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FUSE: A Successful Student Pathway Model from College to University

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Overview

\[\text{fuse}\] is an articulation agreement between the University of South Florida System (USF-Tampa, USFSP, USFSM) and seven FCS Institutions.

\[\text{fuse}\] Students admitted to will be Guaranteed Admission to the USF System provided that they meet all the Requirements and Expectations of the Program.
USF’s Partners

- Hillsborough Community College
- St. Petersburg College
- College of Central Florida
- Pasco-Hernando State College
- Polk State College
- South Florida State College
- State College of Florida
By The Numbers:

Fall 2016
- FUSE pilot started with USF, USFSP, SPC and HCC offering 15 majors
- SPC designated 6 FUSE advisors on selected campuses
- USF hired two academic FUSE/Transfer advisors for on-site advising
- Started with pilot students referred from USF and USFSP

Spring 2017
- Advisors could now hand select FUSE students
- USFSP hired an academic FUSE/Transfer advisor
Smooth Transition

- For students who choose to start at a State College and Complete their AA degree and transfer to USF/USFSP for their Bachelor’s degree
- To increase the number of students completing an AA degree at a State College and transferring to USF/USFSP
- Academic pathways that have been approved by both institutions for selected majors
- Pre-requisites for each degree that have been approved by Deans at the State College and USF/USFSP
- To admit students to a selected major at USF/USFSP
Sample Grad Path: Accounting

Students completing the following courses and requirements in combination with an AA from St. Petersburg College will have automatically satisfied requirements to begin upper level coursework.

**COLLEGE-BUSINESS**

Intended Program of Study-B.S. Accounting

- Limited Access: Yes (2.50-2.75 GPA, Pre-Requisite completion, Passing Score Accounting Competency Exam Test) *Current admission requirements are 2.50 GPA, and students will be given at least one year notice if we increase the minimum GPA requirement
- College Application Required: Yes
- *Please note that any college requiring an application will need to be submitted following admission to the University.
- (College) Foreign Language Ext Required: No
- Tests Required: Accounting Competency Exam (http://www.usf.edu/business/departments/accountancy/competency-exam.aspx)

**PRE-REQUISITE COURSES**
(Common State Pre-requisites) (C or Higher in all courses; except where identified)

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* USF Accounting Department requires a grade of C or better in ACG 2021 and ACG 2071
* USF Accounting Department requires all intended accounting students to pass a competency exam with a score of at least 75%. Students must register to take this exam after being accepted to USF.

Start at St. Petersburg College
The following course sequence is purely a suggested semester by semester plan for completion of requirements of the A.A. and pre-requisite courses. A unique plan developed in consultation with an advisor at both SPC and USF may differ depending on student circumstances.

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*Graduate with A.A. from SPC*
**YEAR 2 Fall/Spring***

USF Application should be submitted by early spring of year 2 (or last term of year leading into intended transfer) to ensure timely review. Once student is admitted as a Bull, College application may be submitted. Will need to register for and pass accounting competency exam during spring semester (or the last term of year leading into intended transfer).
Sample Grad Path: Accounting

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The following are additional requirements of the Muma College of Business:

- The Muma College of Business has a SEPARATE APPLICATION PROCESS from that of the University of South Florida. Please allow enough time to apply and receive acceptance to USF before applying to the Muma College of Business.
- All applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50-2.75.
- All prerequisite courses must be completed with a C- or better. Accounting majors must earn a C or better in ACG 2071 and ACG 2071, but must maintain a 2.00 GPA or better within the prerequisite courses.
- Students should not take any accounting courses beyond ACG 2071 and ACG 2071 at HCC as they will not transfer to USF.
- Students can register for accounting competency exam review sessions while registering to take the competency exam.
- Students have two (2) attempts to pass the accounting competency exam. If the exam is not passed after the second attempt, and student would still like to pursue an accounting degree, student must retake ACG 2071 at USF Tampa. Student will then be given one (1) more attempt to pass the accounting competency exam. A passing exam score is good for one (1) year.
- Students must take ACG 3103 and ACG 3341 in the same semester, and are limited to two attempts between those courses. Withdrawals count as an attempt.
- Students must successfully complete both ACG 3103 and ACG 3341 before being allowed to attempt any other major level accounting courses.
- Students must earn a grade of C or better, NOT C-, in all accounting courses.
- Once students have started the accounting major courses they must complete all degree requirements within five (5) years.
- Students must earn a grade of C- or better in all business courses, with the exception of the above stated courses, but must maintain a 2.00 GPA or better.

