Welcome to the Indian River State College Baccalaureate Orientation
Bachelor’s Degrees at IRSC

- Comfortable
- Convenient
- Affordable
- Accredited
- Flexible
- Technology Infused
Bachelor’s Degree Programs

Bachelor of Science Degree in Teacher Education
Prepare for a rewarding career as a math, science or ESE teacher.
Middle School and High School Math
Middle School and High School Science
Exceptional Student Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Boost your career options
Prepares students with an Associate Degree in Nursing to advance to leadership and management positions.

Bachelor of Applied Science
Qualify for career advancement and management positions in a wide variety of fields.
Specializations in:
Organizational Management
Public Safety Administration
Health Care Management
Providing seamless transfer into a four-year degree program for those who have earned an Associate in Science Degree or Associate in Applied Science Degree in any career field.
Baccalaureate
Academic Expectations

- More rigorous than Associate’s degree
- More study time needed per course
- Higher degree of self-direction expected
- Advanced research and library skills
- Greater use of technology
- All courses have online content
- Focus is on theory *and* application
- Emphasis is on demonstrating competencies
- Comprehensive student support services available
GPA and Prerequisites

- Some programs do have a minimum overall cumulative GPA requirement for entrance into the program, and some degrees have more prerequisite courses than other programs (especially the BS degree in Education for Math and Science).

- Course work needed to complete degree requirements can be done in any semester. Mixing lower-division (1000 and 2000) courses with upper-division courses (3000 & 4000) is acceptable, although it is generally a good idea to complete lower-division courses first.
Transcript Evaluation

- Once all of your transcripts have arrived they will be reviewed on a course-by-course basis to equate directly to IRSC course numbers.
- Upon review of all previous course work you will be given (or mailed) a degree audit which will show you exactly which courses you will need to complete in order to earn your degree.
- At that point in time you will be ready for a program plan to outline the course work needed each semester in order to complete your Baccalaureate degree.
Admission Process Complete

- Acceptance Letter from Bachelor’s Degree Program Director
- Academic Advisor Assigned
- Develop a Customized Program Plan with Advising staff
Questions about Admissions?

Contact:

Priscilla Bouchard
Baccalaureate Admissions Specialist
772-462-7793
pbouchar@irsc.edu
ADVISING & PROGRAM PLANNING
Advising/Program Planning

- Students meeting the requirements for a baccalaureate program (transcripts received, minimum GPA, etc.) will be assigned an advisor upon admission.
- Students should schedule time with this advisor to develop a personalized advising plan.
- The advising plan will outline courses to be taken each semester.
- Students may view their advising plan online at any time.
- Plans are not contracts--circumstances change.
Advising/Program Planning

• The advising plan can also be used as part of online registration as a search mechanism for open classes.

• Students may modify their advising plan if they wish to take courses in a different order or adjust their course load (full-time vs. part-time).

• The student’s advisor will be available as a resource throughout their enrollment in the baccalaureate program.
Questions about Advising?

Contact:

Your Assigned Academic Advisor or
Racquida Williams
Lead Baccalaureate Counselor
772-462-7451
rwilliam@irsc.edu
Where are the College’s libraries located?

- Main Campus – Miley Library
- Chastain Campus – Morgade Library
- Mueller Campus – Brackett Library
- Okeechobee Campus – Virtual Library and Library Resource Room
- St. Lucie West Campus – St. Lucie West Library
- Anywhere through an Internet connection
How do I access the Library’s resources?

- Students will use a log-in procedure based on their student ID numbers.
- The **username** will be “IR” followed by the student ID number.
- The **PIN** will be the MMDD of the student’s birth.
- This PIN is separate from the PIN used for Admissions, Records, etc.
- This code will provide access to password-protected databases, eBooks, and downloadable eAudiobooks needed for college level work at the associate degree and the baccalaureate degree levels.
- You can access these resources from computers on the College campuses or from any Internet connection.
- Your library access code will also allow you to check out books from the College’s libraries.
How are online databases different from the Internet?

- These password-protected databases offer access to thousands of books and journals.
- Many of these resources are full-text.
- Your instructors support online databases because the information is reputable.
What are some of the online resources that students use?

- LINCC, the online catalog of library resources
- eBooks – more than 56,800 titles
- eAudiobooks – more than 1,700 titles
- Online databases – more than 75 databases in a variety of subject areas offering access to thousands of journal/periodical titles
- You can access most online resources from computers on the College campuses or from any Internet connection.
How can I get help from the library staff?

- In person
- By telephone: 772-462-7600
- Ask-A-Librarian online chat assistance
- Email: pprofeta@irsc.edu
- By appointment
Learning Style is the way in which individuals begin to concentrate on, process, internalize, and retain new and difficult academic information (Dunn & Dunn, 1992, 1993)
Learning Styles at IRSC

- IRSC is an international learning styles center
- Dunn & Dunn Model
- Five certified trainers
- Faculty & Student focused
Learning Styles at IRSC

- Building Excellence online assessment given to all baccalaureate students by request
- Knowing your learning style can help you study and learn more effectively
Learning Styles—Learn More!

