



Training

Intellectual Capital Partnership Program® (ICAPP®)

The centerpiece of the University System of Georgia's economic development programs is Georgia's Intellectual Capital Partnership Program. The programs of ICAPP provide one-stop entry to the intellectual capital of the University System of Georgia – its education programs, faculty expertise, research and development facilities. For more information, visit www.icapp.org.

Quick Start

Griffin Technical College administers the area Quick Start program - Georgia's assistance for new industries and training for their employees. Under the program, the State pays for screening, hiring and training of workers using curricula developed jointly by Quick Start specialists and the new or expanding industry. Quick Start will provide staff members to visit your company and prepare a training program for your new plant in Spalding County. Together, your company and our Quick Start staff will get your plant in production faster in order to give you a "quick start!"

West Central Georgia Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

Controlled locally by an area-wide Board of Directors, an On-The-Job training program (OTJ) is available to Spalding County employers under the federally funded Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA).

The WIB office sends potential trainees to a local employer who then selects as many as are needed from those that the employer feels are qualified. The employer trains the new employee in their method of operation with the overall goal of retaining him/her as a productive employee after training is completed. Under the WIB program (which reimburses the employer as much as 50% of the hourly rate of the trainee during training), the employer retains the final hiring and dismissal authority, and the firm's customary personnel policies apply during training.

Georgia Technology Economic Development Institute (EDI)

Georgia Tech EDI provides a vast range of technical and managerial assistance to small and medium industries. Georgia Tech EDI is a strong asset for Georgia's continued growth. They provide an assessment of a company's efficiency and offer suggestions that will create the highest productivity gains possible. All services are confidential, and most assists are offered at no cost.

Georgia Tech EDI is part of the Georgia Tech South Metro region which includes Clayton, Coweta, Fayette, South Fulton, Henry, Newton, Rockdale and Spalding Counties.

Members of the staff actually live in the area they serve, so any recommendations represent a personal interest along with a professional and thorough performance. Although Georgia Tech's engineers concentrate most of their efforts on technical assistance to existing industries, the staff in each regional office is familiar with quality systems, manufacturing technology, productivity improvement, training and continuing education, management techniques and economic development.

Vocational-Technical School

Griffin Technical College maintains a close relationship with businesses and industrial communities to keep in step with the latest operating equipment and skills needed to meet the requirements of each industry. Griffin Technical College offers a wide variety of certificate, diploma, and degree programs. The programs are designed around three subject areas including business, medical, and technical. The Director of Financial Aid assists students in finding ways to finance their education through the Job Training Partnership Act, Federal Pell Grants, Veteran's benefits, Vocational Rehabilitation, Hope Grant, Hope Scholarship and other loan and scholarship programs. Total enrollment for Griffin Technical College in 2005 was 3,383.

Area Secondary Schools

Georgia State University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Clayton College & State University

University of Georgia
Wesleyan College



Other local colleges include Gordon College, located in Barnesville, GA, which offers two-year degrees with 60 programs of study, and Macon State College, in Macon, GA, offers 10 baccalaureate degrees in programs specifically targeted toward the employment needs of the region.

Child Day Care Centers

There are eleven licensed Day Care Centers in Griffin.



Organizations that work with International Students & Scholars

Agnes Scott College
American College for the Applied Arts
Art Institute of Atlanta
Atlanta College of Art
Atlanta Metropolitan College
Atlanta Ministry with International Students
Candler School of Theology
Clark Atlanta University
Clayton State College
Columbia Theological Seminary
DeKalb Technical Institute
DeVry Institute
ELS Language Center
Emory University International Student & Scholar Program
Foreign Study League
Georgia Assoc. of International Educators
Georgia Perimeter College
Georgia Tech - International Students Services and Programs Office
Georgia State - International Student and Scholar Services
Interdenominational Theological Center
Kennesaw State College
Life University School of Chiropractic
Mercer University in Atlanta-English Language Institute
Mercer University in Atlanta-School of Business
Mercer University in Atlanta-School of Pharmacy
Morehouse College
Morris Brown College
Southern Polytechnic State University
Spelman College
Villa International