



Workforce: Training & Education

Training



<http://www.georgiaquickstart.org/>

Georgia's [Quick Start](#) program is nationally recognized for providing high-quality training services at no cost to new or expanding businesses in Georgia. Since 1967, Quick Start has provided customized training for hundreds of thousands of employees and for thousands of businesses and industries throughout the state. Quick Start has been singled out by Fortune, as well as Training, and Expansion Management magazines for its effectiveness in providing the most comprehensive and advanced training in the nation.

Quick Start's programs are custom-designed and their training is delivered through a network of 34 technical colleges, 18 satellite campuses and four associated university programs throughout the state. Typical services include training consultation, instructional design, implementation, training and evaluation. Appropriate training technologies will be utilized and may include broadcast quality video, training guides, job aids, trainer guides, transparencies, interactive video, animation, multimedia, and others as appropriate.

Training can be conducted for both pre-employment and post-employment programs. For businesses locating in Houston County, expert training services are provided through Middle Georgia Technical College.



<http://www.middlegatech.edu>

[Middle Georgia Technical College](#) provides credit programs leading toward certificates, diplomas and associate degrees. The Continuing Education Department offers courses designed to meet specific needs identified by the community. The Economic Development Programs Department serves the community through specialized training and Quick Start training. Specialized training for specific companies is coordinated by the Vice President of Economic Development. Programs can be customized to meet specific training needs and offered at various times and locations for the convenience of the business. Registration procedures are simplified, and fees may be billed to companies.

Middle Georgia Technical College under the auspices of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education sponsors the Quick Start Program for new and expanding industries. The Vice President of Economic Development has the administrative responsibility for operating this program. Quick Start offers customized training programs, pre-employment training, and assistance in recruiting and screening through the Georgia Department of Labor.

The resources of Middle Georgia Technical College are an invaluable asset in providing customized training to new and existing industries in the service area. Economic and industrial development authorities are encouraged to investigate the advantages of this program.



<http://www.dol.state.ga.us>

The [Georgia Department of Labor](#) provides a wide range of services to job seekers and employers. It collects, analyzes, and publishes a wide array of information about the state's labor market. This information provides a snapshot of Georgia's economy, job market, businesses, and its workforce. Data on jobs and workers, including labor force, employment and unemployment, industrial growth, occupational trends, and wage rates, are increasingly important to remaining competitive in the global marketplace. DOL offers assistance with screening and recruiting potential employees. The agency provides an adequate pool of applicants for the employee selection process. The company establishes its qualifications and, through a computerized system, DOL reviews applicants and matches their skills and competencies to specific jobs. These services are available for both start-up and ongoing operations.

Education

Houston County School System	
Total Enrollment	26,900
Teacher : Student Ratio	1:13
Number of Elementary Schools	23
Number of Middle Schools	8
Number of High Schools	4
Average Expenditure per Pupil FY08	\$11,970
Number of 2009 Graduates	1,880
Graduation Rate 2009	81%
Graduates Entering Public or Technical College	55.8%
Advanced Placement Exams	
Number of Students Taking Tests	613
Number of Tests Taken	961
Number of Test Scores 3 or Higher	545
Percentage of Test Scores 3 or Higher	56.7%
Percentage of Student Population Enrolled in Selected Programs	
Gifted (Grades K-12)	9.9%
Vocational Labs (Grades 9-12)	59.4%
Alternative Programs (Grades K-12)	2.3%
Average SAT Scores	
Verbal	508
Math	512
Writing	485
Total Score	1505
Average ACT Scores	
Composite	20.3
English	19.3
Reading	20.2
Mathematics	20.7
Science	20.4

Source: Georgia Department of Education

Post-Secondary Education Technical Colleges



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<http://www.centralgatech.edu/>

[Central Georgia Technical College](#) provides credit programs leading toward certificates, diplomas and associate degrees. The college is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate degrees. The main campus is located in Macon, Georgia. For Fiscal Year 2008, enrollment was 8,850 students and 1,687 awards were conferred.

Colleges & Universities



<http://www.maconstate.edu/>

[Macon State College](#) features 17 bachelor's degrees, plus dozens of associate and certificate programs. Designed by the University System of Georgia to offer an affordable college education, Macon State consistently ranks high in value -- excellent instruction leading to a degree that's in high demand. With campuses in both Macon and Warner Robins, enrollment for Fiscal Year 2009 was 6,223 students with 828 degrees and awards conferred.



<http://www.gcsu.edu/>

[Georgia College & State University](#) (GC&SU) is Georgia's designated Public Liberal Arts University, located in historic Milledgeville, Georgia, less than a dozen miles from the geographic center of the State. GC&SU is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, and specialist degrees. The university also has programmatic accreditation through many organizations. GC&SU has campuses in Milledgeville, Macon, and Warner Robins offering more than 40 undergraduate and more than 18 graduate programs. For Fiscal Year 2009, enrollment at GC&SU was 6,189 students with 1,446 degrees and awards conferred.



<http://www.fvsu.edu/>

[Fort Valley State University](http://www.fvsu.edu/) (FVSU) is a historically black university with a rich teacher education heritage and the only senior college with a state-wide land-grant research and public service mission. FVSU is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, master and specialist degrees. While the main campus remains in Fort Valley, the university also maintains a commuter campus in Warner Robins. For Fiscal Year 2009, enrollment at FVSU was 2,956 students with 290 degrees and awards conferred.



<http://www.wesleyancollege.edu/>

[Wesleyan College](http://www.wesleyancollege.edu/), a private college located in Macon, is the world's oldest college for women. Wesleyan College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the baccalaureate degree, the Master of Arts in early childhood education, the Master of Arts in middle grades science and mathematics, and the Master of Business Administration. It is also accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) and the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. The college offers 32 major, minor, and pre-professional degree programs with an average class size of less than 20 students. For Fiscal Year 2009, enrollment at Wesleyan College was 688 students with 831 degrees and awards conferred.



<http://www.mercer.edu/>

[Mercer University](http://www.mercer.edu/) is a private, church-related institution of higher learning that seeks to achieve excellence and scholarly discipline in the fields of liberal learning and professional knowledge. The university is guided by the historic principles of religious and intellectual freedom, while affirming religious and moral values that arise from the Judeo-Christian understanding of the world. Mercer University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The university has campuses in both Macon and Atlanta and maintains Regional Academic Centers in Douglas County, Eastman, and Henry County. For Fiscal Year 2009, enrollment at Mercer University was over 8,000 students with 1,931 degrees and awards conferred.