Seminars are occasionally scheduled to help students understand their learning styles and improve their academic performance. Check the IRSC website for dates and times.

For more information about Learning Styles contact:

Dr. Christina Hart
Associate VP for Institutional Effectiveness
772-462-7260
chart@irsc.edu
Career Center Services

• Learning Styles Assessment
• Grad School Information
• Job Placement
• Career Portfolio
• Online Job Bank
• Resume Assistance
• Interview Techniques
Questions about the Career Center?

Contact:

Alisa Mohamed
Student Success Advisor
772-462-7469
amohamed@irsc.edu
Student Affairs

- Student Activities
- Campus Coalition Government
- Student Clubs
- Intercollegiate and Intramural Sports Program
- Campus Security
- Parking and Traffic Regulations
- Student I.D. Cards
- Health and Wellness
CLUBS

- Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)
- Delta Epsilon Chi (DECA) the official student organization for the Business Management and Marketing Department
- Academy of Future Teachers
- Nursing Student Association
- Service Learning Program
Campus Coalition Government

The Campus Coalition Government (CCG) is a concept of student government linking representatives from over 50 clubs, organizations and athletic teams into a coalition reflecting the varied social, career and interests of students throughout the college.
Campus Security

Indian River State College is committed to providing a campus environment that is free from violence and threats of violence.

- Always be safety conscious. Safety is everyone’s concern.
- Suspicious persons and activities should immediately be reported to security or an appropriate instructor or administrator.
- Please obey all College rules and regulations as stated in the student handbook.
- For your protection, CODE BLUE emergency telephones are located at the Main Campus, Chastain Campus, Dixon Hendry Campus and the St. Lucie West Campus.
Parking and Traffic Regulations

- IRSC parking and traffic regulations apply to anyone operating a motor vehicle on campus. Parking regulations are enforced by campus security.

- Parking decals are free. They are available in the Student Affairs Office and are required for all students attending classes on the main campus only.

- Student decals authorize drivers to park in student parking only.

- Reserved parking is for employees of the college only. Cars in violation will be ticketed and/or towed. Parking violations are $10.00 and are paid at the cashier’s office.
Student I.D. Cards

Get your student I.D. at the Student Affairs office in Room 112 of the KSU building. You must have a paid receipt or class schedule, plus a photo I.D. Your I.D. card can be used for:

- Advising and records requests
- Library services
- Testing admission
- Computer labs
- Free admission to all IRSC athletic games
- Utilization of the IRSC student weight room
- Utilization of the IRSC pool and tennis courts
- Discounts at local movie theaters
Questions about Student Affairs?

Contact:

Audrey Delaune
Student Affairs Administrative Assistant
772-462-7475
adelaune@irsc.edu
Health Services

• Patti Corey, Ph.D., R.N. at the Main campus
• Access to Student Health Insurance
• Personal Health Counseling
• Nursing Assessment of acute/chronic conditions
• Medical referrals
• Emergency Response on Campus
• Crisis Intervention
• Health Resource Library
• Test Anxiety Screening
• Student Weight Room
• Racquetball Courts
• All Health & Wellness services are free of charge
Activities and Events

- Health Fairs
- Student Assistance Program (SAMs)
- Flu and pneumonia vaccines
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week
- The Save a Life Tour
- World AIDS Day
- Free HIV Screening
- National Collegiate Health and Wellness Week
Questions about Health and Wellness?

Contact:

Patti Corey, Ph.D., R.N.
Coordinator, IRCC Health & Wellness Center
(772) 462-7825
psouza@irsc.edu
In Dedication to Our Students
We are people providing a learning environment, and an unparalleled spirit to support you in reaching your fullest potential.
Application Process

• Valid Student Aid Report on file:
  • Complete the FAFSA – allow 2 to 3 weeks for processing
  • Web Application: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  • To request a Paper Application call 800-433-3243
  • School Code for FAFSA: 001493

• IRSC Supplemental Financial Aid Application

• IRSC admission’s process is complete

• Declare a valid Program Objective
Types of Awards

- Pell Grant
- Student Loans
- Federal Work-Study
Pell Grant

- Awards vary from student to student
- Expected Family Contribution and enrollment status determines award
- Fee Payment
- Book Store Account
- Check after drop/add period
Student Loans

• Students who are enrolled in 6 credits may have a loan processed.

• There are two types of loans:
  - **Subsidized** – The government pays the interest while you are in school
  - **Unsubsidized** – Works like a traditional loan

• Students must complete the Loan Entrance Interview before the loan check(s) can be disbursed.
  ➢ *Log onto* [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu)
Federal Work Study

- Work 10 to 15 hours per week
- Starting salary: $7.00 per hour
- Work on Campus
- Work around class schedule
- Must complete a Federal Work Study Application to be considered.
Satisfactory Academic Progress

- 70% overall completion
- 2.0 cumulative G.P.A.
- Total attempted credit limit
Return of Title IV Funds

Students who are awarded Federal Financial Aid (Student Loans, Pell Grant, FSEOG) and totally withdraw from school or stop attending classes before the 60% point of the semester, will have to repay part or all of the federal aid received.

