Chipola designated Educator Preparation Institute

The Florida Department of Education recently designated Chipola College as an Educator Preparation Institute.

Dr. Kitty Myers, Vice President of Instruction and Baccalaureate Programs, says, “This is great news for anyone with a bachelor’s degree who is interested in entering the teaching field.”

The Educator Preparation Institute is a program for college graduates with a bachelor’s degree—in a subject other than education—who want to earn the credentials to become a Florida certified teacher.

Myers says the approximately year-long course of study offers programs leading to certification in four areas: math education, science education, exceptional student education and elementary education.

Students must complete from 19 to 25 semester hours of coursework as well as some field experience. Enrollees will work through all three portions of the Florida Teacher Certification Examination during the program. Those who successfully complete the program will receive certification from the Department of Education.

Perhaps the best news for aspiring teachers is the fact that Chipola pays the tuition through a Succeed Florida grant.

In addition to the Educator Preparation Institute for students already holding a bachelor’s degree, Chipola also awards bachelor’s degrees in Mathematics Education (6–12), Biology Education (6–12), Middle Grades Mathematics Education (5–9) and Middle Grades Science Education (5–9). Tuition is free for these programs as well.

For information about the program, contact Dr. Myers at 850-718-2276.

Prepare now for fall classes at Chipola

Application deadline is Aug. 3 for new students planning to enroll in Fall classes at Chipola College.

Registration for returning students is Aug. 16. New and returning student registration is Aug. 17 and 18. Fall classes begin Aug. 21 with late registration through Aug. 25.

All students with a high school diploma are eligible to enroll. Certain academic courses require minimum scores on college placement tests, ACT or SAT.

Chipola offers day and evening courses as well as online and independent study courses leading to the Associate in Arts Degree. The college also offers a number of Associate in Science programs and Workforce Certificate programs to prepare students for promising careers.

Online registration is available through Aug. 3 for current students who meet certain requirements. To be eligible for online registration, students must have completed at least 12 semester hours and have an overall 2.0 GPA. The online option is not available for Dual Enrollment/Early Admission, State Employee Fee Waiver, or for students required to enroll in college preparatory classes.

To register online, visit www.chipola.edu, click Current Students, then choose On-line Registration.

For information, call 718-2311.
Chipola to offer evening courses in Spanish and French

Chipola College will offer evening courses in French and Spanish this fall.

Dr. Mark Ebel will teach the four semester-hour Elementary Spanish I (SPN 1120) course on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dana Ayers will teach the four semester-hour Elementary French I (FRE 1120) course on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Colleges and universities in Florida require a foreign language before awarding a bachelor’s degree. The foreign language minimum requirement may be fulfilled by taking two years of the same foreign language at the high school level or 8-10 hours of the same language at the college level. Most majors require a third foreign language course.

Fall registration for returning students is Aug. 16. Registration for new and returning students is August 17-18. Classes begin Aug. 21 with late registration through Aug. 25.

For information, call 850-526-2761.

Continuing Education courses set

Chipola College will offer a variety of short courses in the coming weeks. A Cake Decorating I class will meet Thursdays, Aug. 3 through 31 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $41. A Cake Decorating II class will meet Thursdays, Sept. 7 through 28 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $41. An Advanced Level Cake Decorating III class will meet Thursdays, Oct. 5 through 26 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $41.

An Early Care & Education Administrative Overview course will meet Tuesdays, Aug. 22 through Dec. 5 from 6 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is $191. A Child Growth & Development course will meet Thursdays, Aug. 24 through Dec. 7 from 6 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is $191. An Internship course will meet Thursdays, Aug. 24 through Dec. 7 from 6 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is $191.

Chipola will offer the following Mandatory training for Child Care Facility Personnel and Family Child Care Home: Health, Safety & Nutrition, Sept. 9, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Child Abuse & Neglect, Sept. 16, 7 to 11 a.m.; Child Growth & Development, Sept. 16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Behavioral Observation & Screening, Sept. 23 and 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Rules & Regulations (center), Sept. 24 and 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Rules & Regulations (family), Sept. 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Pre-School Appropriate Practices, Oct. 1, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Special Needs Appropriate Practices, Oct. 7, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Costs range from $17 to $43 depending on length of course.

A Real Estate Sales course will meet Sept. 30 through Oct. 1, 14, 15, 28, 29, and Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $250.

The Continuing Education Department also offers custom motivational workshops for businesses and organizations.

Gatlin Education Services (GES) offers, open enrollment, online courses in: health care, internet graphics/web design, business, law and travel. Register online at www.gatlineducation.com/chipola.

Education To Go also offers online programs. For dates and course outlines, visit www.ed2go.com/chipola.

For information about any of these non-credit courses, call 850-718-2395.