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State University System Degree Completion Initiative

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Proposal for Pilot Program

“I think for people who drop out of college, one of the hardest things they’ll ever do is come back, but that’s what makes it so valuable. It’ll make your life so fulfilling because you’ll be doing something you really care about.”

Matthew Dodd

Osher Reentry Scholar and USF
Graduate 2009



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Need for More Degree Holders

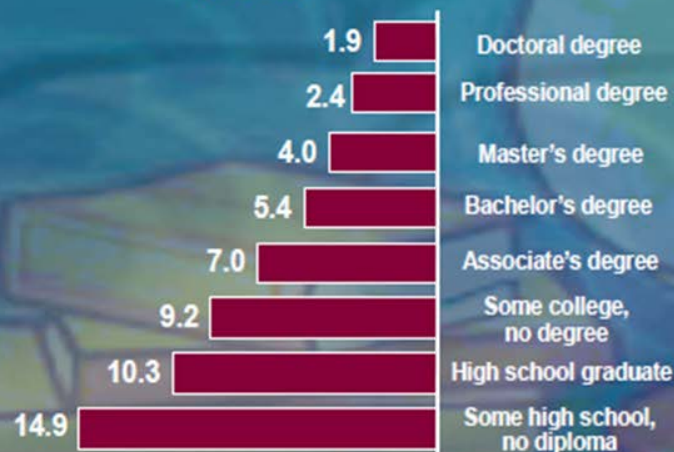
- 25% of job vacancies in Florida require a bachelor's degree
- 17.4% of Floridians hold a bachelor's degree
- Bachelor's degree holders have 3.8% lower unemployment rate
- Bachelor's degree holders have \$16,952 more earning power annually.



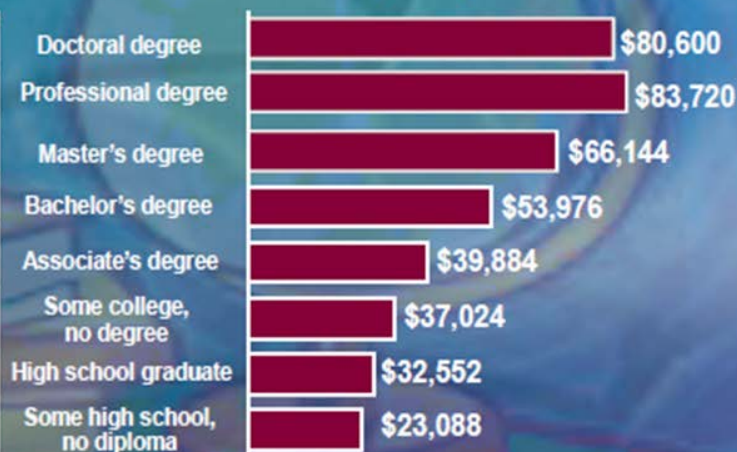
Education and Training Pay

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Unemployment Rate in 2010
(Percent)



Median Earnings in 2010
(Dollars)



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; national unemployment rates and median earnings for workers 25 and older, by educational attainment; earnings for full-time wage and salary workers, 2010. Median earnings were based on median weekly earnings multiplied by 52.



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Fastest Growing Occupations

- Information Technology
- Health Services
- Business/Finance
- Education Administration
- Information Services
- Sales/Marketing
- Hospitality
- Special Education



Initiatives in Other States

- Kentucky - Project Graduate
- Louisiana - CALL
- Oklahoma - Reach Higher
- Texas - Grad TX



Degree Completion Initiative

- Cooperative Program Agreement
- Statewide web portal
- Enhanced academic/student services (concierge approach)
- Home institution grants degree
- Online course offerings
- Statewide Coordinating Council oversight



Florida has in place...

- University Degree Programs, Concentrations, Specializations
- Online programs/courses
- Florida Distance Learning Consortium
- Florida Distance Learning Course Catalog
- FACTS.org



We still need...

- Advocacy
- Administrative/Operational Support
- Marketing Plan
- Prior Learning Assessment Capability
- Enhanced Academic and Student Services

Estimated cost for 2-year pilot: Discussion

