Bachelor of Applied Science

The Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) degree offers additional educational opportunities to Associate in Science (A.S.) graduates from the Florida state colleges. Coming from a broad range of A.S. backgrounds, most of the students are primarily employed; however, some are place-bound or adult learners in the regional locations.

The program's curriculum builds on the technical and professional skills acquired in the A.S. programs and is designed to develop enhanced competencies in organizational skills, management and communication leading to job promotion and leadership. Emphasis is placed on the development of skills in critical thinking, problem solving and ethical decision-making. Graduates are able to use the knowledge, skills and competencies acquired in the program to facilitate their career, personal and professional growth.

The B.A.S. is only offered on the UCF Regional Campuses and is housed in the Office of Undergraduate Studies. Due to the unique “packaging” of existing courses, students have more options in meeting their education needs; at the same time, UCF Regional Campuses can deliver without incurring the additional expenses typically associated with the creation of new programs. This packaging began with two areas of concentration and has now expanded to six such areas referred to as tracks. The following tracks are now available:

- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education
- Health Services Administration
- Information Technology
- Legal Studies
- Supervision and Administration

Helen Hill, UCF Regional Campuses Director of Advising, supervised this program and, through her hard work and diligence, UCF has graduated 109 B.A.S. students since its inception in 2006.

A message from the interim vice provost - Joyce Dorner

This is always an exciting time of the year. With the fall semester well underway, the cooler weather is about to arrive and students are anxiously awaiting their mid-term exams. It provides a time—however momentary—to stop, catch a breath and think about the year ahead. Some of you may remember Dr. Harrison’s famous statement….“no new initiatives this year.” We all know how that turned out! And this year is no different: our summer retreats generated another ambitious agenda.

A number of new (and continuing) initiatives were identified this summer which are categorized as follows: administrative, instructional, and student-oriented. Administrative goals include making the KMS (WIKI) highly functional and user friendly, identifying data management reports, developing a long-range plan for space at Regional Campuses Administration as well as many of the campuses, and implementing staff development activities. Instructional and student-oriented initiatives include review of academic programs, undergraduate research, inclusion of SGA on all campuses, early engagement/advisement of students, and alumni and foundation partnerships.

It is proving to be another exciting and challenging year for all of us at Regional Campuses. We have our work cut out for us, but there is no doubt that with the teams of folks we have across all of our campuses, we will get the work done. My thanks to all of you for your daily commitment and dedication. You are truly amazing!

As Opportunity in Your Neighborhood.
Welcome back to the new academic year! I trust that all of you are returning after some time off, with your engines fully recharged. This year we have much to look forward to. We have a football team that appears to be our best ever. According to the latest estimates, we have approximately 59,000 enrolled students. And we, at Regional Campuses, continue to grow and expand access and outreach to all of the students in the region.

Take a look around you. There are new faces on several campuses as we added new faculty and staff to UCF Cocoa, UCF Valencia West, and UCF Sanford/Lake Mary, to name a few. This infusion of new people supports the disciplines of architecture, legal studies, nursing, political science, psychology, and sociology. We are also in the planning process to hire an additional 24 faculty and staff at the new Valencia Osceola location beginning in Spring 2013.

We brought two new programs into our stable of programs under the Corporate Education umbrella this fall—the Master’s in Research Administration and the Executive Health Services Administration degree. In addition, the College of Health and Public Affairs submitted a proposal to convert their Health Care Informatics master’s degree to a market-based tuition program, the first of its kind.

You may have heard about the university assembling a committee to examine the Regional Campuses system here at UCF. This is one of those rare opportunities when we get to tell our story to the rest of the university and share all of the great things that you are doing across the regions.

I wish you well for the new academic year. I am sure that this will be one of the best on record because of the dedication, hard work and efforts of faculty and staff like you.
What’s New with Curriculum Alignment?

Curriculum Alignment continues as a specific strategy for creating educational pathways for students K-12 in STEM disciplines. Our community and state college partners and central Florida district schools team with us to address collaboratively what can work to prepare our students for seamless college progression. Fall meetings have been productive in addressing alignment issues while making preparations for our second annual Central Florida Regional Curriculum Alignment Conference. It is encouraging to add Computer Science as a working group to begin discussing alignment opportunities.

