



FIU Connect4Success (C4S) is an innovative transfer admission pathway designed to strengthen transfer readiness and support the timely completion of both Associate in Arts (AA) and bachelor’s degrees. Grounded in the strong academic foundation and exceptional value of the Florida College System (FCS), C4S allows students to begin their academic journey at an FCS institution while preparing for a seamless transition to FIU. Our longstanding partners include Miami Dade College, Broward College, and Palm Beach State College.

Connect4Success builds upon Florida’s nationally recognized articulation framework by introducing a timeline, tailored communications, and integrated student-centered supports. These include pre-transfer strengths-based advising and access to FIU experiences that help students cultivate and maintain a strong four-year identity. C4S represents articulation in action! The program delivers measurable impact on transfer student success such as strengthening AA transfer rates, improving two- and three-year graduation rates, and increasing the percentage of students graduating without excess credit hours.

A Better Way to Transfer!

Provide a Guided Pathway

- Offer a holistic, student-centered pathway prioritizing access, academic excellence, and high educational value—delivering time and cost savings.
- Guarantee admission to FIU with AA degree and incentivize with 3-year timeline.
- Communicate benefits and resources often and keep completion attainable.

Affirm & Support with Pre-Transfer Advising

- Adopt strengths-based advising and coaching that affirms students' goals.
- House FIU Bridge Advisors at partner colleges alongside college advisors.
- Promote a **transfer ready** mindset with transfer guides and transition workshops.

Maintain Students' 4-Year Identity

- Provide FIU One Card ID - "Be an FIU Panther while earning your AA!"
- Build affinity through meaningful engagement opportunities at FIU.
- Connect students to peers, advisors, and faculty in their chosen discipline.

**FIU Bridge
Advisors Serving
Partner Colleges**

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FIU Connect4Success Benefits

Guaranteed Admission to FIU with AA Degree or Articulated AS Degree
 Bridge Advisors ~ Transfer Guides ~ Transition Workshops
 FIU One Card (Student ID) ~ Access to FIU Library
 Signature Events ~ Home Athletic Games
 Fast Track Enrollment/No New Application ~ Scholarships

What Students Say...

(1) The promise of a “seat” at FIU and the timeline keep students motivated to “finish up;” (2) The “safe start” at the partner college helps build students’ academic confidence; (3) The opportunity to attend events at FIU keep students connected and reduce “transfer fears;” (4) The program felt continuous, “both schools working together” to support their unique transfer journeys.

Mentions and Recognitions for Exemplary Practices and Outcomes:

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