



BEACON COLLEGE

# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AT BEACON

Discover Your Spark — And Find Your Future!



For Students with  
**ADHD, DYSLEXIA** and **OTHER**  
**LEARNING DIFFERENCES**

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## **DISCOVER YOUR SPARK — And Find Your Future!**

At Beacon College, we believe the best careers engage your sense of purpose and passion. We'll help you discover your potential, explore your interests, and determine a pathway to your future.

It's a journey you won't take alone. The expert professionals in Beacon's Center for Student Success and the Juan and Lisa Jones Center for Career Preparation will support you in finding the ideal academic major (and minor!) to achieve your goals.

## **So start dreaming!**

Whether you know exactly what you'd like to study — or you want time to explore and consider your options — at Beacon College, you can find the right path to your tomorrow.

# Bachelor of Science

# ANTHROZOOLOGY

**Anthrozoology is the study of how people and animals interact. Beacon is one of only two colleges in the country to offer a BS in Anthrozoology!**

## As an Anthrozoology major, you will:

- Think like a scientist.
- Use critical thinking skills to evaluate situations involving animals.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of animal husbandry, animal behavior and zoonosis (diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans).
- Create solutions leading to more positive interactions and relationships between humans and animals.

## CAREER OPTIONS

Your studies provide solid preparation to work with animals at zoos, aquariums, animal shelters and nature centers. Employment opportunities include animal training, animal welfare, farming and wildlife conservation. Majors can immediately begin working in the field or pursue graduate school for advanced study in areas such as animal behavior or conservation biology. For example, a Class of 2023 Anthrozoology graduate is a biologist with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries!

## HANDS-ON LEARNING

Interacting with and caring for animals will be part of your studies as an **Anthrozoology** major. On campus, you'll work with our own domesticated animals, small mammals, birds, snakes, amphibians, fish and more.

You'll also participate in special learning opportunities through our close relationships with area employers and organizations that work with animals. These include area zoos, rescue shelters, stables, farms and other locations. You'll study zoology at ZooTampa, conservation at our nearby Weiner Estate campus and animal welfare at Lake County Animal Shelter.





## INTERNSHIPS

All Anthrozoology majors are required to complete two internships. We work with you to identify and secure an internship in your interest area near campus during the academic year or a summer internship near your home. Recent internships include:

- Central Florida Zoo
- Dolphins Plus, Inc.
- Lake County Animal Shelter
- Orlando Science Center
- ZooTampa

## ADDED CREDENTIALS

Beacon offers students access to more than two dozen certifications from The San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, including Project WILD, Aquatic WILD, Animal Ambassador and Nature Interpretation certification.

## SAMPLE CLASSES

- Animal Shelter Operations and Management
- Animal Training and Enrichment
- Biology and Behavior of Companion Animals
- Conservation: People, Wildlife and Wild Places
- Cross-Cultural Anthrozoology
- Educating About Animals
- Principles of Organismal Biology and Lab
- Principles of Animal Husbandry and Lab
- Science of Animal Welfare
- Research Methods
- Statistical Methods Lab
- Zoo and Aquarium Operations and Management



## DISCOVER YOUR SPARK

Anthrozoology majors present at national professional conferences, and have even authored and published research papers!

# Associate & Bachelor of Science **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

## Hospitality Track

**Business professionals contribute to virtually every part of our economy — from major corporations to start-ups, government agencies to nonprofit organizations. At Beacon, you'll gain an understanding of the fundamentals needed for success in any business enterprise.**

### **As a Business Management major, you will:**

- Develop your personal leadership skills.
- Gain an understanding of business ethics and best practices.
- Learn to plan and implement business strategies.
- Graduate with the tools and real-world experience needed to enter the world of business.

## **STUDY OPTIONS**

As a **Business Management** major, you'll learn how to think like a business manager. You'll learn the basics of business in accounting and finance, business management, marketing and international business. You'll also be introduced to the fundamentals of human resources, strategic management and organizational behavior.

Our optional **Hospitality Track** prepares you for a career in the hospitality or tourism industry. While developing your business skills, you'll also learn about people management, service delivery, finance, marketing and hospitality best practices.

