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THIS IS
WHERE

BEGIN

HEALTH SCIENCES | BUSINESS, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

PUBLIC SAFETY | THE ARTS | LIBERAL ARTS | EDUCATION



**POLK
STATE
COLLEGE**



Come to Polk TO BEGIN

OR BEGIN AGAIN

FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS,
POLK STATE HAS SERVED
THE STUDENTS OF POLK
COUNTY — FROM HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS SEEKING
A HEAD START ON THEIR
DEGREES, TO CAREER
CHANGERS LOOKING TO
MAKE A NEW START IN LIFE.

Students like you choose Polk State for its unmatched combination of affordability, accessibility, and variety of degrees and certificates.

Planning to transfer to a university? Polk State's Associate in Arts degree is parallel and fully transferrable to the State University System and numerous private institutions. **Looking to enter the workforce?** Our Associate in Science degrees and certificates will give you a competitive edge. **Seeking career advancement?** Get ahead with one of our bachelor's degrees.

No matter what academic option you choose, you'll pay the lowest tuition and fees in Polk County and enjoy the convenience of Polk State's six physical locations and growing selection of online options.

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TO DISCOVER ALL THAT POLK STATE HAS TO OFFER AND WHY, WHETHER YOU'RE JUST BEGINNING OR BEGINNING AGAIN, **THIS IS WHERE YOU BELONG.**

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POLK
STATE

AT POLK STATE,
GETTING A COLLEGE
DEGREE CAN BE AS
SIMPLE AS GETTING
ONLINE. POLK STATE
OFFERS A GROWING
SELECTION OF
ONLINE PROGRAMS.

For more information,
visit polk.edu/online.



Wherever
YOU'RE GOING,

BEGIN HERE

PLANNING TO TRANSFER TO
A UNIVERSITY? WANT TO GO
STRAIGHT TO WORK? READY TO
TAKE YOUR EDUCATION TO THE
BACCALAUREATE LEVEL? WITH
MORE THAN 50 DEGREE AND
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, POLK
STATE HAS OPTIONS TO HELP YOU
GET WHERE YOU WANT TO GO.

PROGRAM WHERE IT WILL TAKE YOU

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Four-year degree program at Polk State or a university

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Workforce and/or certain bachelor's degree programs

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Workforce, where you'll be better positioned for advancement and/or graduate school

CERTIFICATE

Workforce and/or certain Associate in Science degree programs

[AA] ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

The AA counts as the first two years of a bachelor's degree. Earning an AA from Polk State guarantees admission to at least one Florida state university, and because Polk is regionally accredited, credits will transfer to many private and out-of-state colleges, too.

[AS] ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

The AS is designed to lead directly to employment opportunities in fields such as health sciences and public safety. This degree also qualifies students for certain bachelor's degrees at Polk State and some state universities.

[BS&BAS] BACHELOR'S DEGREES

A bachelor's degree is required for employment and advancement in many career fields. Polk State offers bachelor's degrees designed to meet the needs of local employers. Programs **include**:

- Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management
BAS concentration tracks include: Business Administration, Business Information Technology, Healthcare Administration, Public Administration.
- Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Sciences
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

CERTIFICATES

Looking for a quick way to enter the workforce or add to your skill set? A Polk State certificate program is the way to make it happen. Certificates and advanced technical diplomas can be completed in less than a year. Polk State's certificates and advanced technical diplomas **include**:

- Bookkeeping Operations
- Child Care Center Management
- Corrections
- Emergency Medical Technology
- Engineering Technology Support Specialist
- Entrepreneurship
- Graphic Design
- Law Enforcement
- Logistics and Transportation Specialist
- Medical Coding Specialist
- Paramedic
- Preschool
- Video Production
- Web Production

AA TRANSFER MAJORS

The AA is designed to lead to a bachelor's degree program. To ease that transition, Polk State students select their transfer majors early – within their first 12 credit hours – to ensure that they complete the correct prerequisites for their intended upper-division majors. Polk State offers transfer paths that align with virtually any bachelor's degree program, **including**:

- Accounting
- Art
- Biology
- Biomedical Sciences
- Business Administration & Management
- Business
- Computer Engineering
- Criminal Justice
- Computer & Information Science
- Education
- Health Sciences
- Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Supervision & Management



POLK STATE
COLLEGE

Begin Without

BREAKING THE BANK

Polk State's affordable tuition, excellent financial aid, and scholarship programs combine to allow more than 80 percent of students to graduate with \$0 in student-loan debt.

