

UWG Newnan

academic plan



UWG Newnan Another way to Go West

Ninety years ago, Newnan Hospital opened with a commitment to provide health and wellness services to the residents of Newnan, Coweta County and surrounding areas. Today, the University of West Georgia proudly continues that spirit of community enrichment through UWG Newnan, which is housed in the newly-renovated hospital building. The center offers a state-of-the-art learning environment that fosters collaboration. Students can take advantage of the flexibility, convenient location and historic atmosphere of UWG Newnan and still benefit from all the university has to offer.

Located in downtown Newnan on Jackson Street, UWG Newnan is just minutes away from neighborhood restaurants and cafés, retail shops and businesses. Students can complete internships at numerous nearby companies, nonprofits and civic organizations and participate in community service events in the local neighborhood, all while completing their education goals close to home.





Transform West

For 25 years, the University of West Georgia has been a fixture in the Newnan community, creating a foundation for opportunity and innovation. At the start of 2015, UWG connected the past to the future by moving its Newnan programs to the historic hospital building, a cornerstone in the downtown area. Students now make new memories and develop their own traditions in a place that is rich in community heritage. UWG Newnan not only impacts students, but also the community itself, stimulating economic growth, developing a talented workforce and improving the overall quality of life in Coweta County.

The renovated facility:

- Provides access to an increasing number of students, courses and programs
- Strengthens UWG's commitment to nursing and education students
- Offers other much-needed programs that increase student and community success, including new and continuing programs in healthcare, business and the core studies
- Houses a variety of education opportunities with both day and evening core curriculum classes offered in face-to-face, hybrid and online settings. Students can pursue degrees on their own schedules – full-time, part-time, days, evenings or weekends – with a myriad of resources at their disposal
- Gives high-performing high school students a jump-start on college through the Move on When Ready (dual enrollment) program, which covers the cost of tuition
- Continuously adds new courses in lab sciences such as chemistry, biology and microbiology as part of the university-wide commitment to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) initiatives
- Increases and further develops continuing education programs for those interested in pursuing new personal and professional challenges. UWG offers career training through customized business training programs that provide certificates, licenses and skills. Personal development classes -- such as art, dance and photography -- provide personal enrichment, skills and fun.



Architectural Standout

With its stately columns, temple-like porch and symmetrical red-brick wings, UWG Newnan's neoclassical revival structure provides a picturesque setting for classes, community gatherings and other events in a city steeped in history and classic architecture. While the exterior remains largely untouched, designers took great care to blend state-of-the-art classrooms, research facilities, medical training labs and study areas with many of the hospital's unique features. A hidden stairway used by doctors remains intact. Original tile floors harken back to an area gone by and fixtures that illuminated the operating room provide light for students. The hospital's atrium continues to provide a tranquil setting for those seeking a calm moment.

During the renovation process, all work has followed a strict and careful strategy that has preserved the iconic hospital building's spirit, while providing modern space in which students can learn and succeed.

Cornerstone Academic Programs

Education

A large number of the west Georgia region's teachers graduated from UWG. UWG Newnan has fast become part of that tradition. Today, the center's early childhood education certification program has 46 students enrolled across all levels. The Educational Leadership Residency Lab houses classes for 96 students, while 30 students take a sequence that includes pre-professional education courses and 27 students are enrolled in a recently added graduate course in elementary mathematics. In addition, the speech clinic offers services to community residents for nominal fees. Graduate students deliver these services on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Business

The MBA offers a variety of options for students seeking to continue their education in business, with instruction by our award-winning Richard's College of Business. The AACSB-I accredited program serves working professionals through six core and four elective evening courses in Newnan.

Nursing

Seeking to serve the area's developing healthcare industry, UWG began offering nursing education in Newnan in 2005. Six years later, the university first offered a bachelor's degree in nursing for unlicensed students and a separate bachelor's of nursing degree for those already licensed as registered nurses. Today, it admits 60 pre-licensure students a year to UWG Newnan, with about 160 students enrolled in the professional nursing program.



Newnan Enrollment

As UWG celebrates several years of record enrollment, much of that growth has come in Newnan. That's good for students and it's good for our communities. According to the University System of Georgia, UWG contributes roughly \$520 million dollars to the region's economy each year. Enrollment at UWG Newnan has doubled in the last few years and currently hovers at about 800 students.

Fall '14
440
Fall '15
707

Fall '16
743
Spring '17
808

Student Services

The student services suite at UWG Newnan is the hub of much co-curricular activity. The dedicated staff provides many key services and connects students and community members to personnel and services from the Carrollton campus. Future plans include expanding the on-site services and personnel to support UWG Newnan.

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management is a dedicated partner in the Newnan academic plan. The department offers tutoring in numerous subjects, a writing center, supplemental instruction, academic success workshops and important links to faculty.

The university experience includes a wide variety of activities and services that extend beyond academics. Students can get involved in student organizations, cultural events, recreation and student government. UWG also offers assistance through the Center for Academic Success, the advising center and its career services staff.