## **HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE**

All **Business Management** majors are required to complete two professional internships. You'll gain invaluable knowledge, skills, insights and connections that will prepare you for a career. Recent internships include:

- Dell Technologies (Round Rock, Texas)
- Disney World (Orlando)
- Palm Beach Marriott Singer Island Beach Resort & Spa
- Old Faithful Upper Geyser Basin Yellowstone National Park (Wyoming)
- Weiss Memorial Hospital (Chicago)



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The great news is that there is no shortage of jobs in this career field — projected by the U.S. Department of Labor to grow by more than 1.1 million jobs between now and 2032. Management professionals are needed in nearly every industry, including:

- Banking
- Compensation and benefits
- Finance
- Hospitality and tourism
- Manufacturing and production
- Marketing
- Medical and health services
- Retail
- Training and staff development



## SAMPLE CLASSES

### Business Management

- Personal Finance
- Principles of Marketing
- Principles of Management
- Business Communications
- Human Resource Management
- International Business and Management
- Strategic Management
- Organizational Behavior
- Management Science
- Business Law
- Electronic Commerce

### Hospitality

- Event Management
- Tourism Management
- Restaurant Management
- Hotel Management
- Hospitality Information Systems
- Hospitality Law

## DISCOVER YOUR SPARK

Your studies will include on-site visits to regional companies and agencies to see “business in action,” observe best practices and build valuable connections.

# Associate & Bachelor of Science

# COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Information Systems Track • Web and Digital Media Track

**Computers are integral to our daily lives. That's why nearly every business and organization has an information technology department. At Beacon, you'll acquire the broad knowledge and skills sought by employers in this high-demand field.**

**As a Computer Information Systems (CIS) major, you will:**

- Learn how to analyze situations involving technology, data and digital media.
- Gain a strong foundation in problem solving, logical knowledge and critical thinking.
- Research and present potential computing strategies in the areas of creative digital media or modern technology systems.

## STUDY OPTIONS

This major offers two distinct career pathways:

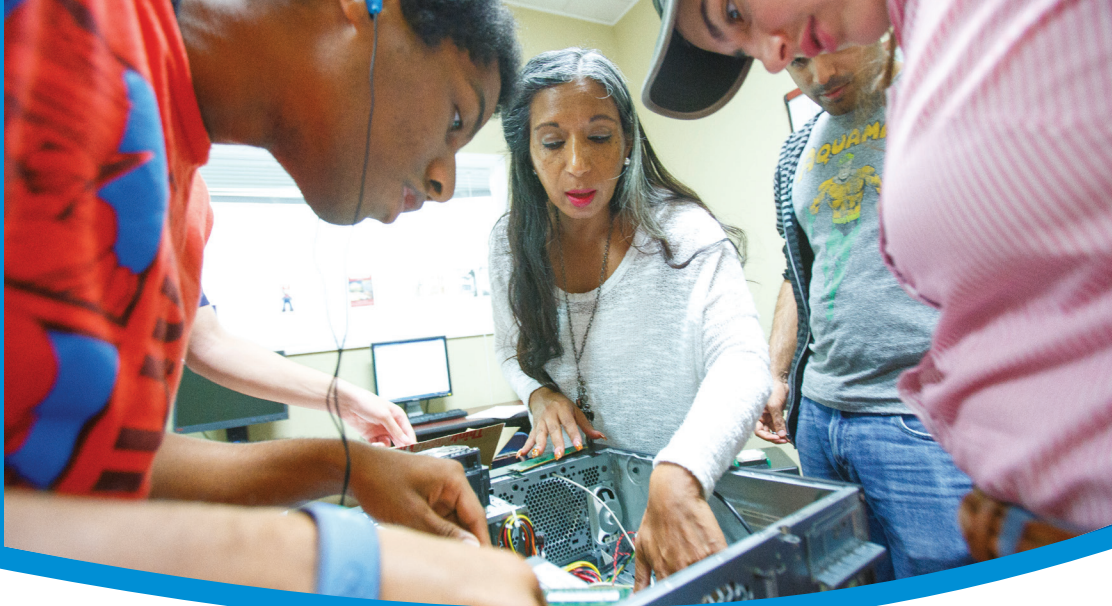
- The **Information Systems Track** involves designing systems and managing information. You'll learn how to collect, manage, process and analyze information needed to make informed decisions in business and industry.
- The **Web and Digital Media Track** combines creative storytelling with new and changing technology. You'll receive training in graphic communications, digital imaging, web page production and digital media.

## HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

All **CIS** majors are required to complete 80 hours of hands-on work experience. The knowledge and skills you gain will boost your résumé and your confidence with real-world, real-work experience. Examples of student internships include:

- Project Development, **Dell Technologies**
- Software Programmer, **OCI Associates, Inc.**
- Graphic/Web Design, **Rock Paper Simple**
- Web Support, **WTJX Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System**





## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The CIS expertise you develop at Beacon can be applied to many career fields, including business, communication, law enforcement, education, gaming, entertainment, health care and government.

### Information Systems Track

- Systems analyst
- Computer support specialist
- Database manager
- Help desk representative
- Medical records clerk
- Network design

### Web and Digital Media Track

- Advertising designer
- Digital illustrator
- Digital imaging specialist
- Digital audio/video editor
- Graphic designer
- Photo retoucher
- Web developer

## SAMPLE CLASSES

### Information Systems Track

- Computer Hardware and Software
- Computer Programming Concepts
- Electronic Commerce
- Introduction to Assistive Technology
- Internet Technologies
- Ethical Hacking and Network Defense
- Database Management
- Systems Analysis and Design
- Business Applications
- Management Science

### Web and Digital Media Track

- Digital Imaging and Design
- Visual Communications
- Digital Video I
- Publication Design
- Vector Illustration and Layout
- Web Production Strategies

## DISCOVER YOUR SPARK

Your CIS studies will help you learn to evaluate organizational needs, form strategic goals and apply design processes — and develop an understanding of key ethical, legal and social issues.

# Associate & Bachelor of Arts

# HUMAN SERVICES

**Human services professionals are dedicated to improving the lives of others and building strong communities. At Beacon, you'll learn to identify problems, help people make good decisions and link them to critical resources.**

## As a Human Services major, you will:

- Develop the fundamental knowledge to advocate for and create positive change for individuals, families and communities.
- Build the critical communication, organizational, problem-solving and interpersonal skills to serve individuals of all ages and walks of life.
- Gain an understanding of human behavior along with training in counseling, family psychology, substance abuse, ethical issues and other key areas.

## HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

All **Human Services** majors at Beacon complete two internships. You'll participate in two real life, semester-long work experiences where you will have the opportunity to practice your human services skills with agency clients under the supervision of agency staff. Beacon's human services faculty will coordinate and guide you on this important path toward becoming a professional.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A human services degree can position you to work in many sectors, including government, nonprofit and community organizations. Human service professionals work in many settings, including group homes and halfway houses; correctional, disability, substance abuse and community behavioral health centers; family, child and youth service agencies; hospitals and behavior health clinics; veterans' services; and programs supporting aging adults at home and in living facilities.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects demand for social and human service professionals to grow 17% by the year 2030.



### Career opportunities include:

- Veterans' service representative
- Rehabilitation case worker
- Social work assistant
- Community outreach worker
- Child welfare specialist
- Mental health counselor
- School counselor
- Substance abuse counselor
- Probation officer
- Home health aide
- Adult day care worker

### SAMPLE CLASSES

- Introduction to Human Services
- Social Policy
- The Family
- Positive Psychology
- Child and Early Adult Development
- Methods of Social Research
- Issues and Practice in Child Welfare
- Human Services Leadership and Management
- Adult Development and Aging
- Abnormal Psychology
- Cross-Cultural Psychology
- Substance Abuse
- Ethical Issues in Human Services
- Counseling Strategies and Interventions



### DISCOVER YOUR SPARK

Our central Florida location offers rich opportunities for jobs and internships with youth advocacy programs, rehabilitation centers, social service agencies, hospitals, senior centers, schools and more!

# Associate & Bachelor of Arts

# HUMANITIES

**The humanities are at the very heart of a liberal arts education. Studies focus on reading, writing, history, culture and civilization. At Beacon, our “themed humanities” approach exciting courses unified by year-long themes and in-depth explorations.**

## As a Humanities major, you will:

- Learn to think clearly and critically, ask the right questions and communicate effectively.
- Take classes that are team-taught by faculty from different disciplines to bring you diverse perspectives and insights.
- Work on hands-on projects with other students to tackle challenging real-world issues.
- Role-play to develop your ability to creatively solve problems.
- Participate in hands-on learning opportunities focused on solving contemporary problems.

## STUDY OPTIONS

If you plan to pursue a **BA in Humanities**, your studies will provide the academic foundation needed for graduate or professional school. You can tailor your degree by adding a track in **English**, **Diversity Studies** or **History**.

## HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

**Humanities** majors participate in two real-life, semester-long work experiences. You'll also have opportunities to work on faculty research projects and accompany faculty to conferences to present research findings. The knowledge, skills and experience you gain — in the classroom and through research and internships — will boost your résumé and give you real-world, real-work experience.

