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Georgia Southern's School of Nursing offers most affordable online programs

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Georgia Southern University offers the most affordable online Masters of Science in Nursing and one of the most affordable online Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs, according to OnlineU.org.

"We are thrilled to have two online nursing programs at Georgia Southern University ranked in the Most Affordable Online Nursing Programs in the U.S.," stated School of Nursing Chair, Catherine Gilbert, Ed.D., RN. "Online delivery of nursing education has become an essential option for many students and these rankings are a true reflection of our commitment to quality, accessible and affordable nursing education."

OnlineU.org ranked Georgia Southern's online Master of Science in Nursing No. 1 for 2019 and the RN-BSN degree No. 9 for 2019. To be considered for the rankings, schools had to be regionally accredited and offer at least one fully online degree. Tuition for every college offering fully online degrees was manually researched to determine and rank the most affordable choices.

"These rankings represent online schools across the nation that are making an effort to provide economical options for students," stated Kelsey D'Ewart, a representative from SR Education Group.

The School of Nursing is housed in the Waters College of Health Professions and is fully accredited by the Georgia Board of Nursing and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. For more information on nursing programs at Georgia Southern, visit <https://chp.georgiasouthern.edu/nursing/programs/>

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Georgia Southern professor named Governor's Teaching Fellow

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TimMarie Williams, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Health Sciences and Kinesiology at Georgia Southern University, has been named a 2018-2019 Governor's Teaching Fellow for the academic year symposium program.

Williams was one of just 18 faculty members across Georgia who was selected after a highly competitive application and selection process.

"Having the privilege and honor to be selected as a Governor's Teaching Fellow presents the ultimate opportunity to enhance my professional development as a tenure-track faculty, thereby augmenting exposure to interdisciplinary innovations within pedagogy while collaborating with faculty across the state," stated Williams. "Knowledge acquired will propel me to bring more inestimable value to our University and students as lifelong learners."

To be eligible, the individual must be a regular, full-time faculty member who teaches at an accredited public or private college or university in Georgia. Participant selection is based on the following factors: teaching experience, interest in continuing instructional and professional development, ability to make a positive impact on their own campus, and a commitment of support from the faculty's home institution.

Established in 1995 by Zell Miller, the Governor's Teaching Fellows Program provides Georgia's higher education faculty with expanded opportunities for developing teaching skills by addressing faculty members' needs to use emerging technology and instructional tools that are being used in today's society.

To date, more than 75 different disciplines, professions and teaching areas have been represented by more than 600 fellows from more than 70 public and private institutions statewide. To learn more about the Institute of Higher Education and the Governor's Teaching Fellows Program, including information on how to apply, go to <http://ihe.uga.edu/programs/governors-teaching-fellows>.

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Georgia Southern University to host 32nd annual Southern Conference on Children

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Early bird registration is open for the 32nd annual Southern Conference on Children, featuring keynote speaker Vernon Mason Jr., founder of Directors Leadership Solutions and president of the WEE SCHOOL Child Development Center, serving children in four locations across North Carolina. The conference is set for Jan. 26 at the Nessmith-Lane Center on the Georgia Southern University Statesboro Campus.

With a \$5,000 credit card in 1991, Mason and his mother opened a small child care center facility with a capacity of only 30 children. In eight short years, the facility grew to 125.

After a natural disaster destroyed their first center, Mason rebuilt the WEE SCHOOL, growing enrollment to 248 children in just two years. Now, he is the owner of four centers with 100 staff members who care for more than 600 children. Mason also delivers training, workshops and keynote presentations at the local, state and national level.

This year's conference theme is "Quality and Innovation in Early Care and Learning." Participants can expect a wide range of workshops conducted by qualified and engaging presenters. The conference offers a special director's track, in addition to nine other strands of training, including STEM, Nurturing Healthy Children, Intentional Teaching Strategies, Including All Children, Play and Developmentally Appropriate Practice, Leadership & Professionalism, Program Management, Family Child Care and School-Age Care.

The conference is hosted by the Georgia Southern University College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, the School of Human Ecology, Kids World Learning Center, and the Division of Continuing Education. Early registration ends Jan. 3. Those interested in learning more about the conference may visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/conted/scoc.

For more information from the Division of Continuing Education, contact Deedee Southerlin, Ed.D., or Lauri Clark at scoc@georgiasouthern.edu or 912-478-MORE.

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