Who We Are

Santa Fe College, based in Gainesville, is one of the premier public colleges in the United States. A member of the Florida College System, a statewide system of 28 public colleges, Santa Fe was chartered by the State of Florida in 1965.

Santa Fe offers a variety of educational options:
- two-year associate degrees
- four-year bachelors degrees
- career and technical certificate and degree programs
- continuing education programs tailored to employer and workforce needs
- community education enrichment programs

Santa Fe:
- Ranks first in Florida among public colleges in graduation rate and in the Top 10 nationally in the number of associate degrees awarded in liberal arts.
- Is a charter member of the prestigious League for Innovation in the Community College.
- Enjoys strong ties with the University of Florida; SF sends more transfer students to UF than any other college.
- Enrolls nearly 24,000 degree-seeking students annually from Florida, across the United States, and 54 countries (more than 40 percent of whom come from outside the two-county district).
- Enrolls 9,000 students annually in enrichment, continuing education or workforce training programs.
- Is easily accessible, with eight convenient and attractive campus locations throughout the region as well as online:
  - Gainesville (Northwest campus, Blount Center, Center for Innovation and Economic Development, Institute of Public Safety)
  - Alachua (Perry Center for Emerging Technologies)
  - Starke (Andrews Center)
  - Keystone Heights (Watson Center)
  - Archer (Davis Center)
- Provides a rich college experience for students, with more than 60 clubs and organizations, a strong student government, at least 15 study abroad programs, a fitness center, and intramural sports.
- Competes for league championships in four sports – baseball, softball and men’s and women’s basketball.
- Features small classes taught by exceptional, dedicated, and credentialed faculty.
- Is the home for the 10-acre Santa Fe Teaching Zoo, one of only two in the nation, and the Kika Silva Pla Planetarium, the only planetarium in north central Florida.

Programs of Study

Leading programs at Santa Fe include Health Sciences (Nursing, Respiratory Care, Cardiovascular Technology, Medical Imaging, etc.), Biotechnology and Clinical Laboratory Science, Business Administration, Digital Media, Zoo Animal Technology and Health Services Administration. There is strong demand for graduates in these areas. The passing rate of SF graduates on national exams is high. In respiratory care, for example, the passing rate for SF graduates is 99 percent.

Nearly two-thirds of SF students are enrolled in Associate of Arts programs, and SF has 2x2 articulation programs with four UF colleges. There is a UF@SF Center on the Northwest campus.

Santa Fe offers bachelors programs in clinical laboratory science, health services administration (online), nursing and early childhood education. A bachelors degree program in supervision and organizational management begins Fall 2012. Under development are two new bachelors programs: one in digital arts and sciences and one in industrial biotechnology.

In 2011, nearly 2,000 people were enrolled in SF’s corporate training and workforce development programs. At the CIED (Center for Innovation and Economic Development), located in downtown Gainesville near UF Innovation Hub, SF provides a wide range of incubator services to entrepreneurs and start-up companies.

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