As a Humanities major, you'll also be encouraged to take advantage of Beacon's study abroad opportunities — from short-term summer experiences to semester-long programs in Tokyo or Tuscany.





## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our highly personal and individualized approach to learning will help you develop the skills to think critically, communicate clearly, ask the right questions, and work independently and on teams — all essential skills needed in every field of work.

A humanities degree will prepare you for such entry-level positions as:

- Copywriter
- Human resources specialist
- Junior research analyst
- Legislative assistant
- Marketing specialist
- Museum staff member
- Sales associate
- Social media content developer

## SAMPLE CLASSES

- Humanities I: Moments of Global Change
- Morality and Ethics
- Humanities II: Modeling Social/Cultural Construction
- Human Rights and Global Justice
- Myths and Legends
- From Villages to Empires
- World Revolutions
- Thinking Politically
- From Fire to Factories
- Reading Oppression and Freedom
- Gender, Race and Class Research Methods



## DISCOVER YOUR SPARK

The Humanities major has Beacon's highest faculty-to-student ratio. You'll benefit from maximum support and mentoring as you explore your interests and prepare for the future.

# Associate & Bachelor of Arts

# PSYCHOLOGY

**Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviors, activities, thoughts and feelings. At Beacon, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the many factors that influence your own behavior and the actions of others.**

## As a Psychology major, you will:

- Develop your research, writing and problem-solving skills.
- Hone your ability to analyze, synthesize and evaluate information.
- Gain a greater understanding of the dynamics of human behavior and develop your critical thinking skills and emotional intelligence.
- Learn to work independently or as part of a team.

## STUDY OPTIONS

- In the **BA in Psychology** program, students gain an understanding of human behavior in diverse populations. In addition to building your knowledge of normal and abnormal behavior and human development, the program will help strengthen your critical thinking, analytical problem-solving, research and writing skills.
- Our **AA in Psychology** program prepares you to enter the workforce or pursue further study or professional training by providing you with a knowledge base in theory, research and practice in the psychological sciences. In addition to learning to analyze human behavior, you'll sharpen your quantitative, communication, analytical and scientific reasoning skills.

## HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

If you pursue Beacon's **BA in Psychology**, you will be required to complete two professional internships as part of your graduation requirements. Our location offers you the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a wide range of settings, including behavioral health agencies, business, schools, community agencies and more.



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Psychology degree is an excellent foundation for graduate study in fields like law, conflict resolution, education, criminal justice, public health and social work. If you plan to specialize in such areas as clinical, developmental, forensic, school, sport or rehabilitation psychology, or research and consulting, you will need an advanced degree.

Entry-level employment for recent graduates can be found in virtually every field of work, including:

- Admissions counselor
- Case worker
- Child life specialist
- Community trainer
- Corrections officer
- Human services liaison
- Juvenile court liaison
- Laboratory assistant
- Probation officer
- Psychiatric technician
- Social services specialist

## SAMPLE CLASSES

- The Family
- Positive Psychology
- Child and Early Adult Development
- Behavioral Statistics
- Qualitative Research Design
- Social Psychology
- Human Sexuality
- Adult Development and Aging
- Abnormal Psychology
- Cross-Cultural Psychology
- Ethical Issues in Human Services and Psychology
- Cognitive Neuroscience



## DISCOVER YOUR SPARK

The study of psychology is one of the five most popular college degrees because it prepares students for continued graduate study and a wide range of career options.



# Associate & Bachelor of Arts

## STUDIO ARTS

Drawing, Painting, Photography, Sculpture and Ceramics

**Beacon's Studio Arts program focuses on developing the skills needed for a successful career in the creative arts. The professional portfolio you create will open the door to work with a business, creative agency or cultural arts organization, or as an independent artist.**

### As a Studio Arts major, you will:

- Learn the foundations of studio work while expressing yourself through a variety of mediums and art methods, including drawing, painting, photography, sculpture and ceramics.
- Combine comprehensive hands-on experience with the conceptualization, design and production of works of art expected at a professional level.
- Be guided and mentored by a gifted and nationally recognized faculty of artists.
- Study and work alongside fellow emerging artists in a close-knit community that fosters creativity.
- The BA in Studio Arts from Beacon College also prepares you for graduate study in the arts.

