The mission of the University Center at Chipola Junior College is to respond to the educational needs of Chipola's service area by assisting students in the pursuit of upper-level degrees. The University Center is based on the belief that everyone who is capable of success has the right to an education. Traditionally, it has been necessary for residents of Chipola's district to move away or commute long distances in order to continue their education past the AA or AS degree. With the creation of The University Center at Chipola Junior College, graduates with a two-year degree now have the opportunity to pursue higher education at Chipola.

The University Center is collaborating with four-year universities and colleges to bring Bachelor and Graduate Degree opportunities to our area and to assist students in their efforts to pursue a baccalaureate or post-graduate degree. University personnel teach all of the classes and the universities award the degrees. University Center programs provide students with a rigorous university experience in the supportive, student-centered atmosphere to which Chipola students are accustomed.

University Center students have access to Chipola's computer labs, library, and other facilities, just as Chipola students do.

The following degree programs will be offered in cooperation with the University Center during the 2001-2002 school year. Class schedules for on campus degrees will be posted on the University Center Web-site, http://www.chipola.edu/university_center, as they become available. The site contains extensive information about all University Center programs. A asterisk next to a degree program indicates that the courses for that program are taught on Chipola's campus.

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University - (FAMU)

* BS in Social Work: This versatile and nationally recognized degree enables graduates to work with diverse population groups in a wide variety of settings. Social workers are professionals who help individuals, groups, or communities by obtaining services, providing counseling, and improving social and health services. Classes are taught in the evening on Chipola's campus.

   Department Chair: Dr. Marilyn Spearman (850) 561-2253

Florida State University - (FSU)

2+2 Programs: Supported distance learning programs that feature specially designed, state-of-the-art, instructional materials, CJC computer access, and local mentors. Degrees may be earned in Computer Science, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Information Studies, Interdisciplinary Social Science and Software Engineering

   * RN to BSN/MSN Bridge program: An innovative program that allows registered nurses to continue working while seeking career advancement through courses taught on CJC's campus and on-line which lead to a Bachelor's degree. The MSN degree is not yet available. A program coordinator teaches some classes, meets periodically with students on Chipola's campus, and provides advising and assistance throughout the program.

   FSU Program Coordinator CJC Recruiter and Advisor
   (850) 644-2647 Barbara Taylor (850) 718-2294
   taylorb@chipola.edu

Masters in Library Science or Information Studies: Students who have a BS or a BA degree and are interested in library science may earn a masters in this on-line program.

University of West Florida - (UWF)

*BA in Special/Elementary Education: The full-time, on-campus program coordinator will teach classes, provide academic advising, and offer assistance throughout the program. Courses are offered in the afternoon and evenings on Chipola's campus. This program will comprehensively train pre-service teachers to serve both in the elementary and special education settings. A large component of practical experience in elementary classrooms will be incorporated into the curriculum. This program is NCATE/DOE approved.

   Program Coordinator: Patti Davis (850) 718-2361
davisp@chipola.edu

*BA in Criminal Justice: The full-time, on-campus program coordinator will teach classes, provide academic advising, and offer assistance throughout the program. Courses are offered in the day, evening, and on Saturday on Chipola's campus. This degree offers an interdisciplinary, issue-oriented program focusing upon the issues of crime, law enforcement, corrections, and the criminal justice system.

   Program Coordinator: April Robinson (850) 718-2361
   robinsona@chipola.edu

* Masters in Educational Leadership with Administrative Certification

   Courses are taught in the evenings and on weekends on Chipola's campus. Students must have a Bachelor's degree and a teaching certificate.

   Program Coordinator: Dr. Sherri Zimmerman (850) 863-0730
   szimmerman@uwf.edu

* Specialist and Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction

   Courses are taught in the evenings on Chipola's campus. Students must have a Masters degree.

   Program Coordinator: Dr. Michael Barry (850) 863-6538
   gbarry@uwf.edu

Several online degrees are available from Florida Gulf Coast University, University of Central Florida, the University of Florida, and other institutions. These are detailed on the University Center web-site.

It is our goal to increase the number of degrees available to area residents and to expand university participation. Consequently, the Center's offerings will change and evolve over time.

For information on the University Center contact Dr. Kitty Myers at (850) 718-2260 or myersk@chipola.edu and visit the University Center web-site at Chipola's homepage, http://www.chipola.edu/university_center