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 baccalaureate and graduate degrees. The University Center is based on the principle 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 those 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 do.

The following degree programs will be offered in cooperation with the University Center during the 2005-2006 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 Panama City Campus
*RN to BSN – This program is designed for practicing nurses with the Associate Degree. Career advancement and/or mobility is often dependent upon attainment of the BSN. The BSN is also the gateway to graduate education and advanced practice roles. FSU Panama City, therefore is proud to be able to offer this program on the Chipola College campus. Our program has been designed to meet the needs of student working fulltime and trying to meet career goals.

*Masters in Nursing – This program is available for Registered Nurses who hold a BS in Nursing Degree. This graduate degree prepares nurses to assume administrative and advanced practice roles.
Program Coordinator: Renee Green 718-2419 greenr@chipola.edu

University of West Florida - UWF Bachelors Degrees
*BA 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 on-campus program coordinator teaches classes, provides academic advising, and offers assistance throughout the program. Classes are offered in the afternoon and evenings on Chipola’s campus.
Program Coordinator: Yvonne Melzer 850-526-2761 ext. 3255 ymelzer@uwf.edu

*BA in Criminal Justice: This degree offers an interdisciplinary, issue-oriented program focusing upon the issues of crime, law enforcement, corrections, and the criminal justice system. The program offers day, evening and Saturday courses on Chipola’s campus. The on-campus program coordinator provides academic advising, and offers assistance throughout the program.
Program Coordinator and Instructor: April Robinson 718-2407 robinsona@chipola.edu or arobinson@uwf.edu

Florida State University

University of Central Florida

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: Lisa Kitto (850) 283-4449 lkitto@troy.edu

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. The full-time, on-campus program coordinator teaches classes, provides academic advising, and offers assistance throughout the program. Classes are taught in the evening on Chipola’s campus. Students receive hands-on training and experience in two field placements, often leading to full-time employment. Program participants also have access to local, state, and national involvement in social work issues through NASW, the professional organization for social workers. The on-campus program coordinator provides academic advising, and offers assistance throughout the program.
Program Coordinator: Sherri Stone 526-2761 Ext. 3356 stones@chipola.edu

BS in Information Engineering Technology -On-line degree: Information Engineering Technology (IET) emphasizes networking and telecommunications skills necessary to support organizations as they globally connect to support customers, clients and their workforce. IET graduates can design websites, develop project management strategies, work in educational settings, work with managers and other professionals to integrate technology into organizations and interface with technical and non-technical collaborators. For information contact: Dr. Kitty Myers 850-718-2260, James Bailey 718-2452.

*Masters, Educational Specialist, and Educational Doctorate degrees in Educational Leadership with Administrative Certification and/or Curriculum and Instruction. UWF offers graduate degrees for individuals in education fields. Contact Dr. Kitty Myers (850) 718-2276 or myersk@chipola.edu for more information.

University Center Website.

Several online degrees are available from Florida State University, 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

Chipola College 2004-2005 Class Schedule