Lake Sumter
State College
WHERE FUTURES SOAR
Established a half-century ago, the vision of our founders was clear as they endeavored to create a vibrant academic institution where ideas flourish, diversity is embraced and excellence is achieved. And it has been the privilege and passion of those who followed to turn this dream into an ongoing reality.

Today, Lake-Sumter State College is an academic and community leader that provides exceptional educational experiences in small class settings that promote success. The evidence of this success is found in having one of the highest graduation rates in the State of Florida. We have also become a baccalaureate institution that embodies the changes in higher education and seeks to achieve the highest level of distinction in the transmission of knowledge and understanding.

From three strategically located campuses, we now serve over 7,000 students with a wide array of programs and classes. We also remain true to our mission of service with scholarships available through the Lake-Sumter State College Foundation.

Our founders laid the foundation for higher education that is as sound today as it was decades ago. Their guiding presence is still felt as we equip the next generation of spirited, thoughtful and innovative leaders in Central Florida and beyond.
Lake-Sumter State College offers bachelor, associate degrees and several non-degree programs. Regardless of academic goals, students benefit from the extraordinary educational resources of this award-winning institution and an exceptional faculty with unparalleled reputations for their dedication to students.

**BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE**

LSSC’s first baccalaureate degree is a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Organizational Management. This degree provides students with the skills and knowledge necessary to start their own business or to secure managerial positions in corporations, healthcare organizations, local government, and more. Additional baccalaureate programs are in development for the coming years.

**ASSOCIATE IN ARTS**

The Associate in Arts (AA) degree prepares students to transfer as juniors to a four-year college or university to complete their bachelor’s degree. However, specific courses may be required for acceptance into some majors. Although any major is possible with careful planning and guidance, LSSC has outlined the curricula for the following most popular majors. The LSSC diploma and transcript will reflect the Associate in Arts degree without a specific or designated major.

- Art
- Athletic Training
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Engineering
- English
- Mathematics
- Nursing
- Physics
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Professional Health
- Psychology
- Secondary Education
- Social Science
**TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES**

Technical Certificates are shorter career education programs that are part of an A.S. or A.A.S. degree program and may lead more quickly to employment in high-demand occupations. College credit hours earned in Technical Certificate programs can be applied toward a related Associate in Applied Science or Associate in Science degree. Programs offered include:

- Business Development & Entrepreneurship
- Child Care Center Management
- Child Development Early Intervention
- Digital Forensics
- Electrical Distribution Technology – Basic
- Electrical Distribution Technology – Advanced
- Health Informatics Specialist
- Infant and Toddler
- Information Technology Analysis
- Medical Information Coder/Biller
- Medical Office Management

Our linkage program with other schools is:
- Dental Hygiene with Valencia College

Our Non-Degree Seeking options include:
- Teacher Certification/Educator Preparation Program

Teacher Certification Courses are a competency-based accelerated option for individuals who hold a non-education bachelor’s degree. The 9-10 month program offers online instruction in Florida Educator Accomplished Practices. Students are prepared for K-12 teaching anywhere in Florida. LSSC’s Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) has had a 95% teacher placement rate.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Our Continuing Education Program offers non-credit classes that enrich lives and enhance careers, ranging from professional certifications to personal development classes. The Computer Institute offers a number of non-credit courses for all levels of computer expertise. Classes provide training on the latest software and hardware for the home and workplace.

**eLEARNING**

At LSSC, distance is not an obstacle to furthering your education. Our numerous online classes offer students greater flexibility and the convenience of earning college credits electronically.
LSSC has gained the reputation as the community’s college for its personal approach to education and its commitment to providing students with academic, financial and career resources. At Lake-Sumter State College, the setting is one where students can quickly become part of the campus community, with unending opportunities for personal growth.

The following centers assist students with financial, educational and employment resources that foster this growth:

- **ADVISING OFFICE** – Our advisors are eager to understand each student’s educational and career goals and to discuss the course of study and educational path that will best help each student to achieve those goals;

- **FINANCIAL AID OFFICE** – Our staff offers information and assistance to help students obtain financial support through scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs. They ensure that students are connected to financial sources to help make their educational dreams become a reality;

- **LEARNING CENTER** – Our tutors provide academic support and assistance to evaluate students’ strengths and weaknesses and to improve their skills in reading, writing and mathematics. Special needs testing and a science study room for anatomy and physiology classes are provided;

- **CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** – Our advisors assist students with career planning and decision making, internships, job placement, job fairs, resume writing and job interview preparation;

- **LIBRARY SERVICES** – Our sophisticated computer network provides students access to the libraries of all 28 colleges in the Florida College System. The LSSC libraries at each of the three campuses provide traditional library services, media services (audiovisual and graphics support) and open computer lab services.
Countless cultural, educational, athletic and social activities are available to LSSC students, faculty and staff. They encourage students in particular to express their unique talents and to enjoy the talents of others. Becoming actively involved in these activities is a meaningful way to become part of the college community. Student activities include:

- Student Government Association
- Campus Diplomats
- Leadership Institute
- Clubs & Organizations
- Student Publications

ATHLETICS

We are committed to excellence in athletics, just as we are in academics. They stimulate the mind and spirit and help students to develop patterns of accomplishment, as athletes are required to always give their best. Lakehawk intercollegiate athletics also promote character traits of high value that benefit the participants in the classroom, in business and in life.

Lake-Sumter State College’s Athletic Program competes in Women’s Volleyball, Women’s Fast-Pitch Softball and Men’s Baseball. The College competes as a Division 1 program in the Mid-Florida Conference of the Florida College System Activities Association and is a member of the National Junior Community College Athletic Association.
Whether you are a potential student, recent high school graduate or you are contemplating a return to school after being away for awhile, we invite you to explore all of the opportunities that Lake-Sumter State College has available. We bring together a variety of students from diverse backgrounds to create an exceptional community of learning.

We also care about what students have accomplished in and out of the classroom, and what they expect to accomplish in the future. So when completing your application, please tell us more than just your academic accomplishments. — Tell us what makes you special!

**STEPS TO APPLYING FOR LSSC ADMISSION:**

1. Submit your application online at www.lssc.edu and pay your application fee.
2. Submit any residency documents required to qualify for in-state tuition.
3. Apply for financial assistance.
4. Submit official transcripts from previously attended institutions and high school.
5. Submit ACT/SAT test scores or take the PERT College Readiness Assessment.
6. Attend new student orientation.
7. Register for classes.
8. Pay for classes and purchase your books.

You are now an LSSC Lakehawk and ready to begin your classes!
When Lake and Sumter County citizens rallied to create a junior college in 1962, little did they know that the community college would grow into the three-campus Lake-Sumter State College serving thousands of students. These are exciting times at Lake-Sumter State College, as we have celebrated a half-century of service and have launched our first baccalaureate degree.

We have come a long way since our humble beginnings more than 50 years ago. What will never change, however, is Lake-Sumter State College’s clear and unwavering commitment to providing quality education close to home.