



What is *CONNECT!*

The *CONNECT!* Program is for students who want to earn an associate of arts degree at Gulf Coast Community College and transfer to FSU Panama City to earn a bachelor's degree. The plan "connects" you with FSU Panama City advisors early on so you take the right courses at the right time to complete both degrees as quickly as possible.

What are the benefits of *CONNECT!*

- Comprehensive dual advising support through completion of AA and Bachelor's degrees
- Smooth transition through FSU Panama City admission process
 - Transcripts
 - Financial Aid
 - Degree audits for academic advising
- Admission to FSU Panama City for Gulf Coast Community College students completing the AA degree (limited to FSU Panama City campus and subject to available staffing, funding, and course availability)
- Earlier direct communication between institutions, including transcripts sent to FSU Panama City at regular intervals of 30 hours, 45 hours, and at completion of AA degree
- *CONNECT!* Participants enjoy select FSU Panama City benefits before you transfer from GCCC
- Gulf Coast Community College *CONNECT!* completers (with AA degree) enjoy additional privileges while at FSU Panama City
- Graduation fee waiver for GCCC students
- Admissions fee waiver to FSU Panama City
- Early registration your first semester at FSU Panama City

How is *CONNECT!* different from the 2 + 2?

- The 2 + 2 guarantees admission to one of the 11 state universities and not necessarily to one of your choice. **Note:** Limited access programs require an additional application once admitted to the University. All prerequisites must be successfully completed before entrance.
- *CONNECT!* Program benefits begin for the student after the student has signed the Enrollment Agreement and been accepted as *CONNECT!* Program participant.

How do I sign up for *CONNECT!*?

- Complete and submit an Admissions Application to the GCCC Admissions Office
- Complete and submit a *CONNECT!* Enrollment Agreement to the GCCC Admissions Office

CONNECT! Program application deadlines?

Summer 2009
June 19, 2009

Fall 2009
October 30, 2009

Spring 2010
March 12, 2010

Questions about *CONNECT!*

Call GCCC at (850) 872-3891, (850) 747-3211 or FSUPC at (850) 770-2161, (850) 770-2171

What are the advantages of the partnership between Gulf Coast Community College and Florida State University Panama City?

- Enhanced academic advising
- Seamless admission/enrollment process (student must obtain Florida AA and meet all prerequisites)
- Reduced time to degree completion
- GCCC graduation fee (AA degree) waived
- FSU Panama City application fee waived
- Admission to FSU Panama City for GCCC students completing the AA degree (limited to FSU Panama City campus and subject to available staffing, funding, and course availability)

Undergraduate Degree Programs at Florida State University Panama City

College of Arts and Sciences
Computer Science & Software Engineering*
Psychology*

College of Business
Accounting*
Business Administration*

College of Communication
Professional Communication

College of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Criminology

College of Education
Elementary Education*
Social Science Education*

College of Engineering
Civil Engineering*
Computer Engineering*
Electrical Engineering*

College of Nursing
RN-to-BSN*

College of Social Sciences
Interdisciplinary Social Science

College of Social Work
Social Work, BSW

**Denotes limited-access programs*

What is your responsibility?

1. Apply for admission
 - A. Submit an *Application for Admission* to GCCC (www.gulfcoast.edu)
 - B. Submit an *Application for Admission* to FSU Panama City (www.pc.fsu.edu) according to the published application deadline upon completion of 15 credit hours at GCCC
 - C. Provide official transcripts to GCCC from all schools previously attended
2. Apply to the CONNECT! Program by submitting a completed/signed Enrollment Agreement
3. Meet with advisors before your initial registration and at regular intervals to ensure you are on track and to establish and maintain an academic plan:
 - A. By completion of 30 credits: Meet with GCCC and FSU advisors.
 - B. By completion of 45 credits: Meet with GCCC and FSU Panama City advisors to confirm your transfer status with FSU Panama City. A scheduled transfer workshop will be available for all participants.
4. Maintain continuous enrollment. Continuous enrollment means the successful completion of 30 college-level semester hours for full-time students and 18 college-level semester hours for part-time students.
5. Complete your AA degree in accordance with GCCC guidelines and complete all prerequisite courses required for your intended major at FSU Panama City.
6. Apply for graduation from GCCC by the published deadline in the term you will complete your AA degree requirements. In the same term, verify your acceptance to FSU Panama City.



ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

I hereby apply for admission to the *CONNECT!* Program that assists GCCC students with acceptance to FSU Panama City after receiving an Associate in Arts degree at GCCC and fulfilling other program conditions. I agree to abide by all the regulations of the program and the laws of the State of Florida. I further agree to allow any of my educational records to be electronically or manually sent, received and reviewed by agents of both GCCC and FSU Panama City. I understand and agree that admission is limited to FSU Panama City and is subject to available staffing, funding, and course availability. Admission to FSU Panama City must be consistent with University policy and may be revoked if it is demonstrated that I have committed any act of academic dishonesty or if I do not meet the requirements as outlined above. I understand not meeting the requirements can result in dismissal from the program.

I also understand that this agreement does not in any way constitute a binding contract for my attendance at GCCC or FSU Panama City. I may choose to attend any other postsecondary institution, public or private, to which I am admitted, including Florida State University in Tallahassee.

Program eligibility will be determined based on the following:

1. You must be enrolled at GCCC during the semester you submit your Enrollment Agreement form.
2. You must be enrolled in an Associate in Arts degree track.
3. You must have completed no more than 15 credits prior to the beginning of the semester when you submit the Enrollment Agreement. All credits are considered: GCCC institutional credit, transfer credit, and credits by examination. Failure to disclose credits earned from other institutions may negate program eligibility.

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GCCC ID Number: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Intended Major (*must be a major available at FSUPC, see page 2*): _____

When do you plan to enter FSUPC? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*****PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE GCCC ADMISSIONS OFFICE*****

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Eligible: Y N GCCC Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

Term of Program Enrollment: _____ Year Graduated From High School: _____