The Newnan team helps with career exploration and matching students' desired paths to the majors that align with their career goals. For those already in careers, the center helps with the steps needed to get to the next level. The university's Center for Adult Learners and Veterans offers assistance in gaining college credit for what students have learned on the job or through military service.



Academic Plan

Traditionally, UWG Newnan's academic strategy has focused on education and nursing, two vital majors in Newnan and Coweta County. As the center continues to grow, it will offer new, dynamic programs. UWG's Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) recently completed a study to determine general workforce needs in the region. Those will guide expansion at UWG Newnan, not just in academic programs to meet those needs, but also in facility design and student services that support those programs.

Based on these findings, UWG is developing a variety of degree programs for the Newnan campus, including a bachelor's degree in health and community wellness, and a bachelor's degree in social and behavioral health. These degrees will provide students the necessary skills to work in health-related positions across the region.



The center is planning to create an early childhood education dual certification program that includes elementary and special education certification for preschool through the fifth grade. This program will be offered through alternative formats, including online and weekend courses.

UWG Newnan targets paraprofessionals in surrounding school districts to pursue initial teacher certification. Those candidates will receive credit for their work experience. They also will be able to remain in their current teaching assistant positions and gain credit for field experience practicum hours.

UWG also anticipates demand for a sports management degree in Newnan. The university's sports management program is an academically rigorous program that develops leaders for the sport industry. Graduates are prepared to compete for entry-level managerial positions in intercollegiate athletics, professional sport organizations, governing agencies, golf course administration, health and fitness and sports marketing firms.

In addition, UWG Newnan is exploring an interdisciplinary degree that will evolve and change with regional demands. The CBER report points out that workforce demands in Newnan and the west Georgia area require people with specific skillsets, for example, technical writing. The interdisciplinary approach will embed those skills in a bachelor's degree, allowing graduates to enter the workforce with four-year degrees and relevant skills. The plan will link students to many of the jobs listed in the governor's high-demand career initiative. UWG also is planning to implement additional flexible course scheduling that includes eight-week sessions, evenings, weekends and summer courses.

With research showing increased demand for specialized jobs requiring college degrees, UWG Newnan is adding new programs in **business, education, healthcare and other areas.**

Area	Degree Programs	Degrees
Education	Elementary Education, Teaching, Education Administrators	Education – New Offerings
Business	Accounting, Taxation, Auditors, Credit Counselors, Appraisers	MBA – New Offerings
Health	Nurse Practitioners, Physical Therapists, Social Service Specialists	Nursing – New Offerings
Writing & Graphic Design	Technical Writers Editors, Graphic Design	New Offerings





Connection to Community

For UWG Newnan, as with the entire university, life outside the classroom is just as important as life inside it. UWG reaches beyond the traditional university model to become part of its communities, working with friends and neighbors to better the places they call home.

A thriving arts culture enriches any community, rendering it more exciting. Newnan is known throughout the state for its vibrant arts tradition.

Each year, UWG Newnan contributes to that culture with scores of events, from nationally renowned visiting artists to student recitals and theatre performances. Through the City of Newnan's ArtRez program, the university helps choose and sponsor visiting artists - from painters to poets. Each artist receives a stipend and resides and works in the historic Gray Cottage in downtown Newnan, while giving lectures, demonstrations or performances. UWG Newnan also hosts art appreciation events in local residents' homes.

For those wanting to enrich their own lives, UWG Newnan offers a variety of continuing education classes. From photography to writing to computer training, Coweta residents can become more skilled at their current passions or learn new ones. Those wanting to progress in their careers can take courses in human resources and project management, real estate preparation, cyber security and a variety of other areas.

Newnan: A Vital Part of UWG's Success

The University of West Georgia strives to be the best regional comprehensive university in the nation, sought after as the best place to work, learn, and succeed. UWG Newnan is key to this mission and contributes to the university's strategic imperatives – academic success, student success, successful partnerships and operational success.

Academic Success

By pursuing continued excellence in nursing and education and developing new academic programming based on research and regional demands, UWG Newnan will be a leader in Coweta County and the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Student Success

Comprehensive student services, combined with state-of-the-art facilities and highly committed faculty and advisors help engage and motivate students to earn their degrees and develop a love for life-long learning.

Successful Partnerships

The City of Newnan, Coweta County, the UWG Newnan Advisory Board and numerous other stakeholders have committed to long-term relationships with UWG. We look forward to expanding those bonds as we work to benefit the region and the state.

Operational Success

Newnan contributes to the operational success of the university by providing a local option for Coweta residents in dual-enrollment and traditional programming, with a keen eye on developing additional flexible programs that meet the region's workforce needs.

Since it was founded a quarter century ago, UWG Newnan has enjoyed tremendous prosperity as well as a strong commitment from the community, the university and other partners. We know the power of education in transforming lives. We will build on that commitment as we continue to grow and succeed - together.



Building on the Past – Preparing for the Future