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Overview

South University's Columbia campus began serving South Carolina students in 2002, when the campus was located in downtown Columbia at 3810 Main Street. In 2006 the campus relocated to the Carolina Research Park on the northeast side, conveniently near the I-77 and Highway 277. The campus is equipped with a wide array of technology including Macintosh and PC labs, video-conferencing tools, medical and nursing labs, and access to a variety of research databases. In 2009 the campus expanded by adding a new School of Pharmacy building and offering the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

Established in 1899, South University (www.southuniversity.edu) is a private, nonprofit academic institution dedicated to providing educational opportunities for the intellectual, social and professional development of a diverse student population. South University is recognized as a 501(c)(3) entity by the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

The University traces its heritage to 1899, when Dr. John Draughon established Draughon's Practical Business College in Savannah, Georgia. Over the past century-plus, South University has experienced growth transforming from a two-year college into a university offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Programs and Degrees

Business Administration	Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration	Master of Business Administration
Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Master of Arts
Criminal Justice	Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice	Master of Science
Family Nurse Practitioner	Post Graduate Certificate
Healthcare Management	Bachelor of Science
Healthcare Administration	Master of Business Administration
Information Technology	Bachelor of Science

Leadership	Master of Science
Legal Studies	Bachelor of Science
Medical Assisting	Associate of Science
Ministry	Doctor of Ministry
Nursing	Bachelor of Science
Nursing RN to BSN Degree Completion	Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)
Nursing with a specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner	Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with a Specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner
Occupational Therapy Assistant	Associate of Science
Paralegal Studies	Associate of Science
Pharmacy	Doctor of Pharmacy
Physical Therapist Assistant	Associate of Science
Psychology	Bachelor of Arts
Public Administration	Master of Public Administration
RN to Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner	Master of Science (RN to MSN)
Public Health	Bachelor of Science

Academic Emphasis

South University's approach to higher education, and the resulting varied academic experiences, provides students with the pragmatic approach necessary to create the foundation for personal and professional fulfillment. The University provides a learning environment, both on-campus and online, that helps students identify goals and the means to achieve them. With this philosophy in mind, students can learn by interacting with a community of faculty, staff and administration dedicated to South University's academic purpose.

South University offers academic programs across its campuses and through online programs. The University's academics are organized across five colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business, Health Professions, Nursing and Public Health, Theology – and a School of Pharmacy. A broad-based core curriculum is offered promoting critical thinking, effective verbal and written communication, and skills for life-long learning. Additionally, the University focuses on developing the requisites to pursue and appreciate knowledge.

Student Profile

South University's approach to higher education and the resulting varied academic experiences provide students with the intellectual acumen and pragmatic approach necessary to create the foundation for personal and professional fulfillment. South University attempts to provide a comprehensive education that instills within its students a philosophy that values not only learning and professionalism but also contribution and commitment to the advancement of community.

South University's students are engaged in the communities in which they live and attend school. They volunteer their talents to organizations large and small, personifying a commitment to service and to their communities.

Licensing and Accreditation

South University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctorate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of South University.

The following business programs at South University, Columbia the Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Business Administration with a specialization in Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management, Master of Business Administration, Accelerated Master of Business Administration, Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Administration and Accelerated Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Administration programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs ([ACBSP] 11520 West 119th Street; Overland Park, KS 66213; 913-339-9356; www.acbsp.org). These programs include: Associate of Science in Accounting, Associate of Science in Business Administration, Associate of Science in Information Technology, Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Master of Healthcare Administration, Master of Public Administration, Bachelor of Science to Master of Science in Accounting, Master of Public Administration, Master of Science in Accounting, Master of Science in Information Systems, Master of Science in Human Resources Management, Master of Science in Leadership and Doctor of Business Administration.

South University, Columbia Doctor of Pharmacy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (20 North Clark Street, Suite 2500; Chicago, IL 60602-5109; 312-664-3575; www.acpeaccredit.org).

The Associate of Science in Medical Assisting program at South University, Columbia is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB), Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756, 727-210-2350.

The Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies program and the Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies program at South University, Columbia are approved by the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654-7598 312.988.5522 800.285.2221.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing specializations, RN to Master of Science in Nursing specialization programs and Post Graduate Certificates at South University, Columbia are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE>).

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program at South University, Columbia is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA. <http://www.acoteonline.org>. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the

