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# Georgia Southern Continuing Education offers credentialing assistance to active-duty military

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Active-duty soldiers and National Guard Reserve service members can take advantage of the certification programs offered through Georgia Southern University's Division of Continuing Education, which is now an approved provider for the Army Credentialing Assistance (CA) program.

Together with the Federal Tuition Assistance and Army Credentialing Assistance programs, soldiers can receive up to \$4,000 total per fiscal year to cover costs for eligible certifications. The CA can cover the cost of training, materials, study guides, fees, textbooks and certification exams.

Georgia Southern is one of the first universities approved in the country, and one of only a handful in Georgia, said Deedee Southerlin, Ed.D., manager of adult programs for Continuing Education.

"This program is truly designed to enhance a soldier's skill set for their current Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) and close the gap between relevant MOS's and civilian certifications," she said, noting these types of programs aren't considered for academic credit, but rather nationally recognized certifications.

"If a soldier chooses their certifications for a career post-military, it may help them secure employment quicker," she added. "Many times when exiting the military, soldiers are really only trained on what their Army role was. These certifications can help them have more of a seamless transition into civilian life."

Courses and certifications in areas like Society for Human Resource Management, ethical hacker and cybersecurity training, National Academy of Sports Medicine personal training, and CompTIA information technology are available through this program.

"We have Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield at our doorstep, and as we continue to build relationships with the military in our area, and even our military programs on campus, it is just one more way we can support soldiers, their families and their educational endeavors," Southerlin said.

So far, Southerlin said these programs, which are completely online or virtual, have drawn participants from Georgia, Alaska, Korea, Maryland, Texas and Ohio, among others.

"It's very exciting that when they go into the portal to search for these certification programs and the approved providers, they are choosing Georgia Southern," she said. "This gets our University's name out nationally and shows that we are military friendly."

In addition, spouses of service members on active-duty may take advantage of the workforce development program, My Career Advancement Account Scholarship (MyCAA), credentialing program as well.

For more information about these programs and details, please visit

<https://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ce/adultprograms/military-personnel-and-spouses/> or contact Southerlin at [tsoutherlin@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:tsoutherlin@georgiasouthern.edu).

## [Georgia Southern University embracing ‘Soaring 20s’ for homecoming](#)

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Georgia Southern University continues to provide homecoming experiences for students and alumni with safety protocols in place, as the University will celebrate the “Soaring 20s” on its three campuses today through November 7.

“Homecoming is the most school-spirited time of the year, and this one will definitely be the most unique one that we’ve ever had,” said Memory Littles, director of student activities. “The Office of Student Activities and the University Programming Board have made the most concerted effort to still offer some of our more largely attended, long-standing traditions such as the Doo-Dah Dance and Step Show and the Homecoming Parade, but health and safety are our top priorities. While we are not able to offer the larger-scaled programs in person, we have found some excitingly innovative ways to still have a great week.”

While larger events, such as the homecoming parade, will be virtual, there will still be some opportunities for in-person fun, including a glow party at the Russell Union Rotunda on the Statesboro Campus and a performance by an illusionist on the Armstrong Campus.

“For our in-person events, we have increased our security measures, which include tons of Do Right signage and a pre-registration process which enables us to collect data on attendees, in the event that contact tracing is necessary,” Littles said. “Students are also required to complete a health screening on the day of the event via the LiveSafe App, attesting that they feel well, are not exhibiting symptoms of and have not been diagnosed with COVID-19.”

Alumni will also have plenty of opportunities to get involved with homecoming this year.

“We’re bringing fun and engaging events for Homecoming to our alumni,” said Ava Edwards, director of alumni relations. “Yesterday, alumni participated in a virtual paint party sponsored by alumni-owned business Sips-n-Strokes, and later this week they can take a virtual tour of the campuses and play virtual trivia. We’re also excited to host a homecoming pregame band party that will be live streamed for alumni to enjoy from their own tailgates at home.”

Littles said that while she wants the “Soaring 20s” homecoming to be one of the most memorable but for the right reasons.

“We want to ensure that students are still able to disconnect, have fun and experience campus life, but we have to be responsible and execute things in a safe way so that we can continue bringing life to our campuses,” she said.

For more information and a complete list of homecoming events, visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/homecoming](https://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/homecoming).

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