For general transfer advising inquiries please contact transfer-advising@usf.edu
Benefits of fuse

▼ Advised on an academic pathway leading to timely completion of their baccalaureate degree at USF/USFSP

▼ Dual academic advising between the State College and USF/USFSP to ensure that all FUSE students are on the appropriate degree path and meeting all program requirements

▼ Reduce the risk of accumulating extra student credit hours

▼ Greater integration with USF/USFSP before students transfer

▼ Sense of belonging to both the State College and University communities

▼ Smooth transfer not only into USF/USFSP but straight into the major
Requirements and Expectations

- Maintain a specific GPA
  - 2.0 – 2.5 depending on major

- Graduate from the State College with an Associate of Arts degree
  - Must be completed within 3 years or less

- Must meet with State College FUSE advisor at least once per semester

- Highly encouraged to take full time course load
  - 12 credit hours per semester

- Highly encouraged to meet with USF System advisor at least once per semester

- Highly encouraged to be active in extra-curricular activities
Students enter through three Channels:

1. Apply to USF/USFSP and are deferred to State College based on county of residence

2. State College Advisors and Admissions and Records recruit current students based on approved criteria

3. Advisors recruit FTIC based on approved Criteria
1. USF Applicant Process

- Student applies as FTIC to USF or USFSP
- USF and USFSP Admissions identifies and refers students to State College FUSE Program:
  - who were not immediately admissible to USF/USFSP but demonstrated potential for successful transfer upon obtaining an A.A. degree.
  - Pinellas county students are referred to SPC. Hillsborough county students to HCC.
  - Student receives a congratulatory letter from USF/USFSP inviting them to participate in FUSE
  - Student applies to State College and follows up with a FUSE advisor
2. **Criteria for Current Students:**

- **Current Students**
  - Intention of USF or USFSP Transfer
  - Interest in an approved FUSE major
  - GPA (Must have a 2.0 or higher)
  - Minimum of 9 Credit Hours of college level coursework
  - Declare FUSE intent no later than 30 credit hours
  - Must be able to complete AA degree within 2-3 years
  - Pre-Requisite Courses in FUSE pathway must be completed
  - Student needs to be consistently enrolled Fall and Spring
  - In good academic standing at State College
3. **Criteria for FTIC:**

- **FTIC students**
  - Intention of USF or USFSP Transfer
  - Interest in major with available grad path
  - Ability to complete the AA degree in two-three years at the State College
    - Can include developmental courses if AA can be completed in three years.
    - Student needs to be consistently enrolled Fall and Spring
  - No high school GPA requirement (follow State College admissions policy)
  - If any Dual Enrollment courses, need to be in good academic standing
Early Admissions/Dual Enrollment: 

- Early Admission and Dual Enrollment are eligible for FUSE:
  - They will earn their HS diploma prior to earning their AA degree
  - Will have less than 30 credits
  - Must have earned a 2.0 or higher GPA in Dual enrollment courses
  - In good standing at State College
  - If took 1 or 2 Dual Enrollment courses they will be treated as FTIC at SPC

USF UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA SYSTEM

HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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USF/USFSP Activities

students can participate in:

▼ Football and basketball events at USF (for free)
▼ Education workshops
▼ Homecoming Events
▼ University Lecture Series
▼ Mentorships
▼ Community Engagement Activities
▼ Week of Welcome Events
Launched Monday, May 16.

