About GHC

Wondering why thousands of students across Northwest Georgia are calling Georgia Highlands College home? Compared to other colleges, you won’t find a better education with a better value anywhere. Students at GHC can complete an associate degree for less than $8,000 and a bachelor’s degree for less than $16,000. That’s half the cost for the same courses students take at other colleges and universities across the country.

From registration to degree completion, it is GHC’s goal to help students every step of the way. Even at half the cost of most colleges and universities nationwide, GHC offers several areas of study, including associate, bachelor’s, and online degree options.

Founded in 1970 as Floyd Junior College, Georgia Highlands College is a multi-campus, state college of the University System of Georgia and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.
Areas of Study

Career Programs
- Dental Hygiene (RDH)
- Human Services
- Nursing (ASN)

Bachelor of Science
- Building Information Modeling Management
- Criminal Justice* (majors)
- Dental Hygiene* (RDH to BS DH Completion)

Environmental and Natural Resources**
- Health Sciences Nursing* (RN to BSN Completion)

Bachelor of Business Administration
- Healthcare Management
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Associate of Arts Pathways
- Art
- Communication
- Criminal Justice* English
- Film Production
- Film Studies
- Foreign Language* Graphic Design History
- Journalism
- Music
- Music Business
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

Associate of Science Pathways
- Agriculture Biology
- Business Administration*
- Chemistry

Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Entrepreneurship
- Exercise Science
- Financial Technology
- General Studies*
- Geology
- Health Information Management
- Health Professions
- Mathematics
- Recreation Administration
- Sports Management
- Teacher Education*

Nexus Degree
- Sport Chain Management in Financial Technology

*Fields of study also available 100% online
**Pending SACSCOC approval

Admission Deadlines

Fall Semester
- Enrollment: July 15
- Spring Semester
- Enrollment: December 15
- Summer Semester
- Enrollment: May 15

*Steps to apply must be completed by these dates.

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Did You Know?
- Named “Most affordable four-year degree in Georgia” by Scholarship Owl.
- Value of a GHC degree - less than $8,000 for a two-year degree and less than $16,000 for a four-year degree.
- Students take the same classes their first two years at GHC that they would at other four-year institutions for half the cost.
- Students who complete their associate degree are 72% more successful in completing their bachelor’s degree.
- GHC has one of the highest retention rates in the state for colleges in our sector.
- Our graduates have gone on to be successful at UGA, Georgia Tech, Medical College of Georgia, KCU, Columbia, Loyola, and others.
- GHC offers flexible learning options with in-person, remote, and hybrid courses.
- Award-winning student organizations
- Strong Dual Enrollment Program with local high schools
- Exceptional summer camps, including Camp Invention, STEM Academy, and Foundation Camps.

Helping Students Succeed

In addition to caring faculty and staff, GHC Stress to help students every step of the way by offering numerous free resources.

- Student Success Workshops
- Personalized Advisement
- Computer Labs
- Counseling Support
- Disability Assistance
- Career Counseling
- Tutoring
- Libraries
- Private Study Areas
- Public Study Areas
- Charger Food Pantry
- Career Clothes Closet

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GO CHARGERS CHAMPIONS

GHC is a Division I member of Region 17 of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association (GCAC). A tradition of success has been established as evidenced by our national rankings, national academic awards, and our winning records.

MEN’S BASKETBALL
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
SOFTBALL
BASEBALL

Experiential learning trips within the United States are also offered in courses like geology and physical education. These programs offer a unique learning experience that brings students into contact with different places and cultures. Students who participate in these programs frequently report that it was the most valuable thing they did as a college student.

Students have opportunities for student engagement outside the classroom through a variety of academic, artistic, athletic, and social activities. GHC offers intramural sports at the Floyd and Cartersville locations that promote health, sportsmanship, teambuilding skills, and memories that last a lifetime.

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“Being a transfer student-athlete, I was skeptical about coming into a new school. At my orientation, I knew right away that I was not just a number at GHC. The orientation leaders were awesome! I decided that I wanted to be one for the upcoming semester. I could not be more pleased with the time I spent working with GHC Student Life. Showing new students how easy it is to get acclimated at GHC brought a smile to my face.

Smaller classes and teachers who genuinely care about you are what put students like me in the position to be successful. All of my teachers went out of their way to help me keep up with material I missed while away at athletic commitments. GHC has helped me be successful and achieve by goals.”

Tony Flores
For more testimonials visit highlands.edu/testimonials

“Georgia Highlands is more than a college. It’s a community. My experience at GHC has been both the most difficult and rewarding experience of my life. You never know what you’re capable of until you’re pushed to your full potential. GHC has helped me reach the highest degree of personal success.”

Jenny Quan

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GHC celebrated its 50th anniversary this 2020-21 academic year, having opened in fall of 1970 as Floyd Junior College. In fall 1970, Floyd Junior College opened in temporary offices in downtown Rome with the first college president David B. McCorkle leading 19 faculty members who taught 450 students. Decades later, GHC holds the second highest enrollment among state colleges in Georgia with hundreds of faculty members teaching thousands of students across Northwest Georgia and online.

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