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Since the program started, 14 PBSC students have interned at Scripps, Handel said. Seven were hired.

To give students in the program more time in the lab, PBSC in 2008 began offering lectures online.

The program got a big boost in January when the school was chosen to create an Employ Florida Banner Center for Life Sciences, a statewide resource for workforce education and training in the life sciences.

"That really validated our program," Handel said.

In the past 10 years, state and local taxpayers have paid more than \$1 billion to entice such biotech companies as Scripps, Max Planck and Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies in Port St. Lucie to come to Florida.

Those companies will need to hire entry-level workers, Handel said.

"We know from examples of other successful life science hubs that having a constant stream of entry-level people is vital," Handel said.

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Sure entry-level, but with the extensive curriculum they've set for that program who wants to stay at such level. What they fail to mention is that regardless of an AS, a Bachelor's in such field is almost always required to achieve any chance at a real career.

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