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Founding

South University's history began in Savannah, Georgia in 1899 with the establishment of Draughon's Practical Business College. Founded by Dr. John Draughon, the institution focused on teaching the fundamentals needed by successful businesses including accounting, banking, shorthand, bookkeeping and typewriting. Originally located in the Masonic Lodge building on the corner of Savannah's Liberty and Whitaker Streets, the College was moved several times to accommodate growing enrollment before settling into the Atlantic Mutual Building.

South University's Savannah campus is located on the Southside of Savannah. The original School of Business building was constructed in 1979, and the campus began a period of transformation in 2000. Undergoing renovation and new construction, the campus today consists of four buildings, including a library and the iconic clock tower. In 2002, South University launched its School of Pharmacy, becoming the first university in Savannah to offer a health professions doctorate.

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

Anesthesia Science	Master of Medical Science
Business Administration	Bachelor of Business Administration
Business Administration	Doctor of Business Administration
Business Administration	Accelerated Master of Business Administration
Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Master of Arts
Criminal Justice	Bachelor of Science

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Family Nurse Practitioner	Post Graduate Certificate
Healthcare Administration	Accelerated Master of Business Administration
Healthcare Management	Bachelor of Science
Information Technology	Bachelor of Science
Leadership	Master of Science
Legal Studies	Bachelor of Science
Medical Assisting	Associate of Science
Ministry	Doctor of Ministry
Nursing Practice	Doctor of Nursing Practice
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
Paralegal Studies	Associate of Science
Pharmacy	Doctor of Pharmacy
Physical Therapist Assistant	Associate of Science
Physician Assistant	Master of Science
Psychology	Bachelor of Arts
Public Administration	Master of Public Administration
Public Health	Bachelor of Science
Public Health	Master of Public Health
RN to Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner	Master of Science in Nursing with a Specialization in Family Nurse Practitioner (RN to MSN)

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, Savannah, 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). Other programs in the College of Business are excluded from ACBSP's scope of accreditation. 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.

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, Post Graduate Certificates and Doctor of Nursing Practice at South University, Savannah are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE>).

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

The Associate of Science in Medical Assisting program at South University, Savannah 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 Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the South University- Georgia Physician Assistant Program sponsored by South University. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards. Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be September 2025. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at South University, Savannah, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.

South University, Savannah 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 Anesthesia Science program at South University, Savannah, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Committee for the Anesthesiologist Assistant (ARC-AA) (1361 Park St; Clearwater, FL 33756; 727-210-2350).

The Master of Arts (MA), Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree program at South University, Savannah is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), (Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, 1001 North Fairfax Street, Suite 510, Alexandria, VA 22314, phone (703) 535-5990.)

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See [suprograms.info](#) for program duration, tuition, fees and other costs, median debt, salary data, alumni success, and other important info.

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