

## Message from Complete Florida



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Greetings! As we settle into our new way of life, at least for the time being, Complete Florida will make agility and versatility a top priority, meeting our students where they are now, more than ever. The times in which we live present new and unforeseen obstacles for our students. Many are negotiating more complicated personal and professional responsibilities. Things like loss of child care, technical issues and shifting of duties to meet remote needs are just a few of the challenges our students may be trying to navigate, while finishing the semester. As always, we will continue to make connections and provide referrals to the necessary support that's vital to keeping things running smoothly. Students remain the core of our work. Stay healthy. Stay positive. We will get through this unusual time together.

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## Student Spotlight: Military Service Provides Vital Prep for Career as Physician's Assistant



In one more semester, Eric, 30, of Milton will graduate from the University of West Florida with a bachelor's degree in public health. In addition to his school responsibilities, Eric serves in a leadership role in the Naval Reserves and works as a substitute teacher several times a week.

"I thought when I switched from active duty as a flight medic to the reserves in April, I would have a little more free time, but that hasn't been the case," Eric said. "Also, I recently got married, so now I have a wife and a nine-year-old. Plus, I am helping my mother remodel her Florida house since my father passed away this summer. Doing everything is

definitely a balancing act. I read about people being a part of the sandwich generation, and now I am the poster child for it."

Eric's military training prepared him amply for his current status of working and going to school at the same time.

"You get used to documenting everything, being responsible, managing projects and sticking to deadlines, you have to because you wear so many hats in the service," Eric said.



### Use Complete Florida's Video Library of Resources

Looking for tips on how to better support military affiliated students or transient students? Need hints for helping adult students update their resume with new skills and knowledge? Want to know more about available Open Educational Resources in the state of Florida? The Complete Florida Networking Group addresses these issues and various others related to serving returning adult students, and all meetings are archived on a YouTube channel for easy reference. Visit it to see the [library of our latest videos](#) for your use.

### What our Students are Saying

*"I have been working full time in local government for over 19 years, and getting a bachelor's degree in public administration will secure a good future for me and my family."*

Janie  
Florida International University

*"It is my desire to assist children at a very young age to develop the skills to be successful when they start kindergarten. That is why I'm in early childhood education."*

Courtney  
St. Petersburg College

*"I have a clear picture of where I am going to be in 10 years, and this criminal justice degree will help me get there."*

Othel  
Miami Dade College

*"My goal is to complete my bachelor's degree in financial services to be better equipped for the job market and to eventually start my own business."*

Zhane  
Florida State College at Jacksonville

## FCAN Releases Attainment Profiles

With the aim to get a clearer sense of future workforce needs, the Florida College Access Network (FCAN) has updated its degree attainment profiles. Using 2018 Census data that showcases educational levels achieved and their corresponding wages for the state and all 67 individual counties. To see a county-by-county profile, [click here](#).



Discover More at [FloridaCollegeAccess.org](http://FloridaCollegeAccess.org)

## What We're Reading

[Learning, The Brain and Memory: Five Steps to Support Effective Learning](#)



[Coronavirus on Campus: 7 Ways to Use Your CMS as a Super Tool for Crisis Management](#)

