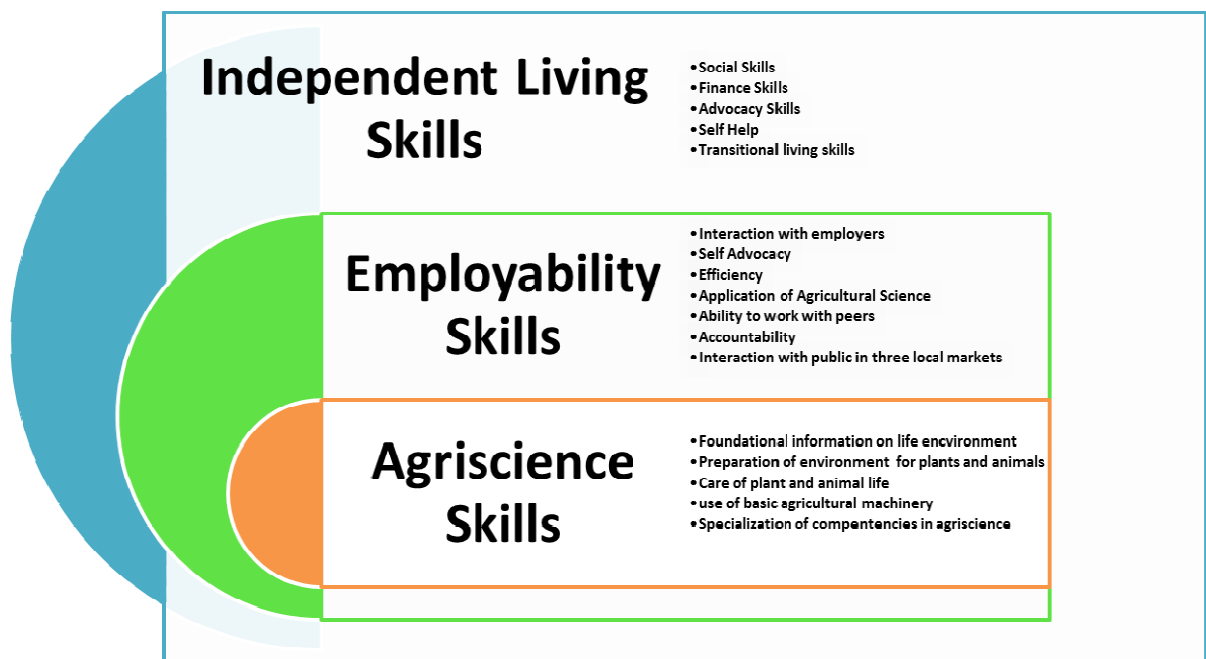




## ***Shepherd's Field Agricultural College***

### ***Information and Application***

***Shepherd's Field provides a necessary and prophetic step forward from Ave Maria Preparatory School, a 1-12 school for students with special learning needs, to a solid transition program for young adults with disabilities.***



1. Shepherd's Field is a partner with South Florida State College in providing the opportunity to pursue a two year college degree in Agriculture. South Florida State College is accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
2. Shepherd's Field is committed to education and application of employability skills as each student is provided supervised and paid employment in horticulture centers while pursuing a two year college degree.
3. Shepherd's Field provides a transition and life skills curriculum parallel to academic and employment opportunities.

4. This innovative college opportunity begins in August of 2013. **Application and financial aid deadline is May 15, 2013. See process below.**
  - a. Contact Executive Director, Sister Gilchrist Cottrill, CE, at 941-322-1601 for interview appointment.
  - b. Apply for admission to South Florida State College at <http://www.southflorida.edu/student/services/admissions/> or go to [www.southflorida.edu](http://www.southflorida.edu) and click on 'Admissions' then click "Apply online.
  - c. At the above website you will also find the many financial aid opportunities connected with SFSC. Students at Shepherd's Field will be given high priority. Make application for financial aid as soon as possible.
  - d. **Send copies of all online applications to Sister GilchristCottrill CE at 6289 Verna Rd. Myakka City, FL 34251**
5. **Program Structure:**
  - **Semester One, August, 2013 all students enter "College Credit Certificate Program."**
  - **During Semester One students will be assessed with the PERT placement exam. During the Fall students will be tutored in preparation for this exam.**
  - **During Semester One students will be enrolled in a learning strategies class to parallel demands of first college level courses.**
  - **At mid point of Semester One there will be a review with each student individually to assist student in choosing to continue with College Credit Certificate Program or transfer credits to Associate of Arts Degree or Associate of Science Degree, all of which are through Shepherd's Field.**
  - **During Semester One students will take one course at the SFSC Arcadia campus and one course at the Shepherd's Field campus.**
  - **In addition, during Semester One, all students will enter a horticulture employment program part time with pay for immediate application of taught employability and life skills.**
  - **In following semesters students will increase course load commensurate with the chosen program.**
  - **Transportation will be provided by Shepherd's Field to and from Arcadia, Bradenton and Sarasota Florida.**
  - **Textbooks: Will be provided in class sets to be used on campus of said course.**
  - **Laptops will be provided for use on Shepherd's Field campus.**