NOT ONLY DO POLK STATE STUDENTS SAVE MONEY WHILE IN SCHOOL, THEY ALSO MAKE MORE MONEY AFTER THEY GRADUATE.

TUITION AND FEES: THE BOTTOM LINE

At Polk State, you get all the bang — but for far fewer bucks. In fact, Polk State's tuition and fees cost less than half those of state universities. Here's how Polk State's tuition and fees stack up against the competition.

Tuition and fees based on Fall 2016 term, 15 credit hours per term (30 credit hours total).

	POLK STATE (ACTUAL COST)	STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA (AVG. COST)	PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (AVG. COST)
PER CREDIT HOUR	\$112	\$199	\$842
PER YEAR	\$3,360	\$5,976	\$25,259

Additional fees may apply, numbers have been rounded.

Source: State University System of Florida tuition and fees data. College Navigator, National Center for Education Statistics, nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator.

POLK STATE FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

HELPING YOU PAY FOR YOUR BEGINNING

In addition to affordable tuition, Polk State gave away more than **\$31 million in financial aid** during the 2015-16 academic year. With plenty of money available, you just have to apply for it. The first step is to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.gov.

The Polk State College Foundation also helps to ease students' financial burden. In 2016, the Foundation awarded more than **\$1.5 million in scholarships**.

Polk State also offers an interest-free tuition payment plan.



YOUR RETURN ON INVESTMENT

You know you'll save by enrolling at Polk State, but how will you fare after you graduate? The numbers don't lie. **For a prosperous future, begin at Polk State.**

MEDIAN FIRST-YEAR EARNINGS OF GRADUATES WITH AA DEGREES

POLK STATE \$27,416

FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM \$27,452

MEDIAN FIRST-YEAR EARNINGS OF GRADUATES WITH AS DEGREES

POLK STATE \$48,208

FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM \$43,876

MEDIAN FIRST-YEAR EARNINGS OF GRADUATES WITH BACHELOR'S DEGREES

POLK STATE \$38,220

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM \$33,716

2015 Labor Market Experiences After Postsecondary Education



BEGIN EARLY

COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOLS

Polk State operates three public charter high schools: Polk State Chain of Lakes Collegiate in Winter Haven, Polk State Lakeland Collegiate, and Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College.

Students attending these schools fulfill requirements for their high school diplomas while also earning college credits. In many cases, students graduate with both their high school diplomas and associate degrees.

**POLK STATE PUTS A COLLEGE DEGREE
WITHIN REACH FOR ANYONE WILLING TO
WORK FOR IT — EVEN IF THEY HAVE YET
TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.**

*The application period for Polk State's
collegiate high schools takes place
each spring. For more information,
visit polk.edu/highschool.*

DUAL ENROLLMENT

polk.edu/dualenrollment

High school students may also choose to earn college credits by dual enrolling at Polk State. Dual enrollment students continue to attend their home high schools, but also take courses at Polk State that count toward both their high school diplomas and associate degrees. Dual enrollment is open to high school students from all of Polk County's public secondary schools, most private high schools, and students in home education programs.



DUAL ENROLL IN SEVEN STEPS

1

Meet GPA, earned credits, and placement testing requirements.

2

Complete an application to Polk State at polk.edu.

3

Submit official scores from an approved placement test.

4

Complete orientation.

5

Complete course selection, approval, and registration.

6

Submit course schedule to your high school counselor.

7

Get your books and go to class.

