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Douglasville Site



This facility has over 30,000 square-feet of instructional space and is the most recent addition to GHC's strategic expansion.

Projections indicate that the Atlanta region, including Douglas County, will grow up to 1,127,000 people by 2020. With this addition, Georgia Highlands is working to address the educational needs of an increasing population for the region.

The college first began operating in Douglasville on August 19, 2009, from the campus of Chapel Hill High school. This temporary location served approximately 80 students for the fall and spring semesters.

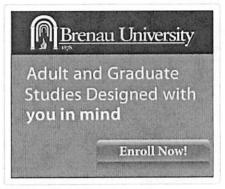
The new site, which is scheduled to open on June 1, 2010, includes four classrooms with state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, three computer labs, two science labs, a spacious student lounge and auditorium. This location will allow students to complete many of their core requirements at a convenient location.

Georgia Highlands is excited about partnering with the Douglasville/Douglas County community and providing a point of access to higher education for years to come.

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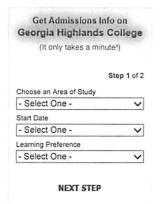
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Introduction

Founded in 1968 and opened in 1970 as Floyd Junior College; the institute was originally named for Floyd County. The Georgia Board of Regents finally changed the name to Georgia Highlands College on August 1, 2005 to reflect the provincial nature of the population it serves. Since 1970, the College has served Northwest Georgia and Northeast Alabama as a two year, associate degree-awarding institution of the University System of Georgia. Also referred to as GHC, it now serves more than 5,200 students in the region. Apart from its Floyd Campus, GHC also operates a Cartersville Campus, Douglasville Site, Heritage Hall, and Marietta Site.

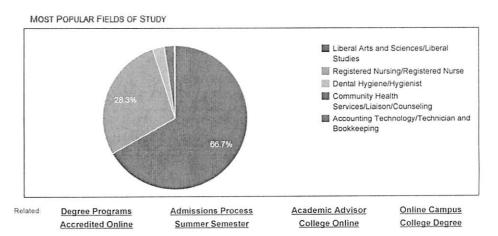
Academics

Georgia Highlands College provides educational programs of the following types: transfer programs, career programs, cooperative programs, and continuing education programs. It awards associate's degrees in diverse areas of study such as arts, criminal justice, English, foreign languages, history, journalism, and philosophy. Certificate programs include Criminal Justice and Cancer Care Nurse Navigator (CCNN). Students can also choose from the career programs including Dental Hygiene, Human Services, and Nursing (RN).

Georgia Highlands College is composed of the following five academic divisions: Division of Academic Support; Division of Humanities; Division of Mathematics; Division of Natural Sciences, Health Sciences and Physical Education; and Division of Social Sciences and Business.

GHC Online:

Online courses offer a lot of flexibility to the students who are unable to attend a regular college due to several reasons. GHC offers two types of online courses: Start-It-Now courses and 6-Week-Courses. The Start-It-Now courses can be started anytime, and students are not required to be online at any particular time. The 6-Week-Courses have specific start dates. Though students are not required to be online at any specific time, but they are expected to complete each assignment within the stipulated timeframe.



Admissions

Freshman students seeking admission to GHC must send their high school GPA, and those from non-accredited high school must take the GED test and attain the passing score as required by the State of Georgia. Applicants also need to send their ACT or SAT score. Getting a transfer to Georgia Highlands College is quite simple. Applicants must send the official transcripts from all previous institutes.

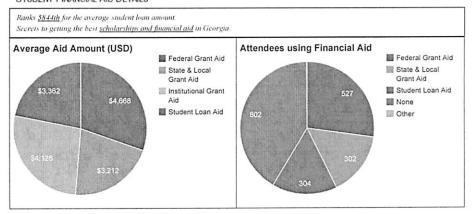
International students are welcome to the College. Applicants must take any one of the following tests: TOEFL, SAT, ACT or IELTS. Students whose native language is not English must send their proof of English language proficiency. They are expected to take the TOEFL or IELTS test.

