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Workforce Education



Florida SouthWestern State College is committed to supporting the workforce needs of Southwest Florida. Through relevant and challenging coursework, FSW equips students with the skills and education needed to thrive in today's workforce.

6 Bachelors Degrees

25 Associate Degrees

28 Certificate Programs

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FSW receives \$1.98 million of WIOA funding.

Scholarships Available!

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Fire Science Technology (AS)

Program Feature



Fire, an erratic force of nature, has led to the destruction and rebirth of civilizations and ecosystems. Through the advancement of technology, man has developed a better understanding of how to extinguish this destructive element. Fire science uses science and engineering principles to study the causes, effects, and prevention of fire. Florida SouthWestern State College offers a Fire Science Technology Associate in Science degree that promotes advanced opportunities for fire service personnel who have completed their Fire Fighter I/II training. Students gain both knowledge and experience useful to career advancement in the challenging field of fire service. Courses taken during the program are designed to fit into the work schedule of employed fire service personnel, with most classes being available fully online. Along with the associate's degree in Fire Science Technology, students can continue their education and earn a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Public Safety Administration or a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Supervision and Management. The average loss of life and property due to fire has dramatically decreased due to the work of professionals in this field and the analysis of fire forensics and historical events.

Degree Details

60 Credit hours
4 Semesters
5 Stackable credentials and a pathway to a bachelor's



7 Months
492 Clock Hours

Florida Fire
Certificate

Fire Officer I

Fire Safety
Inspector I

60 credit hours
4 semesters

120 credit hours
8 semesters

School of Health Professions
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FSW Launches New Badges to Support Completion of Industry Certifications, State Licensure, and Job Readiness

Students at FSW can stack credentials embedding industry certifications and courses which support state licensure into their program of study. FSW's newest badges are QuickBooks Ready and Risk Management & Insurance. These badges highlight specific skills and knowledge valued in industry and help students understand what courses to take to gain the knowledge and skills needed for specific industry certifications and to meet state licensure requirements.

Risk Management & Insurance Badge

The Risk Management & Insurance badge notes the successful completion of nine college credit hours studying personal insurance, business & property insurance, and risk management. Completing the coursework required to earn this badge paired with your AA/AS or BAS degree allows you to bypass state examinations for several Florida insurance licenses: type 4-40, 20-44, and 2-15.



	RMI 2110 Personal Insurance 3 credit hours
	RMI 2212 Personal Business and Property Insurance 3 credit hours
	RMI 2662 Introduction to Risk Management & Insurance 3 credit hours



www.fsw.edu/badges/rmi

QuickBooks Ready Badge

The QuickBooks Ready badge notes knowledge of accrual-based accounting concepts, internal controls, financial statement preparation, ethical accounting practices, and accounting software applications. Individuals holding this badge have demonstrated the skill and knowledge needed to successfully complete the QuickBooks industry certification.

	Financial Accounting ACG 2021 3 credit hours
	Accounting Software Applications ACG 2450 3 credit hours



www.fsw.edu/badges/quickbooks

Career Ready

Health Information Technology (HIT) Program Hosted a Southwest Florida Health Information Management Association (SWFHIMA) Educational Seminar

The Florida SouthWestern State College Health Information Technology (HIT) Program hosted a Southwest Florida Health Information Management Association (SWFHIMA) educational seminar on Saturday, April 8 on FSW's Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus. HIT students were encouraged to attend and network with local health information professionals. Seminar attendees received CEUs and learned about documentation and coding challenges for infusions and injections, evaluation and management code updates, social determinants of health reporting, and cybersecurity for health information professionals. Attendees enjoyed brunch, professional networking, and prizes. The HIT Program donated several sets of medical code books for the prize drawings.



FSW's HIT students with Dr. Susan Foster, HIT Program Director, and Professor Elizabeth Whitmer, HIT Faculty

FSW Students Stand Out From the Crowd

FSW's School of Business and Technology hosted its Career Showcase and welcomed 40+ employers to FSW's Lee campus. A wide range of companies participated in the showcase. Industries represented include financial services, law enforcement, data analysis, and more. Students networked with representatives from multiple businesses in the comfort of their own school. Companies like Alliance Financial Group and Insite came to find students who were innovative, coachable, and hard-working, and they found that here at FSW. The career showcase allowed students and businesses to connect, grow, and support one another.



"Companies know that FSW prepares students with life and career skills to succeed or else they wouldn't be here." -Phoebe Presson, FSW Student



FSW's Annual Give Kids A Smile Day Continues the Tradition of Brightening Smiles

"It starts with the first tooth" is what students in Florida SouthWestern's Dental Hygiene program emphasized on their annual 'Give Kids a Smile Day.' The students shared that their mission was not only to treat oral maladies but to prevent them. Seeing 52 patients from the ages of three to seventeen allowed the students to attend to those outside their usual clientele age range while positively impacting the community's health. FSW dental hygiene students provided dental cleaning, x-rays, sealant, and examination services to kids and young adults in Southwest Florida. The students also held pre-and post-tests to ensure that the patients and their parents left with more knowledge about preventative dental care than they had when they arrived.

