



FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE

WORKFORCE EDUCATION

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Bachelor's Degrees

25

Associate Degrees

29

Certificate Programs

And Growing

New Programs Starting in Fall 2024

Advanced Medical Assisting, AS | Medical Assisting Specialist, CCC

Physical Therapist Assistant, AS

Supply Chain Management, AS | Logistics and Transportation Management, CCC

Social Media Communication, CCC



NCH connecting with FSW students on the Collier Campus

Welcome to the latest edition of FSW's Workforce Education newsletter. In this issue, dive into the details of our dynamic Emergency Services academic pathway, meet our newest Associate Dean, catch a glimpse of FSW's captivating spring theatre production, and discover the heartwarming impact of events like "Give Kids a Smile Day," Career Fair Week, and more.



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Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program is one semester and 12 college credit hours in length. The program includes 90 lecture hours, 120 laboratory hours, 18 hospital clinical hours, and 72 hours internship/ride time experience. Students are responsible for transportation to and from the clinical sites. Upon successful completion of this program, students will receive a college completion certificate and the necessary paperwork required to apply for both the Florida EMT and National Registry certifications.



Talula McPhee
EMT Student

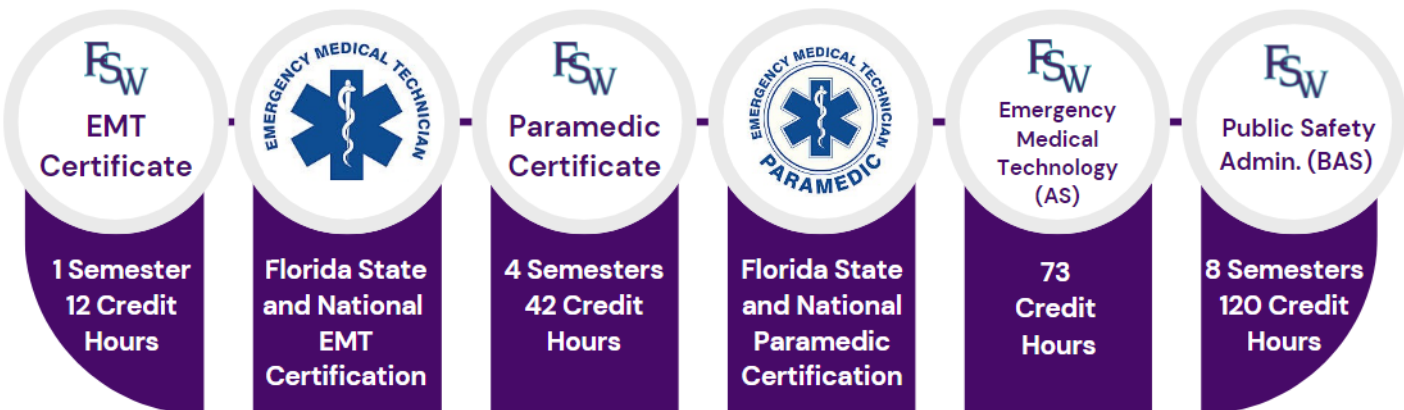
Fort Myers native Talula chose FSW for its familiarity and roots. "Being born and raised in Fort Myers, FSW felt like home. I remember those campus tours vividly; it was my dream to study here," she reminisces.

Talula has found her journey in the EMT program exhilarating, crediting her instructor, Lynn, for her positive experience. "Professor Lynn is incredible—beautiful, caring, and passionate. She's always there for us."

Talula describes the program as fast-paced and feels prepared for the real world, thanks to the hands-on experience gained during run times. With graduation approaching, Talula looks forward to diving into community service equipped with the knowledge and compassion she has gained at FSW.

Emergency Medical Services Stackable Pathway

Students completing the EMT program are prepared and ready to complete their Florida and national certifications. Additionally, students can continue their education along the Emergency Medical Services pathway, stacking credentials as they desire to grow within the profession.



