



PALM BEACH STATE
COLLEGE

Guide to Degrees & Certificates



Choose
your
path



Choices start here:

AA **Associate in Arts** transfer degree equals the first two years of a bachelor's degree.

AS **Associate in Science** career degrees prepare you for skilled employment and transfer to bachelor's programs at Palm Beach State. Transfer to other institutions also is possible.

PSAV **Postsecondary Adult Vocational** certificates prepare you for high-skill, high-demand jobs.

CCC **College Credit Certificates**, the technical core of A.S. degrees, allow you to start or advance a career or continue your education.

ATC **Advanced Technical Certificates** offer specialty training beyond the A.S. degree for selected programs.

ATD **Applied Technology Diplomas** provide job training for careers in demand and options to pursue a degree.

Program Length

Most PBSC degree programs require about two years of full-time study. Certificate programs vary in length from a few months to a year or more.

BAS **Bachelor of Applied Science** degrees give associate degree graduates the option to earn a career-focused bachelor's degree.

BSN **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** degree prepares licensed registered nurses for advancement into administrative and supervisory positions in the nursing and health care fields.

CPP **Certificates of Professional Preparation** offer pathways to professional occupations for degree holders (bachelor's and above).

EPI **Educator Preparation Institute** is a teacher certification program for qualified professionals who have completed a non-education bachelor's degree.

CCE **Corporate & Continuing Education** classes help you stay current or advance in your field.

For all the details go to Areas of Study:

www.palmbeachstate.edu/AreasofStudy

Need to know

Programs:

See full descriptions of all programs of study, including course requirements, admission requirements, career opportunities, Palm Beach State staff contact information and much more:

palmbeachstate.edu/Programs

Think smart:

Challenging and inspiring courses abound in our Dr. Floyd F. Koch Honors College. Be rewarded academically, and sometimes financially, with your choice to excel with an Honors distinction.

palmbeachstate.edu/Honors

Transfer:

To transfer means to apply college credits toward a higher degree, usually from associate degrees to bachelor's degrees. Learn about transfer options:

palmbeachstate.edu/Transfer

See how your PBSC courses transfer to a Florida university here: FloridaShines.org

Advisors:

An advisor can be your best friend when it comes to planning an educational path. Palm Beach State has two types of advisors:

Academic advisors, who guide students in creating an educational plan.

Program advisors, who specialize in a specific area of study.

An academic advisor can help you choose which courses to take, refer you to additional resources and advise you on the transfer requirements of Florida's colleges and universities. If you need assistance or have questions about a career program that you can complete at Palm Beach State, the academic advisor will refer you to a program advisor.

Think ahead:

Meet with an academic advisor and put your educational plan in place as soon as possible. This will help you choose courses wisely and stay on track to graduation. PBSC students who are not sure which degree or certificate to pursue also can get help at the PBSC Career Centers.

palmbeachstate.edu/Advising

palmbeachstate.edu/Career

Save time and money!

Students who plan to transfer to a state university for their bachelor's degree will incur an "excess hours" surcharge for any credit hours beyond 120 percent of the hours required by that bachelor's degree program. To avoid the surcharge, work with an academic advisor to identify your intended transfer program early and enroll in courses required for your intended major.

Still in high school?

Dual enrollment and early admission are two ways you can choose to come to PBSC that will save you time and money.

palmbeachstate.edu/DualEnroll

How to Apply, Tuition and Fees

palmbeachstate.edu/Admissions

Financial Aid, FAFSA and Scholarships

palmbeachstate.edu/FinancialAid

Registration Dates

palmbeachstate.edu/AcademicCalendar

Palm Beach State College offers:



College
Information Center
561-967-7222
866-576-7222 Toll Free

AA for transfer into almost any bachelor's degree program, such as:

Architecture	Education	Social Science
Business	Engineering	Science
Communications	Humanities	...and hundreds more.
Computer Science	Mathematics	

AS degree programs:

Accounting	Computer Programming	Electrical Power Technology	Environmental Science	Human Services	Networking Administrator	Respiratory Care
Addiction Studies	Crime Scene Technology	Emergency Management	Fire Science	Interior Design	Nursing	Sonography
Biotechnology	Criminal Justice	Emergency Medical Services	Graphic Design	Internet Services Technology	Ophthalmic Medical Technology	Supply Chain Management
Business Administration & Management	Dental Hygiene	Engineering Technology	Health Information Technology	Landscape & Horticulture Management	Paralegal	Youth Development
Business Entrepreneurship	Early Childhood Education		Hospitality & Tourism Management	Motion Picture Production	Radiography	

PSAV certificate categories:

Automotive Service Technology	Dental Assisting	Firefighter	Heavy Equipment Mechanics	Massage Therapy	Public Safety Telecommunications	Trade Apprenticeships
Barbering	Diesel Technology	Global Logistics & Supply Chain Technology	Insurance	Medical Assisting	Real Estate	Welding Technology
Child Care	Electrician	Heating, Ventilation, A/C & Refrigeration	Law Enforcement Officer	Nails Technician	Security Systems Technician	
Corrections Officer	Facials Specialty		Machining	Patient Care Assistant	Surgical Technology	
Cosmetology	Facilities Maintenance			Practical Nursing		