Financial Aid

Georgia Highlands College offers financial aid to the needy and deserving students through various mediums such as scholarships, grants, loans etc. Some of the scholarships offered at the institute are Bill and Pat Eakes Nursing Scholarship; Cook Study-Abroad Scholarship; Georgia Highlands College Non-Traditional Scholarship; Walraven Scholarship; Criminal Justice Scholarship; and Carlin Routledge Nursing Scholarship. There are also external scholarships offered such as Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship; Hispanic Scholarship Fund; Esserman-Levin Fund for Social Justice Scholarship; and Chapter AP of P.E.O.

Federal and state grants are given out to the students to help them pay for college. The grants include Federal Pell Grant, Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents (LEPD) Grant, The Georgia Public Safety Memorial Grant, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Grants (LEAP), and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG). GHC also offers financial aid through student loans and work-study programs.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID DETAILS



Students

Georgia Highlands College presents a vibrant student life that helps them in their overall personality development. Some of the registered student organizations at GHC are Baptist Student Union (BSU), Bass Fishing Club, Believers United Christian Club (BUCC), Cultural Awareness Society, GHC Endurance Sports Club, Highlands Interactive Productions (HIP), and Student Engagement Council (SEC). Students can either join an organization or create a new one.

There is also a Greek presence on the campus in the form of honor societies. Some of the honor societies include Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG), Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), and Psi Beta.

Media and Publications:

The Old Red Kimono is an annual literary magazine of the college, published each spring. It is designed and edited by student editors. The magazine features writings and artwork of the students, as well as a few non-student submissions.

The Six Mile Post is the award-winning newspaper of the college. It is designed, written, and edited by the GHC students. There are several students that serve on the editorial board in part-time positions. The newspaper is published seven times a year, three issues in fall and four issues in spring.

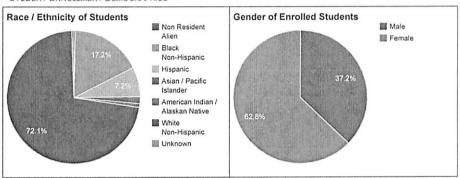
GHTV is the television station that cablecasts on Comcast Cable's channel 4 in Floyd County, serving nearly 40,000 homes in the Northwest Georgia area.

Campus Facilities:

Georgia Highlands College libraries are situated in the Floyd campus, Cartersville campus and Marietta campus. The libraries house more than 80,000 book volumes, over 250 magazine, 19,000 microfilm, 5,000 sound recordings and over 1500 video titles. They are also accessible online. There is always a librarian available to assist the students find what they want. The libraries at Floyd and Cartersville campuses feature a study space, computer access, study and conference rooms, and research assistance.

The Student Success Center at GHC is designed to help students succeed in college and advance their skills with the help of academic advising, tutoring, placement through testing, and opportunities for volunteering and service learning. There is also an Office of Counseling & Career Services to provide counseling to the students regarding their personal and academic problems. The Disability Support (Access Center) offers additional support services for the students with documented disabilities.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS



Athletics

Georgia Highlands College has a well-designed Intramural Program that is committed to providing opportunity for each student, faculty member, or staff member to contribute in a variety of wellness, fitness and sports activities. The student activities are designed to contain all levels of skill. The Intramural Program emphasizes and encourages participation, sportsmanship, healthy exercise, and social interaction. Bolt, the Charger is the official mascot of the college. The GHC athletes are nicknamed the Highlanders. They participate in sports like basketball, golf, volleyball, basketball, and frisbee. The colors are Blue and Orange.

Additional School Information

At Georgia Highlands College, they organize several events and community reach programs to enrich the overall experience of the students. Students are encouraged to participate in events like Fabulous Fridays, Foundation Camp, and Green Highlands.

