

STETSON UNIVERSITY CENTER AT CELEBRATION

General Information

In 1992 Stetson University extended its historic mission and leadership to the new town of Celebration, Florida. As a planned small town with a clearly articulated vision, Celebration combines the old and the new along with “front porch” friendliness, innovative architecture as well as traditional design. From the beginning, Stetson has been actively involved in the development of the Celebration School, which has established itself as a national innovator in public education.

The 36,000 square foot Stetson Center at Celebration was dedicated in 2001. Located downtown, directly across from the Celebration School and adjacent to Founders’ Park, it is a major icon of the community’s commitment to education and innovation. The facility includes a Business Learning Center, an Education Center and a Counseling Teaching Center with a state-of-the-art individual and family-counseling lab. Resident and visiting faculty teaching at Celebration all have offices in the new facility.

In 1997, Stetson’s role as Celebration’s University partner led to its offering graduate degree programs in Business Administration, Teacher Education, and Counseling to the Central Florida community. Stetson also began conducting professional development seminars, conferences, and workshops on a variety of topics. An annual series of National Educator workshops helped focus on “Best Practices” in teaching and in educational leadership. Stetson’s Celebration campus currently offers a number of technology related classes and also partners with IFREC to offer a wide array of real estate related courses.

Department of Teacher Education at Celebration

Programs offered at the Stetson University Center at Celebration include a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership and a Master of Education degree in Reading Education. Classes are offered on Saturdays (Educational Leadership) and evenings (Reading Education) to accommodate working professionals.

The graduate program in Educational Leadership at Celebration develops reflective practitioners, collaborative instructional leaders, facilitative change agents and responders to diversity capable of assuming leadership roles within culturally diverse educational settings in rapidly changing educational environments. The Reading Education program leads to a certification in reading and a reading endorsement. The degree provides opportunities for employment as a reading coach, district reading supervisor or local community college reading instructor. Graduate students are expected to be active inquirers and participants in their own professional growth and learning.

Department of Counselor Education at Celebration

The Stetson Center also offers a Master of Science degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, a Master of Science degree in Marital, Couple and Family Counseling/Therapy, and a Master of Science degree in School Counseling.

The mission of the Department of Counselor Education is to educate all students including those from diverse academic, geographic, religious/spiritual, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds, preparing them to accept their professional responsibilities with distinction. Students learn to behave ethically, become aware of their professional responsibilities and their own personal strengths and resiliency so that they apply their training and self-knowledge with individuals, couples, families and schools.

School of Business Administration

The Executive Passport undergraduate business degree completion program at Stetson University's Celebration Center is designed for working adults with transferable credits who desire to complete the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree. The Executive Passport BBA program features Saturday-only classes at Stetson University's convenient and beautiful Center at Celebration, Florida. Classes are small, facilitating face-to-face interaction with Stetson's renowned faculty and like-minded fellow students.

Earning the Bachelor's degree has provided recent Stetson graduates with increased career path options, higher remuneration, and an increased sense of personal accomplishment. Many graduates accept promotions in their current firms or are hired for new positions. Some choose to attend graduate school, taking advantage of the fact the Executive Passport BBA program at Stetson University satisfies all of the foundations courses required for the MBA.

The Stetson University School of Business Administration offers a Masters of Business Administration at Celebration. This degree program was formerly at The Disney Institute, where it was only available to Disney employees. It is now held at the Celebration Center and is open to all students meeting the required prerequisites.

In addition, the Center offers an Executive M.B.A. program specifically designed for working business executives and professionals. The E.M.B.A. program is 19 months long and meets every other Friday and Saturday.

The Master of Accountancy program is also offered through the Center at Celebration. The MAcc program for working professionals is central Florida's only weekend program and is offered on Saturdays. There are no classes during the typical accounting busy season (January through mid-April). The Center also offers an on-line Macc program. Both of these programs involve 30 credits of instruction and meet the education requirements for CPA certification in most States.

Professional Development Programs

The Center also conducts and hosts numerous professional development programs for career advancement. For example, it offers courses from the Institute of Florida Real Estate Careers (IFREC) and from the Center for Fiduciary Studies. The Center also conducts a Lawyer's Assistant program, a 20-week course that prepares students to take the ALS exam, the basic level national accreditation for legal support professionals. In addition, the Center has just launched an English language studies program with ELS Language Centers. ELS is the largest network of campus-based English language instruction in the world. The program is for international students, persons in business or area residents desiring to improve their English to gain admittance into a U.S. university or those wanting to enhance their opportunities for advancement in a multilingual business environment.

Celebration Calendar and Entry Requirements

While many academic courses at Celebration follow the regular University calendar, there are special sessions including intensive and weekend courses. Individual departments should be consulted. Entry requirements are the same for courses and programs at Celebration as for the main DeLand campus.

Individuals interested in activities or programs at the Stetson University Center at Celebration may contact the Center by e-mail at center@stetson.edu or call 321-939-7600. Additional information can be found at the Celebration Web site at www.stetson.edu/celebration