

# 2017-2018 FACT SHEET



## Academic Units

Abraham S. Fischler College of Education  
College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences  
College of Dental Medicine  
College of Engineering and Computing  
College of Medical Sciences  
College of Optometry  
College of Pharmacy  
College of Psychology  
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine  
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences  
Farquhar Honors College  
H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship  
Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography  
Mailman Segal Center for Human Development  
NSU University School  
Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing  
Shepard Broad College of Law

## History

- Founded by entrepreneurs in 1964 to provide South Florida with a research institution concentrating on science and technology
- In 1974, changed name from Nova University of Advanced Technology to Nova University
- Merged with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences in January 1994 to form Nova Southeastern University (NSU)

## Description

- Private, selective, research university
- The largest private, not-for-profit institution of higher education in Florida
- Courses of study offered lead to associate's, bachelor's, master's, specialist, doctoral, and first-professional degrees
- Innovative education programs offered for students in preschool through grade 12, local seniors, and individuals with Autism
- NSU's Core Values: academic excellence, student centered, integrity, innovation, opportunity, scholarship/research, diversity, and community

## Locations

- NSU's 314-acre Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus provides a complete university experience including undergraduate academic opportunities like a health care clinical shadowing program, travel study, and internships, as well as on-campus housing, NCAA Division II athletics, fraternities and sororities, and more.
- Local campuses include the East Campus in Fort Lauderdale, the North Miami Beach Campus, the Miramar Campus, and the Oceanographic Campus in Hollywood, Florida.
- Eight regional campuses are located throughout Florida and in Puerto Rico; field-based locations are available throughout Florida, across the nation, and internationally.

- NSU offers a wide range of online undergraduate, master's, doctoral, and graduate certificate programs. To support the enrollment of out-of-state students, the University has obtained approval by Florida to participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA).

## Research

- NSU research is supported by 101 external agencies, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Education, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, and Department of Defense.
- External research funding increased 125 percent over the past decade, from \$47.1 million in FY 2008 to \$95.8 million in FY 2017.
- NSU is one of 50 universities in the nation with both the Carnegie Foundation classification of High Research Activity and Community Engagement.
- There are 235 research projects currently under way. They address such critical areas as anti-cancer therapies; cardiovascular disease; chronic fatigue syndrome; autism; coral reef restoration; stem cells, and wildlife DNA forensics.

## Programs Offered

- NSU has more than 150 associate's, bachelor's, master's, specialist, doctoral, and first-professional degree programs from which to choose.
- Highly qualified students may be able to secure a seat in one of NSU's rigorous graduate or professional programs, while pursuing a bachelor's degree, through the Dual Admission program.
- NSU also offers graduate certificates and executive education opportunities.
- The NSU Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine will welcome its charter class of Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) students in July 2018.
- NSU's Farquhar Honors College offers unique academic and co-curricular programs to enhance the NSU experience for undergraduate students of all majors.

## Degrees Awarded

- Approximately 7,000 degrees are awarded each year.
- NSU is ranked 5th in the U.S. for the largest number of minority graduate degree recipients.
- NSU is ranked 2nd in Hispanic graduates and 9th in African American graduates.
- NSU is ranked 1st in African Americans and Hispanics with doctorate degrees in Education and 3rd in Masters in Business Administration degrees.
- NSU is ranked 1st in professional doctorates of Dentistry to Hispanic students.
- NSU is the largest private institution in the United States that meets the U.S. Department of Education's criteria as a Hispanic-Serving Institution.

## Student Profile

- NSU's median age is 20 for full-time undergraduates, 25 for part-time undergraduates, 33 for full-time graduates, 37 for part-time graduates, 27 for full-time first-professionals, and 32 for part-time first-professionals.
- NSU's student population is 70 percent female and 30 percent male.
- The student body is 32 percent white, non-Hispanic; 57 percent minorities; and 11 percent other.
- Approximately 1,300 students live on campus.

## Enrollment

- 20,793 students are enrolled.
- The average undergraduate class size is 17.

## Faculty

- Of the 805 full-time faculty members, 84 percent hold the highest academic degrees in their fields.
- Approximately 800 individuals serve as adjunct faculty members.

## Alumni

- Almost 185,000 alumni hold an NSU degree.
- Alumni reside in all 50 states and more than 115 other countries.

## Annual Budget and Economic Impact

- NSU's annual budget exceeds \$570 million.
- NSU is one of largest private employers in South Florida.
- The university's economic impact on Florida totals \$3.2 billion.

## Community Outreach and Business Partnerships

- NSU delivers valuable health care, psychological, and legal services to the community and was featured recently in the *South Florida Sun Sentinel* for its Lifelong Learning Institute and educational outreach for seniors.
- The university collaborates with other universities, businesses, and not-for-profit organizations—including the local school system and local, regional, and national governmental agencies—on a wide range of initiatives benefitting the community.
- NSU maintains more than 100 corporate partnerships that provide our students with internships, on-site corporate visits, and networking opportunities.

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