



## Baccalaureate Degree Programs New Degree Information May 19, 2010

- **IRSC received approval on May 18, 2010 from the State Board of Education to offer three new bachelor's degrees:**
  - Bachelor of Science in Biology
  - Bachelor of Science in Human Services
    - Youth and Family Studies Concentration
    - Addiction Studies Concentration
    - Human Services Generalist Concentration
  - Bachelor of Applied Science in Digital Media
    - Graphics and Web Design Concentration
    - Gaming and Video Concentration
    - Modeling and Simulation Concentration
  
- **Programs will begin in January, 2011**
  
- **Applications will be accepted beginning July 15, 2010**
  
- **Admission Requirements:**
  - BS in Biology
    - AA degree from an accredited institution (AA degree required)
    - Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
    - Completion of Common Prerequisite Courses with a grade of C or higher
      - BSC 2010 General Biology*                      *BSC 2010L General Biology Lab*
      - BSC 2011 General Biology II*              *BSC 2011L General Biology II Lab*
      - CHM 1045 General Chemistry I*            *CHM 1045L General Chemistry I Lab*
      - CHM 1046 General Chemistry II*        *CHM 1046L General Chemistry II Lab*
      - CHM 2210 Organic Chemistry I*        *CHM 2210L Organic Chemistry I Lab*
      - CHM 2211 Organic Chemistry II*       *CHM 2211L Organic Chemistry II Lab*
      - MAC 2311 Calculus I*                      *STA 2023 Statistics*
  
  - BS in Human Services
    - Associate's degree from an accredited institution (AS in Human Services preferred)
    - Minimum 2.25 cumulative GPA
  
  - BAS in Digital Media
    - Associate's degree from an accredited institution (AS in Graphic Design or Digital Media preferred)
    - Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
  
- **Curriculum**
  - Programs of study are being finalized. Curriculum guides will be posted to the IRSC website.

- **Cost of Tuition**
  - Currently the baccalaureate tuition for Florida residents is \$94.34 per credit hour (subject to change by the Florida Legislature)
  - Cost is about 1/3 less than state university tuition
  
- **Program Length**
  - All three programs are 120 credits (approximately 60 credits will transfer from the Associate's degree)
  
- **General Schedule Recommendations for Summer and Fall**
  - BS in Biology: focus on common prerequisites and foreign language requirements
  - BS in Human Services: AS and AAS students should focus on General Education requirements, AA students should focus on specified lower-division Technical Core Courses and foreign language requirements
  - BAS in Digital Media: AS and AAS students should focus on General Education requirements, AA students should focus on specified lower-division Technical Core Courses and foreign language requirements
  - See an IRSC Counselor or Advisor for program planning and schedule assistance
  
- **Financial Aid**
  - Federal financial aid and IRSC scholarships will be available to all eligible students.
  
- **Format of Classes**
  - Classes will be offered in multiple formats (face-to-face, blended, and online). None of the new bachelor's degree programs will be offered fully online at this time.
  
- **Graduate Opportunities**
  - All IRSC bachelor's degrees meet Florida statutory requirements for baccalaureate education and provide a strong foundation for graduate study. Graduate admission decisions are at the discretion of the receiving institution.
  
- **Career Opportunities**
  - Graduates with a degree in Biology have multiple career options in the fields of Life Sciences, Health Sciences and Environmental Sciences. Examples include Laboratory Technicians, Research Assistants, Pharmaceutical Representatives, Wildlife Officers, and Water Analysts.
  - Graduates with a degree in Human Services are qualified to work in a wide array of public, private, and nonprofit settings in roles such as Victim Advocates, Prevention Specialists, Mental Health Technicians, Life Skills Educators, and Group Home Managers.
  - Graduates with a degree in Digital Media are employable in fields as diverse as advertising, entertainment, education, and defense. In these industries they work as Web Designers, Digital Animators, Video Game Developers, Simulation Production Specialists, and related careers that blend art, information, and technology.
  
- **More Information**
  - Watch the IRSC website for upcoming Information Sessions, Curriculum Guides, and updated FAQs.