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Georgia Southern University's graduate programs in nursing, business, public affairs and fine arts have been ranked among the best in the nation in by *U.S. News and World Report*.

For the second year in a row, Georgia Southern University's Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner program was ranked among the top 20 in the nation. Other programs ranked in the top 20 this year include Johns Hopkins University, Duke University, Yale University and Vanderbilt University.

"Georgia Southern University's nursing program is consistently recognized as one of the best in the state and the nation," said Georgia Southern University Vice President for Research and Economic Development and Dean of the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies Charles Patterson, Ph.D. "Nurses who are ready to take the next step in their education know that our

excellent faculty and programs will prepare them for the professional challenges and opportunities of their ever-changing field."

In addition to the top 20 ranking for the Family Nurse Practitioner program, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Georgia Southern's School of Nursing graduate programs among the best in the nation.

Georgia Southern University's part-time Master of Business Administration, Master of Public Administration, and Master of Fine Arts degree programs were also ranked by the publication as stand-outs among the 1,200 graduate programs it analyzed for this year's rankings.

"Many of our graduate degree programs are offered online or have an online component to provide busy professionals the opportunity to earn an advanced degree while managing their personal and professional lives," Patterson said. "These rankings are a reflection of Georgia Southern University's continued commitment to providing quality advanced degree programs that are recognized not only as some of the best in our state, but the country."

To learn more about Georgia Southern University's graduate programs, please visit <http://cogs.georgiasouthern.edu>.

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