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Online course offerings double in FloridaShines' Statewide Catalog

Tallahassee, FL – March 4, 2021 – The number of courses available to students in FloridaShines’ online course catalog in the 2020-21 academic year doubled those offered in previous years.

With the transition to online modality this past spring, more than 125,000 online courses were available in the course catalog, where students could search for courses at 40 institutions across Florida.

“During the pandemic, the FloridaShines course catalog has been a useful accessibility tool for students in the transition to online delivery. With the cooperation of Florida’s colleges and universities, the number of online courses available to students in the online catalog during the 2020-21 academic year doubled those offered in previous years to more than 125,000,” said Dr. John Opper, executive director of Distance Learning and Student Services for the Florida Virtual Campus. “We have also added information about campus virtual tours and other COVID-19 related announcements to help inform students.”

If students are not able to find the course they need at their own institution, they can search the catalog to see if another college or university offers it. Florida’s Transient Student Admission policy allows students enrolled at one public college or university to take a course at another public institution.

To register for an online course through the catalog, a student must be enrolled in a Florida college or university. The application will be sent automatically to the student’s home institution and the institution offering the course. The institution offering the course will contact the student to finalize registration.

“Where we really help students is in those transition spaces when they’re trying to make the jump from high school into a postsecondary institution or when they’re trying to go from a two-year to a four-year program, a four-year to a graduate program, or even graduate and go into the workforce,” Opper said. “The information on FloridaShines in the catalog and in our institutional profiles can help students get the information they need to make those decisions about transitions.”

About Florida Virtual Campus: The Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC) is made up of several units that...
provide statewide innovative educational services for Florida's K-adult students. Working collaboratively with Florida’s 12 public universities, 28 public colleges, K-12 school districts, and other partners, FLVC provides free services to help students go to college, succeed in school, prepare for career success, and in life after graduation.