CAREER PATHWAYS

polk.edu/pathways

Career Pathways is a partnership between Polk State College and the Polk County School Board. Through Career Pathways, high school career academy students can earn college credits. Students can earn 2-36 credits toward the following associate degrees:

- Accounting
- Aerospace Administration
- Business Administration
- Business Operational Management
- Cardiovascular Technology
- Computer Network Engineering
- Computer Systems/Business Analysis
- Criminal Justice Technology
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Digital Media
- Early Childhood Education
- Education
- Electrical Distribution Technology
- Emergency Medical Services
- Engineering Technology
- Fire Science
- Professional Pilot Science
- Radiography
- Supply Chain Management

Begin at WORK

POLK STATE CORPORATE COLLEGE

polk.edu/corporate

The Polk State Corporate College develops and provides customized training solutions for employers throughout the region. The Corporate College's agility in the development of short-term programs allows employers to quickly address emerging and forecasted training needs. For employed participants, the Corporate College offers training options that lead to nationally recognized certifications and provides opportunities to apply skillsets toward a college degree. For unemployed participants, the Corporate College offers foundational training that can lead to successful job placement.

8,000

The Polk State Corporate College, which served more than 8,000 training participants in 2015-16, is located in the cutting-edge Polk State Clear Springs Advanced Technology Center.

The Polk State Corporate College provides customized training through its institutes and the College Alliance for Advanced Manufacturing (CAAM). The institutes design specialized curricula in the following areas:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Business and Technology
 - Additive Manufacturing/Rapid Prototyping – 3D Printing
 - IT/Computer
 - Professional Development
- Childcare
- Contractor Safety
- Insurance/Real Estate
- Supply Chain Management

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/INTERNSHIPS



Polk State and LEGOLAND Florida partnered in 2014 to create an internship program that combines classroom studies and on-the-job learning at the theme park.

polk.edu/career

Polk State College offers a full range of career development services, from resume writing to interview preparation. Career Development Services can help you get started toward a successful career.

polk.edu/interns

To be competitive in today's job market, you need experience. How do you get it while you're still in college? Through Polk State's Internship Program.

Polk State's Internship Program has relationships with employers throughout Central Florida, from small businesses to sprawling theme parks. Our staff members will work with you to understand your interests and aspirations, and then match you with the internship opportunity that's right for you. Most internships take place locally, but international internships are also available.



When Class Ends, STUDENT LIFE BEGINS

THERE'S MORE TO
COLLEGE THAN LECTURES,
HOMEWORK, AND TESTS.
IT'S THROUGH YOUR
EXPERIENCES OUTSIDE
THE CLASSROOM THAT
YOU'LL DISCOVER WHO
YOU ARE — AND WHO
YOU WANT TO BE.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP OFFICE

polk.edu/salo

The heart of student life at Polk State College is the Student Activities and Leadership Office (SALO), which has locations on the Lakeland and Winter Haven campuses and at the Polk State JD Alexander Center in Lake Wales. SALO oversees the College's nearly 50 clubs and organizations, as well as intramural sports, and hosts a busy slate of campus events throughout the year. At Polk State, student life is what students make of it. Have an interest but no club for exploring it? Stop by SALO and learn how to start one.

STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

(current as of fall 2017)

- Aerospace Club
- American Sign Language Club
- Association of Engineering Technology Students
- Aviators Flight Club
- Bass Fishing Team
- Black Student Union
- Brother 2 Brother
- Cardiovascular Club
- Chi Alpha
- Comics, Animation, and Cinema Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- FLAG
- Flight Team
- Florida Future Educators of America
- Florida Nursing Student Association
- Free To Be Me
- Golden Key International Honor Society
- Honors Program Student Council
- Interfaith Project
- International Circle
- Intramural Sports Circle Program
- Intervarsity Council
- Math Club
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Club
- Philosophy Club
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Physical Therapist Assistant Club
- Radiography Club
- Student Government Association
- Sonography Club
- Sisters
- Speech & Debate Team
- Student Activities Board
- Únete
- Visual Arts Society
- Wellness Club



ATHLETICS

polkeagles.com

Want to compete on the field or court? Is cheering from the stands more your style? Either way, you'll enjoy being a part of Polk State's athletic programs. Polk State is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Florida College System Activities Association.

