

# South Georgia College

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## COLLEGE GRADUATES PAY REVIEWED

A new report commissioned by the University System of Georgia's Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP) entitled, the "Value of University System of Georgia Education" was conducted by researchers at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The authors analyzed the earnings of nearly 90,000 University System students who graduated between 1993 and 1997 and found that additional annual earning power attributed to a college degree over a high school diploma ranged from \$5,706 for graduates of a two-year college up to \$19,362 for graduates of the Medical College of Georgia. The average "educational value" reported for a South Georgia College degree was \$7,434. Other area two-year colleges value added were ABAC at \$7,169 and Waycross at \$6,500.

Four-year institutions of interest included the Georgia Institute of Technology (\$18,621), UGA (\$14,682), VSU (\$12,501) and Georgia Southern (\$12,687).

Projections from the Georgia Department of Labor (DOL) forecast in the report showed that significant shortages of labor exist in just 12 specialties requiring post secondary education. Among them are elementary and kindergarten teachers, registered nurses, pharmacists, medical records and health information technicians, and medical and clinical laboratory technicians.

Programs at South Georgia College directly meet two of these identified needs through the school's registered nursing program and through an on campus program with VSU for early childhood education. Core courses taken at SGC can be transferred to any other USG institution to meet the needs of students pursuing the other identified fields.

Full copies of "The Value of University System of Georgia Education" may be downloaded from the ICAPP website at: <http://www.icapp.org/publications.htm>. News releases detailing the economic impact of specific USG institutions also may be found at this address.