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## SUPPORTING THE *Florida* COLLEGE SYSTEM IS SMART BUSINESS.

At Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida (BCBSF), we know that building a healthier tomorrow starts by giving back today. That's why we are proud to support a variety of educational programs across the state of Florida in the pursuit of health - one of them being the nursing education system. We support nursing education through a signature program called Generation RN<sup>SM</sup>. This program is nationally recognized for excellence in its work to increase educational capacity, workforce diversity and continuing education and professional development of nurses. We recognize the link between the quality and safety of patient care and the availability of a well-trained workforce, that's why supporting nursing is a great place to start.

BCBSF also created a \$2.5 million endowment at the Florida College System Foundation that was matched by the Florida legislature. This \$5 million endowment generates enough funds every year to enable each of the state colleges to award scholarships to about 200 students who are pursuing degrees in nursing or allied health. We estimate that about 2,150 nursing students across the state of Florida have benefited from the BCBSF Nursing and Allied Health scholarship fund. Many of these scholarship recipients are now practicing nurses in Florida who are improving the health of their patients and their communities.

At BCBSF, we know it is smart business to invest in future health care providers committed to helping people and communities achieve better health. The pursuit of health is a journey that everyone takes, and no matter where your's leads, we will be with you every step of the way.

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### WHAT IS THE FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM?

- We are comprised of 28 colleges and 64 campuses throughout Florida, formerly known as the Florida Community College System.
- We represent 903,846 students.
- We awarded 93,285 degrees in 2010-2011.
- We employ more than 45,000 Floridians.



### WHAT IS THE 2+2 PROGRAM?

- Florida's 2+2 Program provides a seamless transition into the State University System with junior year status for students earning an Associate's degree from a Florida College System institution.
- This system is a model for the nation and is cost effective for students.

### WHY IS THE 2+2 PROGRAM VITAL TO FLORIDA'S FUTURE?

- 78,000 Florida students choose the 2+2 Program every year.
- Completing an Associate's degree from an FCS institution guarantees admission into one of Florida's eleven public universities.
- More than half of university upper-level students are 2+2 transfers.
- A family prepaying their first grade child's tuition would save 33% by utilizing 2+2 compared to a 4-year university plan.
- 2+2 students are successful, with cumulative GPA's approximating 3.0.
- 2+2 students graduate at comparable rates to students who begin at a state university.



- Brevard Community College
- Broward College
- Chipola College
- College of Central Florida
- Daytona State College
- Edison State College
- Florida Gateway College
- Florida Keys Community College
- Florida State College at Jacksonville
- Gulf Coast State College
- Hillsborough Community College
- Indian River State College
- Lake-Sumter Community College
- Miami Dade College
- North Florida Community College
- Northwest Florida State College
- Palm Beach State College
- Pasco-Hernando Community College
- Pensacola State College
- Polk State College
- Santa Fe College
- Seminole State College of Florida
- South Florida Community College
- St. Johns River State College
- St. Petersburg College
- State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota
- Tallahassee Community College
- Valencia College



