

Licensure and Certification Information

Educational institutions are required by law to inform students about whether or not the education they receive will be sufficient to sit for licensure or certification exams in each state. The information below lists each FSCJ program that could lead to licensure or certification, and **which states accept the FSCJ program to sit for exams**. It is important to note, however, that licensure and certification requirements in some states may require more than just the appropriate education before sitting for exams. For example, some states require experience, additional training or coursework obtained in their state specifically, or additional state exams. It is important to find out *all* the requirements needed to obtain licensure or certification in the state to which you wish to relocate. If you have additional questions, please contact the Program Manager or Dean for your program.

Bachelor Programs

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Early Childhood Education BS	Florida Only	Florida Educator Certification Exams: General Knowledge, Professional Education, and Age 3 through Grade 3	Many states have reciprocity with some specific state requirements. Teachers may also seek National Board Certification.	https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/ , and https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/postsecondary-assessment/ftce/ , and https://www.nbpts.org/

Associate in Science Programs

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Aviation Maintenance Management AS	All states	FFA Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) Mechanic Certification	This national certification is standardized across the US and governed by the FAA.	https://www.faa.gov/mechanics
Cardiovascular Technology AS	All states	Registered Cardiac Sonographer (RCS)/Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer (RDCS) -OR- Registered Cardiac Invasive Specialist (RCIS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Licensure for RCS/RDCS professionals is required in NH, NM, ND, OR. - RCIS licensure is required in NH, WA. - Limited RCIS licensure rules are in place for AR, DE, SC, TX. - While not mandatory in all states, licensure is required by many employers. 	https://cci-online.org/ , and https://ardms.org

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Dental Hygiene AS	All states except CA, DE, DC, NE, NY, WA	National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) offered through JCND E	While the FSCJ program meets the educational requirement for most states, several states also require experience before being able to sit for exams.	https://www.aadbdentalboards.org/state-dental-board-list , and https://jcnde.ada.org/
Funeral Services AS	All states except MN, OH	National Board Examination (NBE)	Ohio and Minnesota require a bachelor's degree.	https://theconferenceonline.org/licensing-requirements/ and https://nfda.org/careers/licensing-requirements
Health Information Technology AS	All states	RHIT National Exam	No state mandates certification to work in the field of HIT. However, many healthcare organizations require the national RHIT exam.	https://www.ahima.org/certification-careers/certification-exams/
Histologic Technology AS	All states	ASCP Histotechnician (HT) Certification Exam	Florida requires licensure; however, most states do not.	https://www.ascp.org/content/board-of-certification/get-credentialed#
Interior Design Technology AS	All states	National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) Exam	All graduates are eligible to take the first part of the NCIDQ exam; however, experience is required for other parts. Twenty-three states do not require licensure. Several states do not allow the use of the term "certified" unless licensed.	https://www.cidq.org/ , and https://www.harborcompliance.com/interior-design-certification
Legal Studies (Paralegal Studies) AS	All states	Certified Paralegal Exam	Currently, no state except California requires certification for any paralegal. However, many employers require certification.	https://nala.org/certification/
Medical Laboratory Technology AS	All States	ASCP Medical Laboratory Technician Certification Exam, and the AAB Medical Technologist Certification Exam	Florida, California, Hawaii, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Puerto Rico require a license. All states and territories accept the ASCP credential, and several recognize the AAB exam.	https://www.ascp.org/content/board-of-certification/get-credentialed# , and https://www.aab.org/aab/AAB_Board_of_Registry.asp
Nursing/Nursing Bridge Option (RN) AS	All states	National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN)	National exam. All states require licensure. Can apply for a multistate license through NCSBN.	https://www.nclex.com/ , and https://www.nursecompact.com/

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Occupational Therapy Assistant AS	All states	National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)	National exam. All states require licensure.	https://www.aota.org/career/state-licensure/ and https://otcompact.gov/ , and https://www.nbcot.org/certification
Physical Therapist Assistant AS	All states	National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE)	National exam. All states require licensure.	https://www.fsbpt.org
Professional Pilot Technology AS	All states	National FAA Pilot Certificate	National certification. Pilots are certified by the Federal Aviation Administration.	www.faa.gov/pilots/become , and https://www.fsbpt.org/Secondary-Pages/Licensees and https://www.apta.org/your-practice/licensure/
Respiratory Care AS	All states	Therapist Multiple-Choice (TMC) Examination and the Clinical Simulation Examination (CSE)*	All states except Alaska require licensure. Apply for the CRT and/or RRT credentials through the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). *Eligible to take CSE with high score on TMC.	https://www.aarc.org/advocacy/state-advocacy/states-with-rrt-entry-to-licensure/ and https://www.respiratorytherapistlicensure.com/certification/
Radiation Therapy AS	All states except MD	Nationally-recognized American Registry of Radiologic Technologists Exam	All states require ARRT certification and state licensure.	https://www.arrt.org/pages/about-the-profession/state-licensing
Radiography AS	All states	Nationally-recognized American Registry of Radiologic Technologists Exam	All states require licensure, although specific requirements vary.	https://www.asrt.org/main/standards-and-regulations/legislation-regulations-and-advocacy/states-that-regulate and https://www.arrt.org/pages/about-the-profession/state-licensing
Surgical Services AS	All states	National Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) Exam	Several states require CST certification to work as a surgical technologist or surgical assistant. Licensure can be obtained through the NBSTSA.	https://www.csaexam.com/ and https://www.nbstsa.org/cst-certification