No clause for extenuating circumstances.
Financial Aid Info on the Web

Log onto www.irsc.edu to monitor your financial aid file.
- Click on Online Registration
- Then click on Financial Aid

You will have access to:
- Your Application Status
- Your Award Information
- Financial Aid Documents
Florida Pre-Paid Recipients

- Must initiate funds each semester
- Log in to www.irsc.edu
- Register/Pay for classes
- Log in to the home page
- Click on Payments
How Many Credits Will be Covered?

- The number of credits that can be covered by financial aid depends on your program of study.
- Financial aid will cover up to 150% of the total credits required by your program of study.
- Examples:
  - AA degree requires 60 credits—FA will cover up to 90 credits
  - BS degree requires 120 credits—FA will cover up to 180 credits
- Credits submitted for financial aid must be part of your declared program of study.
- Contact the Financial Aid Office if you get an “over the limit” message.
Financial Aid Office Information

- **Office Hours**
  - Monday-Thursday
  - 8am-6:30pm
  - Fridays 8am – 5pm

- **Telephone Numbers**
  - (772) 462-7450
  - (866) 866-4722

Financial Aid Campus Visits

- **St. Lucie West Campus**
  - 2nd and 4th Thursday each month

- **Dixon-Hendry Campus**
  - 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month
Questions about Financial Aid?

Contact:

Ruby Jefferson
Financial Aid Specialist
772-462-7443
rjeffers@irsc.edu
IRSC FOUNDATION
The IRSC Foundation awards over $2,500,000 in scholarships annually to deserving area students through the generosity of individuals, businesses, and organizations.

For more information, please visit www.irscfoundation.org and click on the "Scholarships" button. To apply online click on the “Stars” icon.

Office Location: Main Campus—Administration Building
Questions about Foundation Scholarships?

Contact:

Melissa Depriest
Development Coordinator
772-462-7249
mdepries@irsc.edu
ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER
Main Campus

L Building, 3rd floor
(772) 462-7625

Fall & Spring Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8:00 - 9:00 PM
Friday 8:00 - 5:00 PM
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Summer I & II Hours:
Monday-Thursday 7:00 - 8:00 PM
ASC computers are for academic use only
The ASC has a break-out room that may be used for group study or as a quiet place for individual study.
The Writing Center

... is a free service that can help you improve your writing skills.
Questions about the Academic Support Center?

Dr. Neila Bird
Learning Assistance Department Chair
Room 207 (772) 462-7625

Deb Whiting
ASC Coordinator/
Math & Science Curriculum Specialist
Room 210 (772) 462-7599

Ann Graves
Instructional Support Specialist
(772) 462-7625
Technology in the Baccalaureate Program
Expectations for Students

- Access to a computer
- Access to the Internet (the faster the better)
- Comfortable with web-browsing
- Proficient with e-mail
- Know your IRSC username and password
- Able to use the IRSC Learning Management System (or willing to learn)
- Knowledge of common software applications
  - Word-processing, spreadsheets, presentations
eLearning @ the River

WebCT/Blackboard is currently the learning management system for all classes including:

Online
Blended
Face-to-face (web-assisted)
Username: Student ID

Found on your schedule & registration forms

Starts with first initial of first name

Your responsibility to know!
Password/Pin

Use your password/pin number that was issued to you when you were admitted into the college.

If you need help please contact Admissions at 772-462-7460.
After Logging in

Please access:  
*First Time Users-start here*

Explore the Log-in screen--it is very helpful.

Tutorials are available.

WebCT orientations held prior to each term.
WebCT Support and Contact Info

- www.irsc.edu (Click on eLearners)
- virtualclassroom@irsc.net
- By phone: 772-462-4681
- Additional assistance is available at www.blackboard.com
  Click on Support and select Dr. C
Visit the Baccalaureate Website
www.irsc.edu
Final Thoughts

- Expectations are higher for baccalaureate students
- Coursework is more rigorous and takes more time (you may need to take fewer courses per term)
- Technology is integrated and students will need to have (or learn) basic technology skills to be successful
- Time management is a crucial skill for success

- IRSC is committed to student success
- Academic and student support services are available
- Earning a bachelor’s degree is worth the effort
Earnings by Degree Attainment

National Average Earnings for Persons 25 Years Old and Over (U.S. Census Bureau, 2008)

- Not a H.S. Grad: $24,881
- H.S. Grad/GED: $33,609
- Some College: $39,106
- Associate’s Degree: $41,447
- Bachelor’s Degree: $59,365
- Master’s Degree: $70,559
- Doctoral Degree: $95,785
- Professional Degree: $121,340
For More Information on Baccalaureate Programs

If you have any questions regarding our Baccalaureate programs please contact:

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