollments (19 percent or over 112,000 students) was in Associate in Science (AS) and Associate in Applied Science (AAS) programs, which are technical degree programs that provide training in a particular field that primarily prepare students for employment upon completion.

Although proportions are smaller for the remaining programs, headcounts for each range from over 19,000 to 38,000. For example, the Florida College System is regularly recognized regionally and nationally for its production of certificate completers. In 2015-16, the FCS had over 52,000 students enrolled in College Credit and Career Technical Certificate programs in areas such Accounting Technology, Applied Welding and Computer Programming.

Community colleges in Florida and across the United States have a long history of serving multiple functions including education, occupational preparation, workforce training, economic development activities and community service.

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