Athletes compete in the following sports:

- Cheerleading
 - Men's baseball
 - Men's basketball
 - Women's soccer
 - Women's softball
 - Women's volleyball
- Check out current schedules and read more about Polk State Athletics at polkeagles.com.**



POLK STATE

Honors Program

polk.edu/honors

Are you a highly motivated student looking for a one-of-a-kind learning experience? Then Polk State's Honors Program is for you.

Honors Program students enjoy smaller, more rigorous classes, field trips, priority registration, and numerous scholarship opportunities. Students who complete at least 18 credit hours with the Honors Program designation and have at least a 3.2 grade-point average will receive the Honors Program distinction on their transcripts and diplomas.

To participate in the Honors Program, students must have at least one of the following:

- An unweighted high school GPA of 3.5 or higher
- A combined SAT score of 1100 or higher
- An ACT composite score of 25 or higher
- A 3.2 or higher college GPA
- A PERT score of 120 or higher on the writing and reading sections

Athletic scholarships are available. Polk State students attend all athletic events for free.



HEALTH Sciences

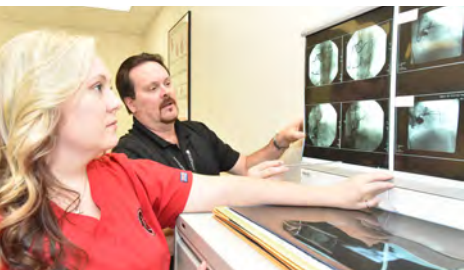
JOIN A LIFESAVING TEAM

Degree and certificate programs available in:

- Cardiovascular Technology
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Emergency Medical Services
- Healthcare Administration
- Medical Coding Specialist
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Radiography
- Respiratory Care

In today's dynamic medical field, patient care is a team effort. From the radiographers who take diagnostic images, to the nurses who administer treatments, successful patient outcomes depend on numerous healthcare professionals.

STUDENTS IN ALL OF POLK STATE'S HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMS REGULARLY OUTPERFORM THEIR PEERS IN THE STATE AND NATION ON REQUIRED LICENSING EXAMS, AND ARE SOUGHT BY EMPLOYERS THROUGHOUT CENTRAL FLORIDA.



HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

polk.edu/bachelor

Healthcare administrators work on the business side of medicine. Their duties may include managing an entire hospital or clinic, or managing a specific clinical area, department or practice area within such a facility. Polk State's Associate in Science in Business Administration and Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management degrees both offer specializations in Healthcare Administration.

CARDIOVASCULAR TECHNOLOGY

polk.edu/cvt

Cardiovascular technologists assist cardiologists during procedures to clear blocked coronary and peripheral arteries. In addition to an Associate in Science in Cardiovascular Technology, Polk State offers an Advanced Technical Certificate in CVT, for those who already have a degree in an approved healthcare field.

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

polk.edu/dms

In procedures commonly known as ultrasounds or sonograms, diagnostic medical sonographers use imaging equipment to direct sound waves into patients' bodies. The images sonographers collect help physicians assess and diagnose medical conditions.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

polk.edu/ems

This program trains students to work in out-of-hospital emergency medicine as emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics. Polk State offers certificate programs for all three EMS provider types, as well as an Associate in Science in Emergency Medical Services.



MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST

polk.edu/coding

Medical coders translate medical records into numeric codes that are used for research and reimbursement of services rendered. Polk State offers a Medical Coding Specialist certificate program.

2.3x

On average, a Polk State graduate's wages are 2.3 times higher than the average entry-level wage for Polk County.

NURSING

polk.edu/nursing

Nurses provide hands-on care for the duration of patient treatments, including recording medical histories and symptoms, giving medicines and treatments, collaborating with other health team members, and teaching patients and their family members to care for illnesses and injuries. Polk State offers an Associate in Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

polk.edu/ota

Occupational therapy assistants work under the supervision of occupational therapists to help patients develop, recover, and improve the skills needed for everyday life.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

polk.edu/pta

Physical therapist assistants work under the supervision of physical therapists, carrying out prescribed treatments to help injured patients relieve pain and restore function.

