

Baccalaureate Degree Program Proposal
Eastern Florida State College
Bachelor of Science in Science Education Summary

The proposed new baccalaureate degree program is an opportunity to provide citizens of Florida greater access to higher education.

- The skills and knowledge acquired by the students who complete the BS in Science Education will prepare them to pursue a career as secondary science teachers in a critical teacher shortage area.
- The BS in Science Education has been designated as a \$10,000 degree; eligible students who meet the criteria will be able to complete the program for a total cost of no more than \$10,000 in tuition and fees.
- Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) projects more than 167 annual openings for middle and secondary teachers in Brevard County alone. The average annual supply of general science teachers from state universities in Florida has been about 18 graduates.
- Senator Tom A. Wright, University of Central Florida Vice Provost, and Brevard Public Schools Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent/Chief HR Officer support the proposal and indicated a need for a four-year science education degree to address the growing need of teachers in the district.
- Admission to the BS in science education program will use the state's 2+2 model, and will be open to all applicants who have completed an Associate in Arts degree.
- Graduates will acquire a broad-based set of skills that will provide specialized science content preparation, educational theory, and educational practice to meet the needs of the local school district for educators in middle and secondary school.