

# 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 town of Celebration as well as 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 have offices in the 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.

## 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/ESOL. 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 Ed. Leadership masters program leads to state certification in educational leadership necessary in securing school and district-based administrative positions. The Reading Education/ESOL program leads to a certification in reading and a ESOL 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 Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling, 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

Stetson University’s School of Business Administration offers three dynamic business programs at the Center in Celebration. Stetson University is fully accredited by AACSB International, at both the undergraduate and graduate level in both Business and Accounting - a degree of accreditation held by only a few institutions in the world.

The **Executive Passport** undergraduate business degree completion program at Stetson University is designed for working adults with transferable credits. It leads to completion of the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree. The program features Saturday only classes with experienced, full-time faculty and small class sizes to maximize learning and interaction. Passport students are diverse and find the camaraderie in the program an encouragement as they accomplish their educational goals. Many Passport program students are currently in or on track for leadership positions in their companies.

Graduate level business courses are available at the Celebration Center on weeknights. Eligible applicants can apply for the traditional **Masters in Business Administration (M.B.A.)** program during any of our three semesters – Spring, Summer, or Fall – and may complete the degree in as little as 18 months. Classes are conveniently offered in the evenings from 6:00-9:00 p.m. to accommodate working professionals. With a Stetson M.B.A., graduates can excel in today's ever-changing global business environment. They are equipped to evolve as new managerial techniques and concepts appear at an unprecedented pace. Both aspiring managers and experienced ones will increase their marketability and be competitive in a business environment where educational requirements of the job are increasing.

Executives and fast-track managers with management experience are eligible for the **Executive M.B.A. (E.M.B.A.)** program which offers a rigorous 19-month schedule on alternating Friday and Saturdays. The tailored curriculum and small cohort-based design allows for unique experiential learning and diverse experiences to enhance one's business expertise. Study themes include: Accounting, Economics, Management Information Systems, Finance, International Business, Management, and Marketing. Year one includes the foundation work that prepares students for the study abroad component in the summer and advanced curriculum in year two. The Executive M.B.A. program begins each August.

### **Professional Development Programs**

The Center also conducts and hosts numerous professional development programs for career advancement. These include courses from the Institute of Florida Real Estate Careers (IFREC) and from the Center for Fiduciary Studies. In addition, the Center hosts an English Language Studies program with ELS Language Centers, the largest network of campus-based English language instruction in the world. The program is for international students, persons in business and 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. The Center also conducts a Lawyer's Assistant program, a 20-week course that prepares students to take the national ALS (Accredited Legal Secretary) exam, the basic level accreditation for legal support professionals. The Center has also helped local school teachers improve their student's test taking skills with FCAT Training Preparation classes as well as offering retirement planning seminars; GMAT prep courses for students wishing to pursue an M.B.A., project management certification courses, and technical programs for MCSE, CCNA and Oracle.

### **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](mailto:center@stetson.edu) or call 321-939-7600. Additional information can be found at the Celebration website at [www.stetson.edu/celebration](http://www.stetson.edu/celebration)