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Overview

South University's West Palm Beach campus traces its history to 1983 when South University (then South College) acquired Ft. Lauderdale College – Lake Worth. The 32,000-square-foot campus totals three buildings located at 1760 North Congress Avenue. South University is a private academic institution dedicated to providing educational opportunities for the intellectual, social and professional development of a diverse student population.

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
Healthcare Administration	Master of Business Administration
Healthcare Administration	Master of Healthcare Administration
Healthcare Management	Bachelor of Science
Legal Studies	Bachelor 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	Doctor of Occupational Therapy
Occupational Therapy Assistant	Associate of Science
Paralegal Studies	Associate of Science
Physical Therapist Assistant	Associate of Science
Psychology	Bachelor of Arts
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 Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and the Master of Science in Nursing specializations at South University, West Palm Beach are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE>).

The following business programs at South University, West Palm Beach, the Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Business Administration with a specialization in Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management, Master of Business Administration, and 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.

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

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at South University, West Palm Beach, 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>.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program at South University, West Palm Beach 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 occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. Effective April 1, 2017, ACOTE changed the accreditation status of the Associate of Science degree offered by the OTA Program on the South University-West Palm Beach campus to Probationary Accreditation for noncompliance with ACOTE Standard A.5.6 (certification exam pass rate).

The program remains accredited; ACOTE has requested that the OTA Program submit a Progress Report based on the Plan of Correction to return the program to full compliance with ACOTE Standard A.5.6 within the mandated time period for correction, by April 2018.

The Master of Arts (MA), Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree program at South University, West Palm Beach 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.)

