Welcome to Virtual College Week

Finish Up Your College Degree
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What Career Should You Go Into After Graduating from College

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The Challenge

2.2 Million
We Make It Easy

Adults say: I want to go back, but...

I don’t know where to start.
The process is overwhelming.
I have no time to research everything.
By the Numbers

100 % Online

200 + Programs

20 Colleges/Universities throughout state
Your Options

20 Partner Schools to Choose From

Complete Florida connects returning adult students with one of 20 participating colleges and universities that offer 100% online degree programs.

7 Public Universities

7 Public Colleges

6 Private Universities
Coaches

By your side from initial interest to graduation

There are two types of coaches: in-take coaches and success coaches.

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Intake coaches: Pre-application

Eligibility

- Florida resident
- Have a gap of at least 3 semesters
- Exception for active duty military and veterans
Questions, Answers and Finding a Path

What do I need to do?

Let’s discuss your goals and figure it out.
Creating a Plan

Student Spotlight

"Being able to see a clear path definitely made me decide that I can make the commitment to finish my education."
Coaches illuminate a pathway

1. Use of existing credit
2. Time and money considerations
3. Degree that best suits educational and career goals
Presenting Options

Student Spotlight

“I was thinking I needed to major in psychology to do what I wanted to do, but a coach suggested the supervision and management degree. It turned out to be perfect for me and wasn’t something I had ever even heard of before.”

Ginger
Polk State College
Supervision and Management

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Emotional Considerations

Returning adults are often nervous, and it isn’t about academic challenges

- Unsure about process
- Nervous about online classes
- Apprehension about in-person classes with “youngsters”
Navigating the pathway

Student Spotlight

“A coach helped me discover I could use the credit I had already earned without having to start over. I realized I could get my bachelor’s.”

James
Florida International University
Interdisciplinary Studies

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Confounding Vocabulary

We all know the lingo, but we can’t assume that students do

- Degree audit
- Transient or transfer student
- Difference between an associate and a bachelor’s
- Pre-requisites
- General ed. requirements
- Common core classes
- Electives
- Proctored exams
- Accredited
Finances: Obstacles and Options

Coaches offer solutions

- Prior debt
- Financial Aid/FAFSA
- Satisfactory Academic Progress
Time: Options to Go Faster

Coaches explain choices:

• Multiple start dates
• Mini-terms
• CLEP, Challenge Exams, PLA/CPL
Unique students: Unique needs
Proceed with Caution

Communication is key, and students are not familiar with timelines and processes.

- Locating student portal
- Accessing student email
- Navigating enrollment process
Life Gets in the Way

These check-ins are important because ANYTHING CAN happen.

- Health crisis
- Family situation
- Work (shift change or position change)
- Change in deployment status with military
Having a coach makes me feel like I have a liaison to the entire campus. Any time I have a question, I can call her and get a detailed explanation that addresses the issue.

Kerri
Florida State College at Jacksonville
Human Services
Always Looking Ahead

As students get closer to graduation, they often turn to coaches for information about career readiness.

- Career center on campus
- CareerSource
- Skills assessments
- Statistics from Bureau of Labor
- Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
We are here when you are ready. We will always help. You can always reach out to us.

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Coach Matt

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Questions.........
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