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## ESPORTS! Coming to Seminole State College



**Esports** has emerged as a prominent industry with a substantial and growing viewership, rivaling traditional sports. Collegiate Esports programs are increasingly popular, reflecting the recognition of Esports as a legitimate extracurricular activity. According to the National Association of Collegiate Esports, there are currently more than 130 active collegiate varsity Esports teams, and in 2019, nearly \$15 million in scholarships were given to students for athletic scholarships for Esports players.

Employment opportunities in Esports vary from gamers to writers, bloggers, event planners, team managers, multimedia graphic designers, and social media managers” (2020). While institutions across the nation are beginning to develop esports academic degree programs, currently only 11 institutions nationwide offer college degrees in Esports.

Seminole State College will offer two Esports theory courses during the Fall 2025 semester: *Introduction to Esports* and *Esports Communication*. During the spring 2026 semester, two Esports practicum courses will be offered: *Introduction to Game Development* and *Multimedia Development*. Recruitment of an SSC Esports Team starts this Fall 2025 semester and the Esports Lab will open Fall 2026! An Esports program at Seminole State College offers numerous benefits: increased student engagement, team skills development, increase leadership development opportunities, and enhanced technological proficiency. It will also complement existing academic programs, creating interdisciplinary connections and real-world applications for learning. Stay tuned for more information. For additional information, visit the NASNTI offices, located in the SSC Library, room 123. (*Esports logo designed by SSC Communications Staff Joshua Hutton and Brooks Nickell*)

### 2nd Mental Health and Virtual Counselor available onsite every Tuesday



SSC NASNTI has expanded available mental health counseling services! Welcome **Dr. Donna Autrey**, a Licensed Professional Counselor. Dr. Autrey will be on site every Tuesday and offer 2 hours of virtual counseling on Fridays. Dr. Autrey shares her story of why she became a mental health counselor. *“My home life as a child was not free from struggle due to an alcoholic parent that led to a dysfunctional home. I developed intense anxiety in college and continue to struggle with social anxiety. Both my experiences in my family of origin, mental health struggles, and being a college student without any home support have built a passion in me to see students succeed and overcome their own circumstances.”*

**Free Onsite and Virtual Mental Health Counseling for SSC Students!**

To sign up for a session, email the [helpcenter@sscock.edu](mailto:helpcenter@sscock.edu)

# LEVEL UP YOUR FUTURE WITH ESPORTS

TURN YOUR PASSION INTO A PROFESSION — CLASSES START FALL 2025!

## NEW COURSE



### **Introduction to Esports**

Explore the thriving world of competitive gaming, its history, growth, and global impact.

### **Esports Communication**

Sharpen your skills in live commentary, hosting, streaming, and team communication.

### **Multimedia Development**

Develop hands-on skills in video production, editing, and Esports media.

### **Introduction to Game Development**

Ever wanted to design games? Learn the basics of coding, design principles, and tools behind the games you play every day.

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NASNTI is 100% federally funded in the amount of \$450,000 annually.