

# *Charlotte Edison Collegiate Institute*



## Program Outline

**The Charlotte Edison Collegiate Institute (CECI)** is an educational opportunity for Charlotte County high school students to earn an Associate of Arts degree (AA) from Edison College while simultaneously earning a high school diploma from the Charlotte County Public School System. During this two-year accelerated college program, high school **juniors** will take all college dual enrollment courses **on the Port Charlotte High School campus**. These courses will satisfy the requirements for both the junior year of high school and the freshman year of college. In their **senior** year, students will take all of their dual enrollment courses **at the Edison College campus in Punta Gorda**. These courses will satisfy the requirements for the senior year of high school and the sophomore year of college.

The Collegiate Institute is a two-year commitment by students who elect to enter the program. The program is designed for students who have the maturity and discipline needed to handle the academic rigor of a full college program while still in high school. It provides the opportunity for students to qualify for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program as a Florida Academic Scholar or a Florida Medallion Scholar. High school students who earn their AA degree through the Collegiate Institute will have Bright Futures scholarship money available to them for up to 132 course hours or seven years or the first baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first.

Again, CECI is a status assigned to the high school student who is enrolled full-time in college-level courses during both the junior and senior years of high school. These students must possess excellent test scores and demonstrate exemplary academic achievement prior to the end of the sophomore year of high school.