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Lease signed for Ga. Highlands facility in Douglasville

A 10-year lease has been signed on a facility for Georgia Highlands College and the University of West Georgia to provide educational services in Douglasville.

The building, formerly the home of Cub Foods on Stewart Highway, includes more than 44,000 square feet. A \$1.5 million renovation will result in seven classrooms, both a wet and dry lab with a common prep area, auditorium, faculty offices, student lounge, library and conference room. The University System of Georgia also has an option on 50 acres in the city for future expansion as enrollment grows.

Georgia Highlands College is currently offering classes in modular units at Chapel Hill High School, which allowed the institution to begin instruction in Douglas County in time for fall semester 2009.

GHC President Randy Pierce believes the college is meeting a vital need of the Douglas County area. "

"Douglas County is growing at an incredibly rapid rate," he said. "Until we arrived, students who wanted to study at a USG institution had a rather inconvenient commute. Now they can do so in their own community. When the new facility opens, their options will expand even further with additional core and upper-level courses."

The University of West Georgia's plans are still being formulated. Sandra Stone, acting vice president of academic affairs at UWG, said that the university remains committed to the project but wants to conduct an assessment in Douglas County to determine which programs of study have optimal demonstrable need in the area, so that those programs may be offered following the core curriculum provided by Georgia Highlands.

"There has been discussion to offer courses in education and business and perhaps criminology," Stone said. "We would like to begin offering undergraduate classes there in fall 2010, but right now our ability to do so will depend on funding."

Douglasville was identified several years ago as underserved by the university system. The partnership between Georgia Highlands and the University of West Georgia is the result. GHC is also in partnership with Kennesaw State University in downtown Dallas to provide a similar program.

Douglasville Mayor Mickey Thompson said, "The expansion of higher education institutions to Douglasville is a major priority for the city. Georgia Highlands College and University of West Georgia's move to Douglasville provides an excellent opportunity for our residents to further their skills and education. In a tough economy this gives us a competitive advantage by providing additional programs that will further advance our workforce."

Officials in Douglasville believe the university system's presence will positively impact the economy of the city. Darren Bak, chairman of the city of Douglasville Development Authority says the recruitment of Georgia Highlands College and University of West Georgia to Douglasville begins to accomplish one of the goals of the development authority's recently completed economic development strategic plan.

"Providing educational opportunities right here in the community makes us very attractive to companies looking to relocate or expand," Bak said. "Education brings higher salaries. This is a win-win for the Douglasville Development Authority, the city of Douglasville, Georgia Highlands College and the community at large."

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GHC and UWG come to Douglasville

Georgia Highlands College (GHC) and the University of West Georgia will collaborate on an educational facility in Douglasville, Ga., school and city officials reported.

Douglasville, Block and Kahan Properties and the University System of Georgia (USG) signed a 10-year agreement to bring the educational facility to fruition.

The building, formerly the home of Cub Foods on Stewart Parkway, is about 44,000 square feet. A \$1.5 million renovation will create seven classrooms, both a wet and dry lab with a common prep area, auditorium, faculty offices, student lounge, library and conference room.

USG, which several years ago identified the area as underserved, also inked an option on a 50-acre site in Douglasville that could accommodate future expansion as enrollment increases.

"We want to establish a concentration of universities and colleges in Douglasville," said Darren Bak, chairman of the Douglasville Development Authority, in a news release. "The future strength of the city's economy is tied to our ability to grow businesses that are based on human capital. Higher education begins to move us in that direction and provides us with the workforce needed to support a variety of knowledge based companies."

Georgia Highlands College is a two-year institution with more than 5,000 students at six sites in Rome, Cartersville, Marietta, Dallas and Douglasville.

The University of West Georgia is a residential, doctoral comprehensive university that offers a broad undergraduate and graduate curriculum based on a liberal arts foundation. UWG has more than 11,000 students through its College of Arts and Sciences, Richards College of Business, College of Education, and School of Nursing.

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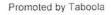
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