## STUDY OPTIONS

You can enhance your career options through one of these concentrations:

- **Business Management Concentration:** Prepares Studio Arts majors for careers as entrepreneurs or freelance artists.
- **Web and Digital Media Concentration:** Prepares students for a wide variety of personal marketing and community exposure opportunities.

And a growing number of Beacon College students are choosing to combine their Studio Arts interests with a **major or minor in Anthrozoology**.

## INSPIRING SPACES

Our resources include a drawing/painting studio, mixed-use studio, wood workshop, metal workshop and glass and ceramic kilns. You'll also view shows and participate in exhibits in our Kristin Michelle Mason Art Gallery.





## HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

All Studio Arts majors must complete internship experiences. Past student internships include:

- The Bass Museum of Art (Miami)
- Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami
- John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, DC)
- Lake Eustis Museum of Art (Florida)
- Leesburg Center for the Arts
- New Orleans Museum of Art
- Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden (Washington, DC)

## SAMPLE CLASSES

- Fundamentals of 2D and Color
- 3D Fundamentals
- Painting I
- Digital Photography
- Drawing I
- Sculpture I
- Ceramics I
- Studio Arts Foundation Seminar
- Survey of Art History I
- Survey of Art History II

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Entry-level positions for Studio Arts graduates include:

- Art teacher
- Decorative painter
- Exhibit installation assistant
- Mural artist
- Museum technical staff member
- Package design
- Project coordination assistant



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Our location close to Orlando offers opportunities for jobs and internships at leading amusement and theme parks. Think set/architectural sculpture work, mural and faux painting, and more!

# MINORS AT BEACON

## Add Power to Your Major

**College is about discovery. At Beacon, you can combine one or more of our 17 minors with your chosen major to enrich your learning experience.**

### Why choose a minor?

A minor brings new ideas and perspectives to your academic studies without the need to commit to a double major. To earn a minor, you will take six classes (18 credits).

A minor lets you earn skills and experiences that could be valuable in your intended career, help you stand out when you apply for graduate school, and show a future employer you're committed to always learning!

### CHOOSING A MINOR

**You can choose a minor totally unrelated to your major.** It's your chance to pursue your passion and creative interests. Think about combining a Studio Arts minor with Business Management ... or a Game Design minor with Humanities!

**You can choose a minor that complements your major,** adding extra credentials to your degree. You might combine a minor in Computer Forensics and Cybersecurity with a degree in Computer Information Systems ... or an Education minor with a major in Human Services.

Your choices are limited only by your imagination ... and your interests!





## EXPLORE OUR MINORS

Many Beacon majors are available as minors. But the College also offers other minors in very different disciplines. Tailor your studies with these very marketable — and fascinating — minors!

- Anthrozoology
- Business Management
- Computer Forensics and Cybersecurity
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Web and Digital Design
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- English/Literature
- Entrepreneurship
- Game Design
- History
- Hospitality
- Human Services
- Humanities
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Psychology
- Studio Arts



## DISCOVER YOUR SPARK

If you're planning to earn a bachelor's degree at Beacon you don't have to choose your major — or minor — until the middle of your sophomore year.





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105 East Main Street  
Leesburg, Florida 34748

Beacon College was created in 1989 by parents of students who learn differently. For many years, Beacon was the nation's first and only four-year, degree-granting institution exclusively serving students with ADHD, dyslexia and other learning differences. Today, it offers more than a dozen bachelor's and associate degrees at its campus in Leesburg, Florida — about an hour from Orlando — plus a full range of college readiness programs designed to prepare students for success in college.



## To Learn More

Contact the Office of Admissions at **855-220-5376** or visit our website at **[BeaconCollege.edu/admissions](https://BeaconCollege.edu/admissions)**.





BEACON COLLEGE

# BEACON'S ADDED VALUE

Outside the classroom, Beacon offer students additional academic, executive function and social-emotional support resources every day — 100% included in the cost of tuition!



## WEEKLY LEARNING SPECIALIST MEETINGS



Advising, mentoring and advocating for each student to support academic and life skills development (all first year students meet with their personal learning specialists for an hour each week!)