CCC certificate categories:

Accounting	Digital Animation	Hazardous Materials Specialist	Landscape & Horticulture	Paramedic
Addiction Studies	Directing & Producing	Health Informatics Specialist	Logistics & Transportation Specialist	Rapid Prototyping Specialist
Alternative Energy Engineering	Emergency Management	Hospitality	Marketing	Recording Arts
Banking Specialist - Financial Services	Emergency Medical Technician	Human Services	Medical Information Coder/Biller	Sonography
Biotechnology	Engineering Technology Support Specialist	Information Management	Mobile Application Development	Web Design
Biotechnology Laboratory Specialist	Entrepreneurship	Information Security	Motion Picture Post-Production	Web Development Specialist
Business	Environmental Science Technician	Information Technology Administration	Multimedia Arts	Youth Development
Child Care	Fire Officer Supervisor	Information Technology Technician		
Cinematography	Food Service Management	Java Programming		
Cisco CCENT	Graphic Design Support			
Cisco CCNA				
Computer Programming				
Crime Scene Technology				

Bachelor's degree programs:

BAS	Supervision & Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Management• Entrepreneurship• Health Management• Project Management	BSN	Nursing (RN to BSN)
BAS	Information Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Database Administration• Project Management• Security & Network Assurance	CPP	Certificate of Professional Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Project Management

ATC programs:

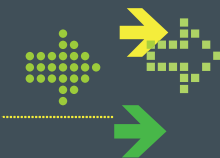
Career & Technical Educator
Computed Tomography
Magnetic Resonance Imaging
Paralegal

ATD program:

Healthcare Documentation/
Transcription

EPI program:

Teacher Certification



For current listings go to:
www.palmbeachstate.edu/AreasofStudy

Your Pathway to Success

At Palm Beach State College, you'll find what you're looking for — whether you take the path to transfer to a university, get a certificate or degree to start a career, or advance in your field with continuing education options. **The choice is yours.**



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Transfer Degree

AA Associate in Arts Degree

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) is a two-year transfer degree that guarantees A.A. graduates admission to a Florida public university or a member institution of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF). It does not guarantee admission into a specific program. The following 60 hours of required college credit will transfer to a public university or ICUF institution:

Gen Ed 36 credit hours of general education in these areas:

- Communications
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences

plus + 24 credit hours of courses (electives or common prerequisites) appropriate to your university major.

AA=60

Because transfer requirements can vary among universities and their programs, you should choose a program of study and the university you want to transfer to as soon as possible.

Consult with a Palm Beach State academic advisor and stay in touch with the transfer university in case requirements change. For information on transfer requirements and for a list of common prerequisites, go to www.FloridaShines.org.

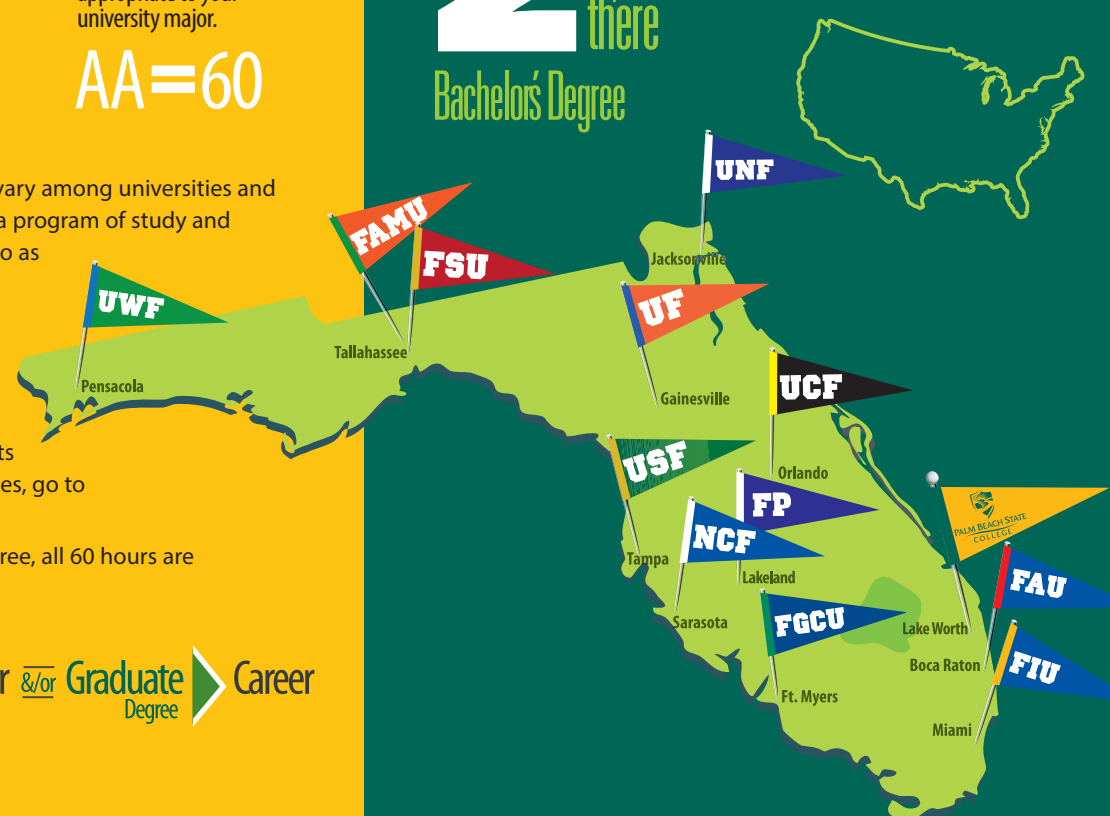
Please note: If you earn an A.A. degree, all 60 hours are guaranteed to transfer.