School of Education Introduces New Associate Dean Position and Selects FSW's Own Dr. Anne Angstrom



Dr. Anne Angstrom
Associate Dean
School of Education

Dr. Anne Angstrom began her teaching career in 1992 in Kentucky, where she taught middle and high school reading, Spanish, English, Speech and Drama. She holds a Ph.D. in English Language Arts Education from Auburn University, a Master of Arts degree in Secondary School Counseling from Western Kentucky University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary English and Spanish Education from the University of Kentucky.

Her honors include High School Teacher of the Year (Glasgow Independent Schools, 1996); Paul W. Scheid Memorial English Education Award (Auburn University, 1998); Albert Hamilton Collins and Presidential Graduate Fellow (Auburn University, 1998-2000); and Outstanding Graduate Student (Department of Curriculum and Teaching, Auburn University, 2001).

She has been a professor of English at Western Kentucky University and at Florida SouthWestern State College before joining the School of Education in 2012. Dr. Angstrom has published articles on the teaching of adolescent literature and has given presentations at numerous regional and national conferences. Dr. Angstrom's scholarly interests include the use of reading and writing workshops and portfolio assessments.

Don't Miss Out: FSW's Tartuffe Brings Molière's Classic to Life

Join us for an evening of deception, hypocrisy, and laugh-out-loud moments as the talented cast and crew from the FSW Theatre Program bring this iconic play to life. With impeccable performances and a keen understanding of Molière's comedic genius, our production promises to transport you into the heart of the hilariously absurd world of "Tartuffe."

FSW Lee Campus
8099 College Parkway
Fort Myers, FL 33919
Humanities Hall (Building L)
Blackbox Theatre (L199-b)
April 4-6 & April 11-13

Florida SouthWestern State College Theater
Presents

Molière's

TARTUFFE

Translated by Richard Wilbur

April 4-6, 11-13

Curtain 7 PM

FSW Blackbox Theater (L119-b)

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Community Smiles Brighten with FSW's "Give Kids A Smile Day"

"Give Kids a Smile Day" is an event that truly embodies the spirit of giving back while promoting oral health education. This event provided by Florida SouthWestern State College's Dental Hygiene Program provides essential dental services to children in our community.

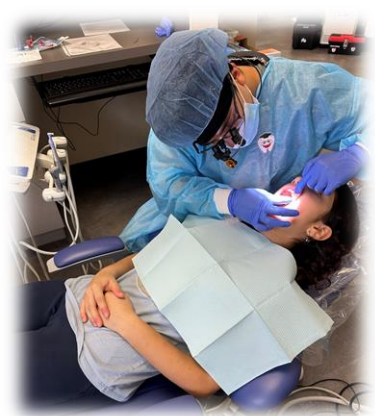
With the help of FSW's dental hygiene students, faculty, staff and four Lee County Dental Society local dentists, we were able to provide 97 children (ages 2-17) with a free cleaning, radiographs, fluoride treatment, a limited dental examination, sealants, and oral health education.

Through hands-on participation in "Give Kids a Smile Day," our future dental hygienists gain invaluable clinical skills, empathy, and a deeper understanding of the social responsibility that comes with their profession. "Give Kids a Smile Day" serves as a testament to the transformative power of education and compassion.



The "Give Kids a Smile Day" was a huge success. For many children who participated in the "Give Kids a Smile Day" event it was their first visit to a dental facility. Florida SouthWestern State College, Dental Hygiene Program looks forward to reaching even more children next year to help those in need in our surrounding communities.

