

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Presentation to the Commission on Higher Education

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I. The University Description and Demographics

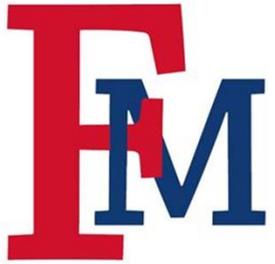
Student Profile

Enrollment _____	4,093
In-State Enrollment _____	95%
Minority Enrollment _____	45%
Female Enrollment _____	67%
1st Generation College Enrollment _____	37%
Receiving Financial Assistance _____	87%
Alumni _____	20,000
Alumni in SC _____	80%
Alumni in Pee Dee _____	53%



II. Future Academic Initiatives

- **Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner**
 - Began January 2013
- **Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Educator**
 - Began January 2013
- **Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering**
 - Begins January 2014 - Cooperative program with Florence-Darlington Tech
- **Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies**
 - Developed in consultation with USC Columbia and accredited by ARC-PA
- **Master of Science in Speech Pathology**
 - Proposed program for Fall 2017
- **Development of an Honors Village and expansion of the International Exchange Program.**



III. Future Outreach Initiatives

- **Continued growth and development of the Rural Leadership Institute, Non Profit Leadership Institute, and the Advancing Rural Community Health Program.**
- **Cultivation of health programs and services through the Pee Dee Health Education Partnership (FMU, USC, McLeod Health, and Carolinas Hospital System) – 3rd and 4th year medical students.**
- **Continue to offer educational programs to areas of economic need in the Pee Dee Region – Marion, Lake City and Bennettsville.**
- **Continue to implement the state-wide Higher Education plan with its the emphasis on workforce and economic development.**



IV. Guiding Presumptions & Practices

- **Academic instruction must be enhanced by applied and experiential opportunities for all students.**
- **Our Technical College partners (Florence-Darlington, Central Carolina, Williamsburg, and Northeastern) are viable and effective partners for delivering instruction and enhancing outreach initiatives.**
- **Our Pre K-12 partnerships (Pee Dee Education Consortium and the 18 Pee Dee School Districts) enhance our opportunities to increase high school completion rates, broaden college enrollments, and facilitate workforce development across the region.**
- **Private fundraising continues to be critical for funding basic university needs.**



V. New Funding Requests

- **Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies - \$500,000 Recurring**
The University requests recurring funds for its Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies. Cooperative program with the University of South Carolina – Columbia is economically feasible and medically essential.
- **Deferred Maintenance - \$1,500,000 Non-Recurring**
Renovation of Founders Hall and the Cauthen Media Center, two major instruction facilities.