Higher Education in Florida, an overview

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60% of adults with high quality degrees or credentials by the Year 2025
Attainment is essential for economic development in Florida

• Currently, 38.1% of Florida’s working age adults hold a two- or four-year degree.

• 64% of Florida jobs will require some form of postsecondary education by 2021.

Sources: Florida Department of Economic Research, 2013 Workforce Estimating Conference
Lumina Foundation, A Stronger Nation Through Higher Education
The path to 60% degree attainment in Florida
STATE POLICY AGENDA

- Improve student outcomes
- Align financial resources with student need
- Create smarter pathways for students
Recent Florida Higher Education Policies

- Performance funding
- Developmental education reform
- In-state tuition for undocumented students
- Complete Florida Plus
- Economic Security Report
- Career & Professional Education Act
- UF Online
Priority Policies to Increase Education Attainment

• Set an ambitious, comprehensive attainment goal for Florida.

• Adopt guided pathways and require institutions to monitor progress towards completion.

• Examine the state’s current financial assistance programs to maximize benefits to students, taxpayers, and industry talent needs.
Set an ambitious attainment goal

- Quantifiable, long-term
- Challenging
- Address closing attainment gaps for underrepresented groups
- Based on state workforce needs
- Embraced by multiple stakeholders
Examples of States’ Initiatives

Twenty-two states have set a long-term attainment goal; Florida does not yet have a goal.

Oregon

- “40-40-20” 40 percent with a baccalaureate degree or higher, 40 percent with a certificate or an associate’s degree, and 20 percent with a high school diploma by 2025. ([http://www.ous.edu/about-ous/vision-goals](http://www.ous.edu/about-ous/vision-goals))

Washington

- “Washington's Ten-Year Plan” At least 70 percent of Washington adults, ages 25-44, will have a postsecondary credential by 2023. ([http://www.wsac.wa.gov/the-roadmap](http://www.wsac.wa.gov/the-roadmap))

Tennessee

- “Drive to 55” 55 percent of adults earning an associates degree or higher by 2025. ([http://driveto55.org/](http://driveto55.org/))
Adopt guided pathways

- Clear roadmap to completion
- Structured degree plans
- Intrusive Advising
- Data-informed process
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