Karen Molumby
Program Director, Dental Hygiene





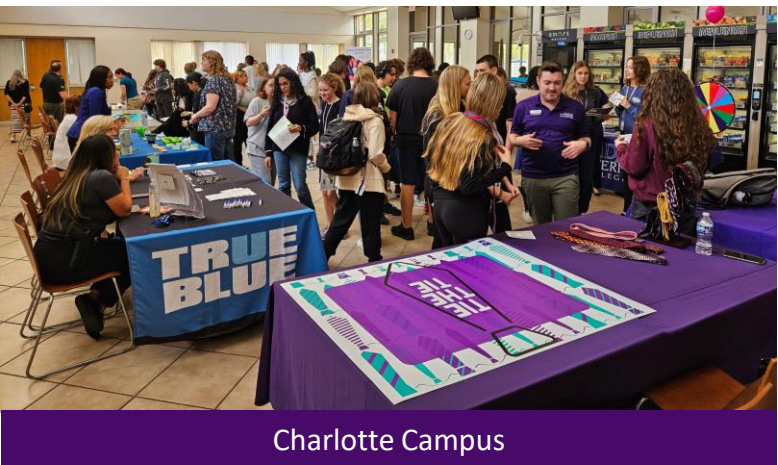
Lee Campus

FSW's Career Fair Week Draws Over 500 Students to Explore Career Opportunities

FSW's Career Connection Center hosted its Spring Career Fair Week, welcoming employers at each FSW service location across southwest Florida. Featuring a diverse lineup of employers spanning various industries, the event attracted over 500 students eager to explore career opportunities and connect with potential employers.



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"During Career Fair Week at FSW, students and businesses came together to explore opportunities. It was exciting to see so many connections being made!"



Katy Madden
Career Coordinator

Elevating Opportunities: Spotlight on FSW's Internship Week

FSW hosted its first Internship Exploration Week, March 18 -21, generating enthusiasm and providing important information regarding how students can leverage work based learning experience for academic credit through a college internship.

Over the course of four days, FSW's Internship Coordinator, Carrie Bohling delivered an engaging series of 10 workshops, tailored to inspire and equip students with the knowledge and resources to secure an internship. 45 students participated in FSW's Internship Exploration Week and 100% of students found the session interesting and informative.



To learn more about internship opportunities at FSW visit www.fsw.edu/careers or email internships@fsw.edu



Women Empowered Through Employment Series



Dress for Success SWFL's to host the Women Empowered Through Employment Series (WETES) starting April 17. The series is for women currently employed in Southwest Florida who want to up-level their professional development skills and build their network. Kelly Thawley, FSW Assistant Director of Workforce Recruitment and Scholarships will serve as a panelist discussing the importance of communicating confidently in the workplace.

Register for this complimentary series using the QR code





Sigma Beta Delta, International Honor Society and Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX) Honors Society Host 2024 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. Additionally, the Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX) Honor Society founded by the American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) inducted members in recognition of leadership in legal and paralegal education.

Lambda Epsilon 2024 Inductees



Sigma Beta Delta 2024 Inductees



Lambda Epsilon 2024 Inductees



- B. Ruth Neyra
- Desireé Alexis Rodriguez
- Eymi Pena Rodriguez
- Aliyah Solieri
- Emily Weisberg

Advisor: Dr. Mary Conwell

Sigma Beta Delta 2024 Inductees



- Donna Taylor Allen
- Josh Calderon
- Tagewattie Jaikaran
- Mercedes Lewellen
- Shawn Maslowski
- Julianne Marie Rodriguez
- Mileisy Rodriguez
- Robert Sherwood
- Ariana Trejo

Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Patterson

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

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

- 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



Open Door Grant

FSW received 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.

- 45 fundable programs across FSW's five academic schools

See complete list at www.fsw.edu.opendoor



Transforming SWFL 2025

FSW was awarded \$125,000 from the Lee County Industrial Development Authority and \$100,000 from the Elsa and Peter Soderberg Charitable Foundation through the FutureMakers Coalition.

Transforming SWFL Supports:

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



Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

FSW was awarded \$1.98 million for its Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grant to expand pathway to multiple in-demand industry certificates. Participants will be supported through enhanced coursework, supplemental certification test prep, and personalized advising.

WIOA Programs

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



Use the QR codes provided to learn more about each grant or program.
Email Opportunity@fsw.edu with any questions.