The students generously shared their pearls of wisdom, noting that drinking water is an essential part of maintaining good oral health. "Plaque and bacteria like rigid surfaces to stick to," they mentioned. That is why maintaining a smooth tooth surface and cleaning rigid places like the tongue are essential. Even changing simple things like the angulation of the toothbrush can have immense positive effects on targeting plaque. When asked, "How do you know a child is ready to brush on their own?" they responded that it depends on the child, but parents should be helping along the way. From brushing for them to helping the child do it themselves, the parent should maintain an active role in their children's oral health. The recommended routine they advocated for was flossing daily, brushing for a minimum of two minutes, and applying of sealants and a professional fluoride treatment protect the teeth. They ended by suggesting "that you brush the teeth you want to keep."

FSW's Dental Hygiene Program Offers Low-Cost Dental Services to the General Public

FSW's Dental Hygiene Program is accepting patients and welcomes everyone to have their teeth cleaned, get x-rays, and receive dental sealants. Join the 2,800 patients annually who receive dental cleaning and examination services at a fraction of the price at FSW.



FSW Dental Hygiene Clinic
8099 College Parkway
Building A Room
Fort Myers, Fl 33919

Call 239-985-8334 to
schedule an appointment

Hours

Tuesday - Friday
8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Prices

Children: \$30
Adults: \$50



Awards & Honors

Sigma Beta Delta, International Honor Society and Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX) Honors Society Host 2023 Induction Ceremony

The School of Business and Technology celebrated the successes of students inducted into Sigma Beta Delta, international honor society for students in business, management, and administration, and the Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX) Honor Society founded by the American Association for Paralegal Education (AAPE) in recognition of leaders in legal and paralegal education.



Lambda Epsilon 2023 Inductees

Wendy Dettman
Brittany Waryck

Advisor: Dr. Mary Conwell



Sigma Beta Delta 2023 Inductees

James Amrich
Evelyn Costner
Casey Henegar
Jaimie Lloyd

Josephine Lombardo
Katherine Martinez
James Popiol

Advisors: Dr. Richard Worch & Dr. Jennifer Patterson



Legal Studies and Debate Club Earns RSO of the Year

The verdict is in, and the outstanding work of the Legal Studies and Debate Club is affirmed. The evidence is clear and congratulations are in order for the Legal Studies and Debate Club, who took top honors as the Registered Student Organization of the year at FSW. Club President Kelly O'Hanlon earned the Above and Beyond Award and Dr. Sandi Towers was awarded the Advisor of the Year.



Student Scholarship Opportunities for Workforce Programs

Students and community members are encouraged to apply for these grants and opportunities.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)



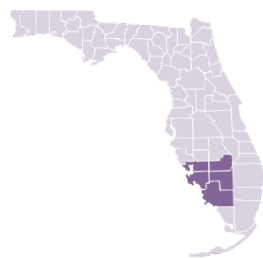
Lee County's Economic Development Office awarded FSW \$1 million to providing funding for select credit and non-credit workforce programs offered at FSW. Lee County residents who enroll into ARPA-eligible programs may qualify for funding to cover in-state tuition and fees.

Open Door Grant



FSW received \$316,019 of Open Door Grant funding through the Florida Department of Education. These funds will help students fast-track their success in a short-term career and technical education program.

Transforming SWFL 2025 Grant



FSW was awarded \$125,000 from the Lee County Industrial Development Authority and \$100,000 from the Elsa and Peter Soderberg Charitable Foundation. These funds support residents in earning postsecondary credentials to enhance their skillsets and meet the workforce needs of Southwest Florida.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)



FSW was awarded \$1.98 million for its Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grant proposal to provide residents of Southwest Florida an expanded pathway to multiple in-demand industry certificates. Certificates include AutoCAD, Microsoft Office Word, PowerPoint, and Excel Associate, Microsoft Excel Expert, CompTIA A+, CompTIA A++, CompTIA Linux +, CompTIA Network+, and CompTIA Security+. Participants will be supported through enhanced coursework, supplemental certification boot camps, and personalized advising.

ARPA Programs

- 11 CCCs and AS programs in FSW's School of Business and Technology
- EMT, CCC offered in FSW's School of Health Professions
- Several programs offered through FSW's Corporate and Community Education Office

Visit www.fsw.edu/arpa for complete list and details

Open Door Programs

- [Computer Programming Specialist, CCC](#)
- [Information Technology Support Specialist, CCC](#)
- [Network Security, CCC](#)
- [Firefighter Career Certificate](#)
- [Emergency Medical Technician, CCC](#)

Visit www.fsw.edu/opendoor for details

Transforming SWFL Supports:

- [GED Pathway Program](#)
- Second Look
- Last Mile & Gap Funding
- Workforce Pathways

WIOA Programs

- [Information Technology Support Specialist, CCC](#)
- [Network Security, CCC](#)
- [Cybersecurity, AS](#)
- [Network Systems AS](#)
- [Architectural Design and Construction Technology, AS](#)

www.fsw.edu/WIOA

Use the URLs provided to learn more about each grant or program.

Email Opportunity@fsw.edu with any questions.