RADIOGRAPHY

polk.edu/radiography

Radiographers take diagnostic images, commonly known as X-rays, of patients, which help physicians determine conditions and prescribe treatments.

RESPIRATORY CARE

polk.edu/respiratory

Respiratory therapists specialize in caring for patients who have heart and lung problems. They have expertise in critical care, particularly life support, and help patients manage their conditions.



CAREERS IN THE BOARDROOM AND BEYOND

Degree and certificate programs available in:

- Accounting Technology
- Business Administration
- Business Operational Management
- Supply Chain Management
- Supervision and Management
- Aerospace
- Engineering Technology
- Network Systems Engineering Technology
- Computer Systems and Business Analysis
- Digital Media Technology

Business, Engineering, AND TECHNOLOGY

THE FIELDS OF BUSINESS, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE FAST-PACED OR EXCITING. DEALS ARE MADE ACROSS CONTINENTS. MERE KEYSTROKES SHIP MERCHANDISE AROUND THE WORLD. THE MACHINES THAT MAKE PRODUCTS ARE MORE ADVANCED THAN EVER — AND ONLY GROWING MORE SO.

Polk State's Business, Engineering & Technology programs are designed to prepare students for entry-level and management positions in their fields of choice.



BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING TECHNOLOGY

polk.edu/business-programs

Accounting professionals work in the receivables, payables, payroll, and auditing departments of both for-profit and non-profit organizations. This Associate in Science degree program is also ideal for small business owners.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

polk.edu/business-programs

The field of business administration offers entry-level and management positions at a wide variety of organizations, including wholesale and retail stores, service organizations, financial agencies, banks, large and small businesses, and government agencies. Polk State offers an Associate in Science in Business Administration. Additionally, the College's Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management includes a concentration in Business Administration.

BUSINESS OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

polk.edu/business-programs

This degree program is designed for students at Ridge Technical College and Traviss Technical College. Students must have completed a program of 900 clock hours or more, which they can then apply to the Associate in Science in Business Operational Management degree. This degree introduces basic business concepts to prepare students for supervisory roles in their chosen technical fields or in their own businesses.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

polk.edu/supplychain

Supply Chain Management encompasses all functions related to the movement and storage of materials, including purchasing, inventory management, production planning and scheduling, distribution management, and quality management.

SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT

polk.edu/bachelor

Polk State's Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management (BAS) program equips students with advanced training in analysis, decision making, economics, legal/ethical issues, management, and strategic planning. The BAS offers four concentration tracks: Business Administration, Business Information Technology, Healthcare Administration, and Public Administration.

ENGINEERING

AEROSPACE

polk.edu/aerospace

Polk State Aerospace prepares students for careers in the aviation industry, whether their interests lie in flying, maintaining aircraft, or managing aviation-related operations. Polk State offers Associate in Science degrees in Aerospace Administration, Professional Pilot Science, and Aviation Maintenance Administration. The Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Sciences includes concentrations in Aerospace Administration and Professional Pilot Science.

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

polk.edu/et

Engineering technicians develop solutions using hands-on knowledge of technology and applied math and science. Polk State's Associate in Science in Engineering Technology includes specializations in Advanced Manufacturing and Mechanical Design and Fabrications. Both specializations focus on applying, analyzing, implementing, and improving existing technologies in support of modern manufacturing.





95.5%

*Polk State has a
95.5% job placement
and continuing
education rate.*

**Florida Department
of Education*

TECHNOLOGY

NETWORK SYSTEMS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

polk.edu/networking

This program prepares students to work as network administrators, engineers, and specialists. These professionals plan, design, and administer computer networks of all sizes. This program prepares students to earn a variety of industry certifications.