Continuing Education

The Division of Continuing Education is providing expanded support to the university and the community. After a long period of development, video capture and program certification, the new Online Risk Management program was launched on October 1. Maria Cherjovsky dedicated significant amounts of time over many months supporting Aaron Leiberman of UCF Health Management and Informatics to bring this program to reality. Martin Malpica’s DCE IT team accomplished all the video capture and editing in support of the new program and developed the website and online infrastructure to offer the program.

In addition, Maria and her team are continuing their work with Vice Admiral Alfred Harms, UCF Vice President for Strategic Planning and Initiatives, with the final stages of coordinating and supporting the upcoming I/ITSEC (Interservice/Industry Simulation and Education Conference) to be held at the Orange County Convention Center in November. Cherjovsky also represented UCF DCE as guest speaker for the Central Florida Brazilian Chamber of Commerce breakfast event held on Friday, September 30.

Chris Rose and his team, which includes Pat Craft and Austin Companion, have continued to expand subscription to UCF DEC Test Prep programs, bringing new offerings to various Regional Campuses locations. Look for the UCF Test Prep van around campus.

Welcome New Folks on the Block…

Pam Anthop Cavanaugh will serve as a director to work with curriculum alignment, college access, assessment and other projects that support the work of Regional Campuses. With over eighteen years of experience in higher education and a B.S. from Purdue University, M.A. from Bowling Green State University and Ed.D. from the University of Central Florida, Pam returns to UCF from her recent work as the Director of Institutional Advancement for a private school. Pam served UCF in Student Affairs, Student Development and Enrollment Services and Academic Affairs. Prior to that Pam worked at Texas Tech University in Student Affairs. It is a pleasure to welcome Pam back to UCF.

Nicole Marsh joined the Regional Campuses Administration on Friday, September 2. Prior to joining us, she was employed by the College of Graduate Studies as an Associate Director of Student Services & Graduation. She has 5 years’ experience in marketing in the private sector and holds an MBA from the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College. Currently, she is finishing up her coursework for her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. Nicole will be assisting us with the academic schedule and other academic initiatives. Please welcome her to our team.

The DirectConnect to UCF Steering Committee met on Friday, September 30, 2011, at UCF Valencia West to provide updates from each of the partners and to address ways to enhance the partnership.

The academic and student services vice presidents from the state colleges and UCF leadership representatives brought agenda items to the meeting and action items were created to impact student success and ease of transfer transition. Best practices and student issues were discussed. The underlying theme prevailing was “What can we do together to create a better pathway for our students?”

DirectConnect Workgroup meetings are scheduled at each college during October and November.
Faculty and Staff

Sue Craig’s (CJ) article, “A Historical Review of Mother and Child Programs for Incarcerated Women,” was The Prison Journal’s most downloaded article in 2010.

Barbara Sgouraki Kinsey, assistant chair (PS), presented “The Strategic Incorporation of Immigrants’ Representation: The Case of Belgium” at The Annual Dr. Han-Jyun Hou Conference, Binghamton University.

Diana Sohys, Business Services, is a member of UCF’s USPS Staff Council.

Charles Viggiano, College of Business, won a UCF Teaching Incentive Program (TIP) award.

Nick Pantloni (SDES) attended the Florida AACRAO conference where he participated in the Institute of Strategic Enrollment Management session.

Barbara Rau Kyle’s review of Graphic Design History was published in the July 2011 issue of Rhizomes, and her presentation, “Participatory Information Production in an Era of Information Overload,” has been accepted for the 8th Annual Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy. Barbara is on staff at the Writing Center.

Lauren Miller (SR) attended the Regional and Branch Campus Administrator’s Leadership Conference and the Florida Association of Branch Campus Administrator’s (FABCA) Annual Meeting where she was elected Treasurer.

Sue Craig, Deborah Rhyne, and Janice Scott (COHPA) hosted a table at the Brevard Workforce Education Fair in Cape Canaveral along with Deputy Sgt. Tim Mosebach. (UCF Criminal Justice graduate)

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The Communicator Award, an international award with over 9,000 entries this year and The Telly (US National Award for Short Broadcast) were given to the animation and design team at Level2 Productions (UCF’s in-house animation company) for their animated short which was created for Warren Waren’s Sociology of Music class. The video can be viewed at: http://engage.ucf.edu/v/p/LNeEq2X

Melissa Forney, nationally known educational and motivational speaker, offered a free make-it-and-take-it workshop for the graduating seniors in the Early Childhood Development & Education program on the Palm Bay campus.

