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**GEORGIA  
SOUTHERN  
UNIVERSITY**

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**  
*Reflective Educators for Diverse Learners*

## ***Georgia Southern University College of Education Earns National Continuing Accreditation***

Dear COE Alumni and Friends,

As dean of the College of Education, it brings me great pride to announce our continuing national accreditation by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The College of Education's programs were singled-out for special recognition by the council, noting that the rigorous review process found "no areas for improvement relative to any of the standards," according to a letter from James G. Cibulka, president of NCATE.

**NCATE**

**The Standard of Excellence  
in Teacher Preparation**

In an additional acknowledgement of the high level of COE's programs, the NCATE visiting team commended the College for its strengths associated with four standards: Standard 2- Assessment System and Unit Evaluation; Standard 3- Field Experiences and Clinical Practice, the College's target standard; Standard 5- Faculty Qualifications, Performance and Development; and Standard 6- Unit Governance and Resources.

NCATE's continuing accreditation is a testament to the consistent focus on quality and assessment advanced by all our faculty and staff at the College of Education, and it demonstrates once again that our highest priority is teacher effectiveness and student success. I am extremely proud of our entire College for the hard work that went into the year-long review process. As always, our students and their parents are assured that our programs meet the highest state and national standards for academic excellence as a result of NCATE's national continuing accreditation.

Georgia Southern's educator preparation programs have been NCATE accredited since 1954 when NCATE was incorporated as an accrediting body. While on-site accreditation takes place every seven years, the College must meet rigorous reporting requirements annually to stay in compliance with NCATE's accreditation. NCATE is in the process of merging and changing its name to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). COE will use the NCATE accreditation logo until its next accreditation visit, using CAEP standards, in spring 2020.

While the NCATE continuing accreditation approval is a mark of our commitment to the high standards of educator preparation, it doesn't give you a sense of our impact on the state, region and nation. We've prepared some information below that I hope will provide some insight into our College.

With warm regards,

Thomas R. Koballa, Ph.D.  
Dean, College of Education  
Georgia Southern University

[UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS](#)

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## 225 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES AWARDED\*

B.S. Ed. Early Childhood, **135**



B.S. Ed. Middle Grades, **50**

B.S. Ed. Special Education, **17**

B.M. Music Education (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences), **14**

B.S. Ed, Health & P.E., **9**



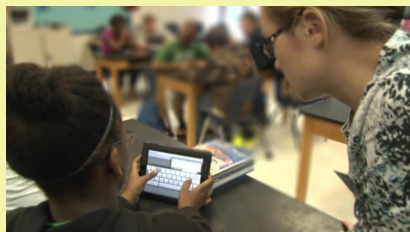
The bachelor's degree in education is the oldest professional degree at Georgia Southern, and from 1924 to 1955, the entire institution focused exclusively on preparing future teachers.

## GRADUATE STUDENTS

**M.A.T.** (Middle Grades, Secondary Ed, Spanish, Special Education), **38**

**M.Ed.** (Accomplished Teaching, Counselor Ed., Ed. Leadership, Higher Ed., Instructional Technology, Reading/Literacy, School Psychology, All Teaching Fields), **284**

**Ed.S.** (Counselor Education, Educational Leadership, Instructional Technology, Reading Education, School Psychology, All Teaching Fields), **112**



**TOTAL GRADUATE (Master's & Ed.S.) DEGREES AWARDED\***

**434**

## ED.D.

**TOTAL DOCTORAL DEGREES AWARDED\***

**46**



**Ed.D.** (Curriculum Studies and Educational Administration), **46**

**480**

COE leads the University in the number of master's, specialist and doctoral degrees conferred.

## FACULTY

The College of Education has more than **100** full-time and part-time faculty and **3** departments: Leadership,



Technology and Human Development; Teaching and Learning; and Curriculum, Foundations and Reading.

**15,406**

The number of COE alumni living in Georgia.



For the second year, COE ranked in the **top 25** for "Best Online Graduate Education Programs" by *U.S. News &*

## RESEARCH



COE has significantly increased research funding, including recent grants from the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION** and the **GEORGIA RACE-TO-THE-TOP** Innovation Fund, bringing in **more than \$1 million** in research funding over five years from these organizations alone.



**Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators®**

COE has a **93% average passing rate** over the past three years for initial **GACE certification**.

## NEW RESEARCH & PRACTICE CENTERS

The new **NATIONAL YOUTH-AT-RISK CENTER** opened in fall 2013 to further the work of COE's highly successful and influential Youth-At-Risk Conference, now in its 25th year. COE was also instrumental in the creation of the new **INSTITUTE FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STEM EDUCATION** at Georgia Southern University.

## EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

*World Report.* The 2013 rankings looked at such factors as faculty credentials and training, student services and technology, student engagement and admissions selectivity. This was the first time programs were given an overall ranking. At number 21, COE was the only Georgia school to earn a spot in the top 25 online graduate education programs.

20,611

The number of COE alumni across the nation.

## A LEADER IN ONLINE & HYBRID PROGRAMS

Today, the College offers online M.Ed. and Ed.S. programs in early childhood education, middle grades, special education, secondary education, instructional technology and reading; the M.Ed. in educational leadership; and endorsement programs in reading and online teaching and learning. The M.A.T. in special education is the only initial teacher preparation program offered totally online.



\$1,448.00

Average COE scholarship award.

## YOUR COE CONNECTION

## & INSTRUCTION

Three COE faculty were honored with the 2013-14 University "Focus on Excellence" Awards given for outstanding contributions to service and instruction. The three winners are all from the Department of Teaching and Learning.



University Award winners: (l-r)  
Yasar Bodur, Julie Maudlin and  
Scott Beck.



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\*Data compiled for academic year 2012-2013 (Summer 2012, Fall 2012 and Spring 2013)



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