AA Degree > Bachelor's Degree > Career &/or Graduate Degree > Career

Bachelor's Degrees

at universities/colleges across Florida or the country

2 years here + 2 years there
Bachelor's Degree



Certificates

PSAV Postsecondary Adult Vocational Certificate

PSAV programs give vocational credit for technical courses that prepare you for immediate employment. These programs generally are a year or less in length.

A vocational certificate is awarded upon satisfactory completion. Some PSAV programs provide college credits that may be applied toward a related A.S. degree.

PSAV > Career &/or Degree > Career &/or Degree > Career

CCC College Credit Certificate

A College Credit Certificate awards college credit and delivers the technical core of the A.S. degree in that area of study. Completing a CCC gives you an immediate credential for skilled employment. And, because CCC credits transfer into the A.S. degree, you'll have a great start toward that degree goal as well.

CCC > Career &/or Degree > Career &/or Degree > Career

ATC

Advanced Technical Certificate

ATCs are advanced specialized programs of study for people with degrees (associate and above). ATCs consist of between 9 and 12 college credit hours.

ATD

Applied Technology Diploma

The ATD provides training for high-demand careers. The courses usually can be applied toward an Associate in Science degree.

CCE

Corporate & Continuing Education

Choose from a wide range of noncredit courses, workshops and seminars offered at our five campuses or online.

Sharpen your skill set and increase your career options

- Certification courses
- Continuing education units (CEUs)
- Online classes by leading providers
- Advanced education for professionals
- Customized training

palmbeachstate.edu/CCE

Never stop learning!

Business
Certified Financial Planning
Child Care
Cosmetology
Drafting (CAD)
Entrepreneurship
Health Sciences
Human Resources
IT / Computers
Languages
Leadership
Public Safety
Teaching
Trades
Water/Wastewater License

Career Degree

AS Associate in Science Degree

Career-oriented A.S. degree programs prepare you for immediate entry into the workforce or transfer into Palm Beach State College's bachelor's degree programs. Transfer to certain bachelor's degree programs at other colleges and universities is possible as well.

► palmbeachstate.edu/Transfer

Students pursuing the A.S. degree are required to take 15-24 credit hours of general education courses. General education courses are transferable, and other courses from an A.S. degree program may transfer toward a corresponding baccalaureate program at a public or private university or college. The courses that a receiving institution will accept will vary.

AS Degree > Career &/or Degree (limited) > Career

Bachelor's Degrees

at Palm Beach State

BAS Bachelor of Applied Science

The Bachelor of Applied Science degree is designed for students who wish to earn a bachelor's degree for career advancement after earning their A.A. or A.S. degree. Upper-division coursework includes concentration area courses, internships and project-based learning activities. Classes are offered primarily online, with some face-to-face options given at the Center for Bachelor's Programs on the Lake Worth campus.

► palmbeachstate.edu/programs/Bachelor

Supervision & Management

CONCENTRATIONS:

- General Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Health Management
- Project Management

Information Management

CONCENTRATIONS:

- Database Administration
- Project Management
- Security & Network Assurance

BAS Degree > Career &/or Degree > Graduate Degree > Career

BSN Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The RN to BSN completion degree is designed for licensed registered nurses who want to advance into administrative and supervisory positions in the nursing and health care fields.

Flexible online course sequencing allows students to complete the degree in 1 to 2 years. The upper-division courses include 36 credit hours of coursework that focuses on leadership, advanced care concepts, management, research, and contemporary issues in nursing. The program culminates in an individual capstone project.

BSN Degree > Career &/or Degree > Graduate Degree > Career

CPP Certificate of Professional Preparation

The CPP in Project Management is designed for individuals with at least a bachelor's degree. This fully online certificate program focuses on the competencies required for a career in project management.



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Belle Glade
1977 College Drive



Boca Raton
801 Palm Beach State College Drive



Lake Worth
4200 Congress Avenue



Loxahatchee Groves
15845 Southern Boulevard



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Palm Beach Gardens
3160 PGA Boulevard

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Areas of Study



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