Community Involvement and Partnerships

Direct Connect Coordinators Shakira Guice and Catherine Cash hosted an information tables at the Brevard Workforce Education Fair and the BCC Welcome Back event.

Lauren Miller attended the EDC Investor Update Meeting on August 3 which covered the latest EDC initiatives for economic development.

Deborah Woodward Rhyne (CJ) represented UCF at “Keeping Children Safe” sponsored by Titusville Police Department and organized by Wendy Perez (COB).

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Sue Mahan, Criminal Justice faculty member, will travel to Barranquilla, Colombia, November 1-5 to attend Internet Association of Volunteers-International Summit. She will also present on a panel for Partners of the Americas-International Convention in Medellin, Columbia, November 10-13.

Congratulations to Darryl Greely on his promotion to Associate Director. Angela Johnson will assume advising responsibilities.

Christina Udell, admissions, is back from maternity leave. She and her husband Timothy welcomed Emma Grace on July 20.

A new Writing Center has been jointly funded for Daytona State College-UCF Daytona Beach through a $1M appropriation. Renovations are underway and Lauren Humphrey, a writing specialist, has been hired.

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The Clinical Psychology MA welcomed 15 new students the fall semester and a returning cohort of 20, two of which are international students from India and China. The group participated in the annual team-building event and enjoyed a welcome back social.

Clinical Psychology student, Niyatee Sukumaran, presented her master’s thesis entitled “Religion and Identity: understanding the impact of religiosity on identity formation in India and USA” in Washington, DC in August.

Cristi Kamps, Clinical Psychology, just published her Honor’s In the Major undergraduate thesis: “Revista Latinoamericana de Psicolog-body image and identity formation: the role of identity distress.”

Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology, is gearing up for another successful year. Psi Chi and Psi Squared are planning to co-sponsor a trip to New Orleans in March to present their research at the Southeastern Psychology Associations’ Annual Convention.

35 new students were welcomed into the Masters of Social Work cohort, five of whom were advanced placement students. Almost 50 students were placed in internships at a variety of agencies throughout Volusia, Flagler and St. John’s County.

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Enrollment Services and Advising staff participated in DSC Welcome Back events. Approximately 50 students stopped by the UCF booth to discuss transferring to UCF.

The new Student Outreach Services office (SOS) is staffed by Nicole Blue, director, assisted by staff members, Jillian and Shayla.

The campus has undergone some additions and renovations. There are new UCF Daytona Beach signs on both joint-use buildings and a renovated graduate lounge.

The photography lab has new printers, the nursing lab has been doubled in size with new equipment, and we have a new location for the education materials Lab.
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Preparing future educators.

UCF Sanford/Lake Mary takes pride in providing preparation and developmental opportunities for elementary education students through various test preparation classes and workshops. Under the direction of education faculty: Donna Frazee, Mary Starzynski, and Scott Wise, as well as Andrea Velez-Vazquez, Academic Support Services, we have provided the following: Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE) Workshop, TESOL Notebook Workshop, and “What I Wish I Knew About Internship.” Frank Podeswa from Junior Achievement held a workshop offering students opportunities in the classroom, K-12.

Congratulations to Jackie West-Lee who was selected to participate in the Leadership Enhancement Program (LEP) with the Office of Diversity Initiatives.

Pam Gruen attended the FACRAO Conference in Tampa.

Irene Pons was nominated as a top Orlando attorney on “11 Lawyers” radio show. She was also invited to speak at a Foreclosure Defense Forum, organized by the Neighborhood Community Foundation.

Sean Armstrong hosted a pledge appeal for WUCF-TV in September.

Bernie Jensen has been named Associate Chair of the Department of Psychology. Jensen attended the American Psychological Association Convention in Washington, D.C. and presented a poster entitled, “Treatment Acceptability of Sport Psychology Interventions for Pre-competitive Anxiety: The Golfer’s Perspective.” This paper was co-written with two students, Leanna Serrtiello, psychology undergraduate, and Jeanine May, graduate student, Clinical, MA.

We would like to welcome Daytona faculty member, Mary Starzynski (Elementary Education), and new faculty members Robert Goldsmith (Psychology) and Brett Meltzer (Legal Studies) to our campus.

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We would like to welcome our new SGA Regional Campus Assistant, Alicia Richardson! She is a Psychology major, plans to graduate with her bachelor's degree Fall 2012 and pursue her PhD in Clinical Psychology.

UCF’s Welcome Back Knights, hosted by Alicia with UCF Seminole SGA, was a carnival-themed event, with several different UCF departments coming out to participate.

