

*Educating, Empowering, Serving
...Bridging Theory with Practice*



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Strengthening Rural Communities since 1906.....

- Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering & IT
- College of Business Administration
- College of Education
- College of Health & Human Sciences
- College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
- College of Science & Mathematics
- Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health
- Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies

University Facts 2016-2017

- 20,674 Student Enrollment
 - 92.4% are Georgia residents
 - 4124 (~20%) are rural Georgia residents
- Upon consolidation with Armstrong
 - Enrollment will exceed 27,000
 - Campuses located in Bulloch, Chatham, Liberty

Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

Evaluation, assessment & technical assistance across the continuum of care

- Public Health Accreditation, Assessments & Evaluations
- Hospital ACA mandated Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA)
- Rural Hospital Engagement & Needs Assessment
- LEAN Training and Certification

Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) programmatic & financial assessment
- Technical assistance, testing & monitoring in rural communities with environmental challenges/issues such as lead, bacteria, mosquitos and other negative health causatives
- Student practicums, research projects & dissertations

School of Nursing

- Ranked 10th in most affordable online nursing programs according to *OnlineU*
- Registered Nurse (RN) thru Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
- Partnership with the Georgia Partnership for Telehealth for training in the use of telehealth
- \$1.6M HRSA APRN Program to develop APRNs for rural communities

School of Nursing

\$1.6M HRSA funded academic-practice partnership between the School of Nursing Graduate Program and five health centers to increase the number and readiness of Family and Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioners to care for rural and underserved populations.

- East Georgia Healthcare Center to include its 10 satellite clinics throughout southeast Georgia
- Christ Community Health Services in Augusta, GA
- J.C. Lewis Primary Healthcare Center in Savannah, GA
- Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health Care in Savannah, GA
- Appling Healthcare System/Southern Peaches in Baxley, GA

Center for Gerontology

Senior Companion Program pairs low income older adults with frail elders and people with disabilities.

- Serves 9 rural counties, Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Emanuel, Effingham, Evans, Jenkins, Screven, and Tattnall counties
- 37 low income adult volunteers serving 129 older adults and people with disabilities
- Annual budget of \$238,903 funding provided by local and federal grant support

Writing & Linguistics

Georgia Southern Writing Project

- Working with schools in Tattnall, Evans & Bulloch Counties
- Supporting rural teachers at all grade levels to improve the writing skills of our grade school students
- Raising the quality of writing increases the success of students for higher education, employment & career pathway

Psychology

- Produces Master's level counselors and psychologists
- As part of training, students provide low cost mental health services to for nominal fees under supervision of licensed providers.
 - Patients served throughout southeast Georgia
- 14 PsyD graduates; 4 practicing in Bulloch & Effingham Counties

College of Liberal Arts

Aquaculture:

- Film production on McIntosh County's shrimping industry; Robert Todd, Communications Department
- Marketing to expand opportunities for Georgia's seafood and coastal commodities; Jennifer Sweeney Tookes, Ph.D., Sociology & Anthropology

Broad-based Community Strengthening Essential Assets for Economic Viability:

- Education
- Health & health care access
- Workforce
- Industry & business
- Tax base to insure local infrastructure

Laying the Foundation

- Triage the region, county, community
- Rank & organize based on community assets
- Rank & organize based on community needs
- Identify assets and unique resources
- Identify critical deficiencies/opportunities
- Establish priorities for development

Critical Steps for Building Stronger Economies Collaboratively

- Local & university single points of contact (coaches)
- Consistent investment in a region/community
 - Technical assistance, mentoring, training & education
- Long & short-term strategic planning
- Coordinated, staged, planned approach based on local capacity
- Community & regional planning with individual community ownership for outcomes
- Long-term commitments & relationships

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