COMPUTER SYSTEMS & BUSINESS ANALYSIS

polk.edu/compsysbus

Computer systems and business analysts help businesses and other organizations operate more efficiently by using computer systems to evaluate business processes in order to recommend and implement improvements.

DIGITAL MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

polk.edu/digitalmedia

The Digital Media Technology program teaches the elements of effective audiovisual, graphic, and web-based communication, preparing students to work in a variety of creative fields.



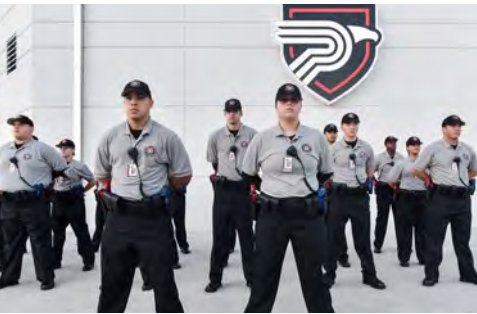
PUBLIC Safety

SERVE AND
PROTECT

**Degree and certificate
programs available in:**

- Criminal Justice
- Emergency
Medical Services
- Fire Science
- Kenneth C.
Thompson Institute
of Public Safety

**FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO KEEP
OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE, TO THE FIREFIGHTERS
WHO PUT THEMSELVES IN HARM'S WAY, TO THE
PARAMEDICS WHO MAKE SECONDS COUNT FOR THEIR
PATIENTS, PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES EVERY DAY.**



POLK STATE KENNETH C. THOMPSON INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

polk.edu/ips

The Polk State Kenneth C. Thompson Institute of Public Safety is a nationally accredited training academy for aspiring and experienced law enforcement and corrections professionals. The Institute offers the following programs: Basic Law Enforcement Academy, for those seeking to be hired as a police officers or deputy sheriffs; Basic Corrections Academy, for those seeking to be hired as corrections officers or correctional probation officers; Equivalency Training, for out-of-state officers, federal officers, and previously certified Florida officers who have had a break in service; Crossover Corrections to Law Enforcement Academy, for corrections professionals who seek careers in law enforcement. A variety of specialized training programs are also available.

Polk State's Public Safety programs are housed in the Polk State Center for Public Safety, a cutting-edge training hub unrivaled in the Central Florida region.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

polk.edu/cj

The Criminal Justice Program is designed for individuals seeking to begin careers, and those hoping to advance in current careers, within the field. The curriculum focuses on concepts and organizations important to the administration of the criminal justice system. Graduates are prepared for entry-level careers in areas such as law enforcement, corrections, the court system, probation, and private-industry security. Polk State offers Associate in Science in Criminal Justice Technology and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree programs.

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The Polk State Kenneth C. Thompson Institute of Public Safety was the first training academy of its kind to earn accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. (CALEA)



FIRE SCIENCE

polk.edu/firescience

The Fire Science degree is for those who seek promotion in the fire service. The program emphasizes scientific understanding of fire hazards and how they can be controlled, effective operating procedures, leadership, emergency risk management, and other managerial skills.



PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGEMENT

polk.edu/bachelor

Public safety managers work in supervisory positions at law enforcement agencies, fire departments, large corporations, and other organizations. Polk State's Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management offers an advanced technical certificate in Public Safety Management.



PUTTING CREATIVITY TO WORK

Arts Programs include:

- Music
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

THE ARTS

THE ARTISTICALLY INCLINED HAVE MANY WAYS TO DEVELOP AND SHARE THEIR TALENTS — WHETHER IT'S COMPOSING MUSIC, PERFORMING ON STAGE, PAINTING THE MASTERPIECES THAT ADORN GALLERY WALLS, OR INSPIRING OTHERS TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN ARTISTIC PASSIONS.

Polk State's Associate in Arts degree offers transfer paths for students who intend to study music, theatre, or the visual arts at the university level.



polk.edu/music

Polk State Music offers academic classes, performance ensembles, and private lessons designed to help students develop their technical proficiency and stage presence. The curriculum is also intended to introduce students to the various career paths they might follow within music, including performance, education, composing and arranging, management, and music therapy.