Goal: Increase the educational attainment of working age residents in Hillsborough County with a postsecondary credential to 60% by 2025.
FUSE at HCC

▼ 11 Grad Paths
▼ Over 400 students coded in FUSE
▼ Student Tracking System developed to actively monitor a) program effectiveness and b) support student intervention.
HCC: Program Effectiveness

FUSE Student Tracking – FUSE vs. Comparison Students

% of Students on Grad Path

Comparison Group

- Control Student
- FUSE Student

Term of Enrollment

Grad Path | Grad Path Desc.
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AA | A.A. General Transfer Track (control students)
AA.FUSE.BIOMED | B.S. in Biomedical Sciences
AA.FUSE.CRIM | B.A. in Criminology
AA.FUSE.CSD | B.A. in Communication Science & Disorders
AA.FUSE.EMED | B.S. in Elementary Education
AA.FUSE.FIN | B.S. in Finance
AA.FUSE.MKT | B.S. in Marketing
HCC: Program Effectiveness

SAS Web Report Studio - FUSE Student Tracking

[Graphs and tables showing data on average total credits attempted and completed on grad path for comparison groups and FUSE students, with terms 1 and 2 results for different grad paths (AA Degree, AA.FUSE.BIOMED, AA.FUSE.CRIM, AA.FUSE.CSD, AA.FUSE.EMED, AA.FUSE.FIN, AA.FUSE.MKT).]

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TITANS
### HCC: Student Tracking

#### SAS Web Report Studio - FUSE Student Progress Report

**FUSE Student Progress Report - Hours Needed**

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**Footnotes:**
1. A student is “On-GradPath” if they have completed: 7 credits by term 1, 14 credits by term 2, 20 credits by term 3, 27 credits by term 4, 34 credits by term 5, 40 credits by term 6, 47 credits by...
HCC: On the Horizon

- Federate tracking data with USF
- FUSE Scholarship
- Targeted Marketing
USFSP ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- B.A. Anthropology
- B.S. Biology
- B.S. Finance
- B.S. Information Systems Management
- B.S. Marketing
- B.S. Political Science
- B.A. Psychology

USF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- B.A. Art History
- B.A. Studio Art
- B.F.A. Studio Art
- B.S. Biomedical Sciences
- B.A. Criminology
- B.S. Accounting
- B.S. Finance
- B.S. Marketing
- B.S. Cell and Molecular Biology
- B.S. Environmental Biology
- B.S. Environmental Microbiology
- B.S. Integrative Animal Biology
- B.S. Marine Biology
FUSE at SPC

GUIDED ADMISSION TO USF

FUSE Landing page

Initial Email

Email

Mail

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Follow up

PP presentation

Video

Transfer Plans

Recruitment Brochure

SPC Students
FUSE at SPC

WHAT IS FUSE?
FUSE is a new program that guarantees your admission to specific University of South Florida system institution programs with an associate degree from St. Petersburg College. Instead of going straight to USF, FUSE students will earn an SPC earning their associate degree.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?
- Save money - Tuition at SPC costs half that of Florida universities
- Save time - Clear degree path with no wasted credits
- Professional support - Dedicated advisors help you on track
- Student Life - Access to USF and SPC clubs and events

HARRISON, ENJOY USF ACTIVITIES WHILE YOU ARE A STUDENT AT ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE:
- Football and basketball games
- Education workshops
- Networking events
- University lecture series
- Student shops
- Week of Welcome events
- Community engagement activities

And you can be a TITAN - TODAY -

St. Petersburg College

FUSE - Guaranteed Admission to USF

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For students that plan to attend SPC and later transfer to USF, FUSE is the best option! It provides guaranteed admission to USF. It saves time, effort and money!

-Wendi Beklykov, SPC FUSE Student

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Step by Step:
1. Explore Fuse Programs
2. Speak with an Advisor at any SPC Campus
3. Work toward your associate degree and participate in FUSE activities

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Speak with an advisor about FUSE today!
FUSE at SPC:

- We Held Orientations on USFSP/USF and SPC
Next Steps

▼ All seven FCS institutions will participate beginning 2017-2018

▼ Our Process will become more streamlined and electronic

▼ All advisors will have access to add FUSE students to Program plans and Master list

▼ Additional majors will be added and academic pathways will be approved
QUESTIONS?