## OPEN LEARNING 6 DAYS A WEEK

Offering a quiet, focused environment — during the day and evenings — study and academic support from learning on-site learning specialists, tutors and peer tutors

## Individual and Group Counseling



Includes optional group sessions offered daily on such topics as relationship development, emotional regulation skills, anxiety management, LGBTQ+ support and basic social skills building

## COMMUNITY EDUCATORS

Providing “in the moment” support and personal check-ins to help students navigate college life

## AND MORE!

Including our First Year Program, professionally-staffed Writing & Math Centers, peer tutoring, and the latest in assistive technology access and support

## LIFE SKILLS EDUCATORS

Supporting executive function skills such as time management and creating routines



Learn more about our resources for student success at:

**BeaconCollege.edu**



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SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS WHO LEARN DIFFERENTLY

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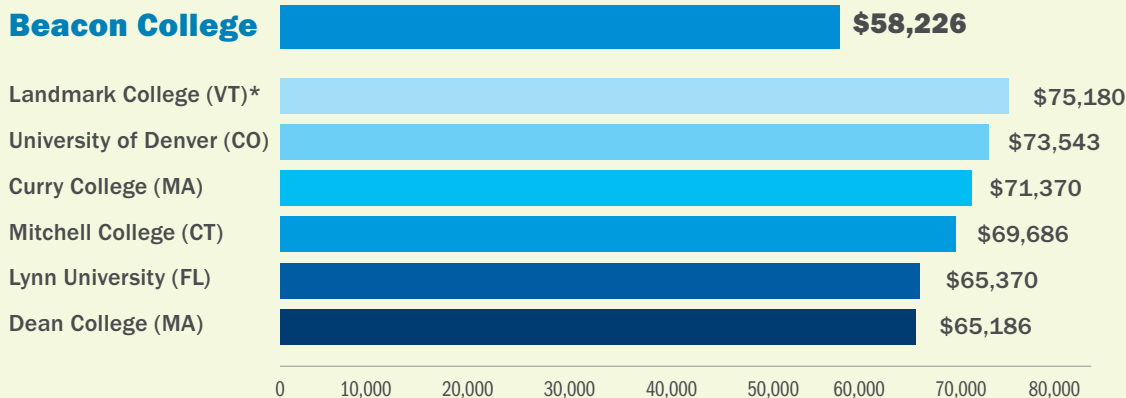
# AFFORDABLE ACCESS



## BEACON'S COSTS ARE CONSIDERABLY BELOW THOSE OF OTHER TOP LD PROGRAMS NATIONWIDE – AND WE OFFER FAMILIES POTENTIAL TAX BENEFITS.

The following chart illustrates the total annual cost of attendance in 2021/22, reflecting tuition, room and board, and any specialized costs for LD support programs, which are additional charges at many colleges and universities. (NOTE: Costs do not include miscellaneous fees, books, and other expenses.)

Also, because we are dedicated to exclusively serving students with diagnosed learning disabilities, the cost of attending Beacon (including tuition, books and fees) offers many families valuable medical tax deduction benefits (see IRS publications 907 and 502). Many Beacon students also qualify for state rehabilitation funding.



\* Primarily offers associate degree programs.

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# NATIONAL RANKINGS



**BEST  
COLLEGES**

**U.S. News** & WORLD REPORT

REGIONAL COLLEGES  
SOUTH  
2022

#1

[www.BestValueSchools.com](http://www.BestValueSchools.com)

2021

“20 Best Value Colleges for  
Students with Learning  
Disabilities 2021”

**BEST-VALUE  
SCHOOLS**

5<sup>TH</sup> YEAR  
RUNNING!

#3



[www.GreatValueColleges.net](http://www.GreatValueColleges.net)

2019

“America’s Top 50 Colleges  
for Students with Disabilities”

#8



[www.BestColleges.com](http://www.BestColleges.com)

2017

(Out of 147)

“Best Four-Year  
Colleges in Florida”

#1

[www.BestValueSchools.com](http://www.BestValueSchools.com)

2020

“20 Best Value Colleges for  
Students with Learning  
Disabilities 2020”

**BEST-VALUE  
SCHOOLS**

#1

[www.Petersons.com](http://www.Petersons.com)

2019

“20 Great Colleges  
for Students with  
Learning Disabilities”

**PETERSON'S**

#2

**COLLEGE  
MAGAZINE**

College Magazine

2016

“Top 10 Best Colleges  
for Students with  
Learning Disabilities”

#1

[www.BestValueSchools.com](http://www.BestValueSchools.com)

2019

“20 Best Value Colleges for  
Students with Learning  
Disabilities 2019”

**BEST-VALUE  
SCHOOLS**

#4



[www.BestChoiceSchools.com](http://www.BestChoiceSchools.com)

2017

“The 20 Most Affordable  
Colleges with High Four-  
year Graduation Rates”