VISUAL ARTS

polk.edu/art

Polk State Visual Arts allows students to explore a wide variety of artistic expressions, from drawing to ceramics, painting to photography, all while emphasizing professional opportunities within the arts. Students create in sprawling studio spaces and a state-of-the-art photography lab. The College regularly hosts exhibits to showcase the work of Visual Arts students.



THEATRE

polk.edu/theatre

Polk State Theatre offers numerous on- and off-stage opportunities for students seeking careers as actors, costume designers, directors, lighting and sound technicians, producers, stage managers, technical directors, or drama teachers. Throughout the academic year, Polk State Theatre presents a busy schedule of performances, including classic musicals, comedies, and dramas, contemporary and avant-garde plays, staged readings, and cabarets.



**Education Programs
include:**

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Educator Preparation Institute

Make a Difference

EVERY DAY

**WHETHER THEY'RE TEACHING THE ALPHABET
OR ADVANCED ALGEBRA, EDUCATORS MAKE
AN IMPACT IN THE LIFE OF EVERY STUDENT
WHO ENTERS THEIR CLASSROOM.**

Polk State partners closely with the Polk County School Board and other local employers to offer a range of options for those seeking careers in education.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

polk.edu/education

Polk State's Early Childhood Education programs promote competence and professionalism in teachers, directors, paraprofessionals and others who work with children from infancy through third grade. Polk State offers an Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education and Management and a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education that leads to professional educator certification. Both degree programs offer courses and professional development opportunities designed to guide teacher-candidates in acquiring the skills they will need to meet the emotional, creative, social, cognitive, and physical needs of young children through the primary grades.



ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

polk.edu/education

For students planning careers teaching children in grades kindergarten through sixth, Polk State offers the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. This state-approved teacher preparation program emphasizes aspiring teachers' knowledge of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) content, while also equipping them with the robust instructional skills they will need to engage and excite young learners.



USF FUSE PROGRAM

Polk State is a member of the University of South Florida's FUSE program, which means Polk State students who earn their Associate in Arts degrees and meet all related requirements are guaranteed acceptance to the following USF programs: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences with a concentration in Biological Health Sciences, and Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences.



UNIVERSITY OF
CENTRAL FLORIDA

UCF TRANSFER CONNECT

Polk State College and the University of Central Florida have partnered to provide Transfer Connect, a pathway that helps students with the transition into and completion of baccalaureate degrees through UCF Online. Transfer Connect offers Polk State Associate in Arts degree graduates who meet requirements a greater chance of acceptance into specific UCF Online programs.

EDUCATOR PREPARATION INSTITUTE

polk.edu/epi

The Educator Preparation Institute is an accelerated training program for those who have a bachelor's degree in a non-education field. EPI students complete seven month-long courses and field experiences in local classrooms to prepare for state teacher certification exams. Candidates are required to pass three Florida Teacher Certification Exams (FTCE) before program completion.

ADMISSION

START YOUR SOAR IN EIGHT STEPS

1

Complete the free application at polk.edu.

2

Establish residency.

3

Apply for financial assistance or other forms of payment.

4

Complete testing and placement requirements.

5

Submit official transcripts.

6

Complete orientation.

7

Visit Advising and register for classes.

8

Learn to use Passport and Canvas.

For more information about the admission process, visit polk.edu/admissionsteps.

CONTACT US

For more information, call, follow, or visit us — online or in person — anytime.

863.297.1000 ■ polk.edu



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Lakeland, FL 33811
863.297.1000

Polk State Airside West

3515 Aviation Drive
Lakeland, FL 33811
863.297.1000

Polk State Center for Public Safety

1251 Jim Keene Blvd.
Winter Haven, FL 33880
863.297.1000

Polk State Clear Springs Advanced Technology Center

310 Technology Drive
Bartow, FL 33830
863.669.2326

Polk State JD Alexander Center

152 E. Central Ave.
Lake Wales, FL 33853
863.298.6830

Polk State Lakeland

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