Technical Certificates

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Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) TC	All states	National Registry EMT	National exam	https://www.nremt.org/EMT/Certification
Paralegal Studies ATC	All states	The PACE or PCCE National Exam offered by NFPA	CA is the only state with strict regulations for paralegal certification; however, certification is recommended and often required by companies.	https://www.paralegals.org/page/paralegal-certification , and https://www.americanbar.org/groups/paralegals/blog/Certificate-Certified/
Paramedic TC (EMS)	All states	National Registry for Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) Exam	All states require certification and licensure. The NREMT is nationally recognized for certification, and 46 states use the NREMT certification for licensure.	https://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/emt-paramedics/ , and https://www.nremt.org/
Radiation Therapy Specialist ATC	All states except MD	American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) Radiation Therapy Exam	Some, but not all, states require certification and registration through ARRT before obtaining a state license.	https://www.arrt.org/pages/earn-arrt-credentials/credential-options/radiation-therapy#

Career Certificate Programs

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Auto Collision Technology Technician CC	All states	Areas B2 through B5 of the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Exam	iCAR certification is national but one year of experience is required to sit for exams.	https://www.ase.com/ , and www.I-CAR.com
Commercial Vehicle Driving CC	All states	Class A Commercial Truck Driver's License	The highest level of commercial driver's license, allowing holders to drive vehicles weighing more than 26,000 pounds.	https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/CDL
Correctional Officer/ FL Law Enforcement Academy CC	Florida only	Florida State Officer Certification Examination	All states accept the FSCJ program to meet educational requirements but require their own training.	https://www.fdle.state.fl.us/CJSTC/Exam/

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Cosmetology CC	Accepted in AL, AK, AZ, FL, IL, KY, MA, MN, MS, NJ, ND, OR, PA, SC, TX, VA, WA, WI	Cosmetology Exam	In Florida, the Cosmetology exam is given by the Florida State Board of Cosmetology, then students obtain a license through the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The FSCJ Program is too short to meet requirements in many states.	https://www.beautyinsuranceplus.com/cosmetologist-state-requirements/ , and https://www.myfloridalicense.com/CheckListDetail.asp?SID=&xactCode=1010&clientCode=0501&XACT_DEFN_ID=5236
Dental Assisting CC	All states except CA	Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Exam	Meets education requirements for all states except CA	https://www.danb.org/state-requirements
Electricity (Construction) CC	Florida only	Certified Electrical Contractor Exam	The licensing requirements vary in each state. Floridians can become licensed statewide or by jurisdiction through the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.	https://www.housecallpro.com/electrical/licensing/ , and https://www.myfloridalicense.com/intentions2.asp?chBoard=true&boardid=08&SID=
Facial Specialty CC	Accepted in AL, AZ, AR, CA, DC, FL, IL, KS, LA, MS, MT, NV, PA, SC, WA	FCG Exit Exam	Florida students register with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Many states require more hours than the 220-hour FSCJ program.	https://www.myfloridalicense.com/CheckListDetail.asp?SID=&xactCode=1030&clientCode=0508&XACT_DEFN_ID=5351 , and https://www.naturalhealers.com/esthetician/licensing/
Firefighter CC	Florida only	State Written and Practical Firefighter Exams	Each state requires its own training academy.	https://myfloridacfo.com/division/sfm/bfst/standards
Heating, Vent, AC/Refrigeration CC	All states	Certification Exams through NATE or HVAC Excellence	Requirements vary by state. In Florida, Independent HVAC/R contractors in must obtain a permit from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Technicians working under a licensed contractor do not need certification but can increase salary potential if certified.	https://www.nextinsurance.com/blog/hvac-license-requirements/ , and https://natex.org/ , and https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/construction-industry/
Medical Assisting CC	All states	Registered Medical Assistant (RMA), Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT), and Certified EKG Technician (CET) exams	National Certifications offered through American Medical Technologists and National Healthcareer Association	https://americanmedtech.org/certification/get-certified , and https://www.nhanow.com/get-certified

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Paramedic ATD	All states	National Registry for Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) exam	All states require certification and licensure. The NREMT is nationally recognized for certification, and 46 states use the NREMT certification for licensure.	https://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/emt-paramedics/ , and https://www.nremt.org
Practical Nursing CC	All states	National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN)	National exam. All states require licensure.	https://www.nclex.com/
Pharmacy Technician CC	All states	National Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) Exam	National certification is not required but allows a person to work in any state. The CPhT exam is offered by PTCB.	https://www.ptcb.org/i-want-to-be-a-cpht
Welding Technology CC	All states	Practical Welding Certificate Exams	Some states require welders to apply for a state or city license. Getting licensed through the American Welding Society increases salary potential.	https://www.aws.org/certification-and-education/