The mission of the University Center at Chipola 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, graduates with a two-year degree now have the opportunity to pursue higher education at Chipola.

The University Center collaborates 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 these degrees. 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.

The following degree programs will be offered in cooperation with the University Center during the 2002-2003 school year. Class schedules for on campus degrees are posted on the University Center Web-site as they become available. The site contains extensive information about all University Center programs. An asterisk next to a degree program indicates that the courses for that program are taught on Chipola’s campus.

**Florida State University - (FSU)**

**FSU Program Coordinator:** Renee Green 718-2419 L103

*b*BS in Business Administration*: The University Center and FSU are discussing the possibility of offering a BSBA program on Chipola’s campus starting Fall 2003. Call for more information.

*b*RN to BSN 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. A program coordinator teaches some classes, meets periodically with students on Chipola’s campus, and provides advising and assistance throughout the program.

FSU RN to BSN Coordinator: Sheila Shepherd 718-2422 L103

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

*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)**

*b*BS in Special/Elementary Education*: 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.

The full-time, on-campus program coordinator teaches classes, provides academic advising, and offers assistance throughout the program. Day and evening classes are offered in the afternoon and evenings on Chipola’s campus.

**Honors Program**: The Honors Program is offered at University Center locations. For more information, contact the Honors Program Coordinator at the campus location.

**UWF Graduate Degrees**

*Masters and Specialist Degrees in Educational Leadership with Administrative Certification*

Courses are taught in the evenings and on weekends on Chipola’s campus. Students must have a Bachelors degree and a teaching certificate to enroll in the masters program and a Masters degree and a teaching certificate to enroll in the Ed. Leadership Program.

Program Coordinator:

- Dr. Sherri Zimmerman (850) 863-0730 szimmerman@uwf.edu
- Masters, Specialist and Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction
  Courses are taught in the evenings and on weekends on Chipola’s campus. Students must have a Bachelors degree to enroll in the Masters program and a masters degree to enroll in the other two.

Program Coordinator:

- Dr. Sherri Zimmerman (850) 863-0730 szimmerman@uwf.edu
- Masters of Public Administration: Courses are taught in the evenings and on weekends on Chipola’s campus. Students must have a Bachelors degree to enroll in the program.

Program Coordinator:

- Dr. Katie Keeton (850) 474-2184 kkeeton@uwf.edu

**Troy State University, Florida Region**

*Masters in Counseling and Psychology*: Courses are taught in the evenings and on Saturdays on Chipola’s campus. Students must have a Bachelors degree to enroll in the program.

Program Coordinator: Dr. Lisa Kitto (850) 244-7414 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 website.

It is the goal of the University Center to increase the number of degrees available to area residents and to expand university participation in this endeavor. Consequently, the Center’s offerings will change and evolve over time.

For information on the University Center contact Dr. Kitty Myers at (850) 718-2276 or myersk@chipola.edu and visit the University Center web-site at Chipola’s homepage, http://www.chipola.edu/university_center