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The Quanta-Honors College

WHAT: The Quanta-Honors College provides students with a path to an honors A.A. degree. Students take the same courses regular DSC students do, but they complete them in a learning community that provides lots of faculty and peer interaction. They receive an honors degree, which makes them eligible for special scholarships and transfer opportunities at several Florida universities.

WHO: Quanta-Honors is for any student who wants to be an honors student! Some students join the program having already participated in previous high school or other honors programs; others are first-timers. We think success comes from hard work and dedication, and we welcome students who are eager to add “honors” to their accomplishments for the first time. We also welcome students from diverse backgrounds. Non-traditional? Dual enrolled high school student? Veteran? Parent? Traditional college student? No matter your background, please apply!

HOW: Students enrolled in Quanta-Honors take one or more course “clusters” each semester. Each cluster includes three different courses taught by three faculty members working together as a team. (For example, one cluster includes Introduction to Oceanography, Survey of Mathematics, and General Psychology.) The courses are integrated together, with one set of readings and assignments. Small groups ensure lots of interaction as well as a strong focus on collaboration and creativity. Projects combine theoretical knowledge, independent research, and practical application.

WHEN: Quanta-Honors is a four-semester program, and most students enter the program starting in the fall semester of their first year. But, students sometimes join Quanta-Honors having already taken one or more classes. That’s okay! Often we can make adjustments so that those students can participate and graduate on time.

WHY: Come for the learning community—stay for the scholarships. Because Quanta-Honors students take classes in the same cohort each semester, they get to know each other really well, challenging each other to achieve more and supporting each other when crises hit. And because Quanta-Honors faculty also get to know students really well, they coach students through decisions about careers, academic majors, and transferring to universities. Quanta-Honors students can apply to transfer anywhere they want, but established articulation agreements help them easily transfer to...

- UCF’s Burnett Honors College
- Eckerd College (St. Petersburg, FL)
- Stetson University (includes four-semester scholarship covering all of tuition and fees!)