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Seminole State College’s Welcome Back Bash kicked off the start of the new academic year. Michelle Van Brunt led UCF/Seminole’s participation.

Jennifer Wright, Dispute Resolution Services, conducted a workshop on “Reputation-building.”

Sanford/Lake Mary is organizing a new Psychology Club, under the direction of Bernie Jensen, to provide psychology students with more opportunities for professional development, networking with faculty and peers, and research involvement. It will also help prepare undergraduate students for graduate school. The meetings will include guest speakers, social events, outreach to the local community and Seminole State College students. Jensen’s ultimate goal is to have a chapter of the Psi Chi National Honor Society on the regional campus. Upon approval, the club will begin recruiting members this fall.

Kia Anderson and Kallie Reyes will be represented UCF Sanford/Lake Mary at Seminole State College’s University Quest event on October 5. This event gave many universities the opportunity to recruit current Seminole State College students for transfer.
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UCF South Lake supported the Chamber of Commerce’s annual Teacher Appreciation Breakfast as a magna cum laude sponsor, with more than 650 guests in attendance, including teachers, principals, school officials and chamber members. UCF alumni were well represented: 3 Teachers of the Year and 10 Rookie Teachers of the Year awardees were from the South Lake campus.

Jeff Duke, instructor, UCF South Lake, has obtained certification from the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE) for the Sport and Exercise program, one of only 16 NCACA accredited programs in the U.S. Bill Kuminka worked with Duke on the proposal.

Roberta Ergle, elementary ed. instructor, UCF Ocala, published an article in the August issue of the Journal of Teaching Writing, Vol. 26, No. 1. Her research topic, “Boy Writers: Are Boys Failing or Is the Test Failing Boys?” explores the difference in boys’ 4th grade writing skills. The manuscript was co-authored with Danling Fu.

Sheryl Cohn, Roberta Ergle, Lisa Brooks and Cynthia Walters, instructors, facilitated a series of quality seminars for Internship I & II Students, FTCE workshops and H.A.P.P.Y.* Hour Workshops for majors.

Joanne Megeath, program assistant at UCF South Lake, was awarded the August Employee of the Month award by the university. Joanne was a special guest at the September Board of Trustees meeting and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year award.

Beth and Scott Larson are the proud parents of a baby girl, Alice, born May 20.

Western Region Campuses partnered with the Florida Department of Children and Families–Circuit 5, Kids Central, Inc., and United Way of Marion and Citrus County in delivering the first annual Education Summit on August 9. The theme was: “Our Community’s Conversation about Education,” and more than 150 community leaders, parents, and concerned citizens attended. Scott Larson, Cece Rivers, Tanya Armstrong, Dawn Scott, and student volunteers, Felicia Smith and Elizabeth Morse, manned the DirectConnect to UCF table.

UCF Ocala teamed up with the UCF Alumni Association to sponsor a UCF (Football) Watch Party for the UCF/BYU game. This was the third alumni event held in the last 6 months.

UCF Ocala joined other College of Central Florida partners in a Fall Welcome Back to returning students at the campus.

UCF Leesburg elementary education seniors hosted the annual “Welcome” picnic for incoming juniors.

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Elizabeth Morse, Elementary Education junior, has been recognized as the “Knight Light” for the region. Elizabeth was instrumental in getting books donated to the elementary education programs at South Lake and Leesburg. Every junior and senior in the program will receive books to start their own classroom library of children’s books. Elizabeth also initiated a school supply drive for the children at Lost Lake Elementary. Dawn Scott helped facilitate the project.

Noelle Gleeson, elementary ed. junior, was awarded the grand prize at the Florida Reading Association (FRA) Conference, winning over $450 worth of prizes.
Faculty and Staff, and Students

The UCF Valencia West faculty and staff representatives met at Crispers for lunch on Friday, September 30. The meeting focused on outreach activities of both faculty and staff and related student recruitment. Discussion included undergraduate research initiatives for the year and the importance of “teaching” at the Regional Campuses. The faculty and staff have developed numerous team strategies for working with and serving the UCF Valencia West students as well as Valencia students.

Hundreds of high school and Valencia students attended the recent Expo held on the UCF Valencia West campus. Many of them signed up for DirectConnect to UCF and received information related to numerous majors available at UCF and Regional Campuses. The entire team of faculty, staff and administration took part in the highly successful event!