

# ACRONYMS

Commonly Used Acronyms in Higher Education. Acronyms unique to or with extensive use in the University System of Georgia are in blue.

ACRONYM      DEFINITION

## A

A+SPIRE	A + Solutions Providing Information for Reforming Education (SDRC's, K-12 Information System)
AA	Affiliation Agreement or Associated Agreement
AACC	American Association of Community Colleges
AACSB	American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business
AAFCS	American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
AAHE	American Association of Higher Education
AALR	American Association for Leisure and Recreation
AALS	Association of American Law Schools
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges
AASCU	American Association of State Colleges and Universities
ABA	American Bar Association
ABET	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology
ACAA	Administrative Committee on Academic Affairs
ACBSP	Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs
ACCE	American Council for Construction Education
ACEHSA	Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration
ACEJMC	Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications
ACIT	Administrative Committee on Information Technology
ACLD	Administrative Committee on Learning Disorders
ACOGW	Administrative Committee on Graduate Work
ACOTE	Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education
ACPE	American Council for Pharmaceutical Education
ACPHA	Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration
ACS	Affiliated Computer Services
ACS	American Chemical Society
ADA	American Dental Association
ADietA	American Dietetic Association
AG	Attorney General
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association
ALT	Advanced Learning Technologies
AMA	American Medical Association
AMI	Association of Medical Illustrators
AOTA	American Occupational Therapy Association
AP	Advanced Placement
APA	American Psychological Association
APTA	American Physical Therapy Association
ARCHE	Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education
ASHA	American Speech Language Hearing Association
ASLA	American Society of Landscape Architects
ASPE	Association for Sport and Physical Education
AVMA	American Veterinary Medical Association

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## B

BCBS	Blue Cross Blue Shield
BOR	Board of Regents
BORHP	Board of Regents Health Plan
BROC	Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee (Legislative committee responsible for program evaluation and evaluation of effectiveness of state appropriated funds. Normally performs duties through the State Department of Audits and Accounts.)

## C

CAAHEP	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
CAAHIMA	Council on Accreditation of the American Health Info. Management Assoc.
CAAHITA	Council on Accreditation of the American Health Information Technology Association
CAC/REP	Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs
CACSWE	Commission on Accreditation Council on Social Work Education
CADE	Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education
CAHMP	Commission for Accreditation of Hospitality Management Programs
CANAEP	Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
CAO	Chief Academic Officers
CAPP	Curriculum Advising & Program Planning
CAPT	Council on Accreditation of Physical Therapy
CAPTE	Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
CBO	Chief Business Officers
CCNE	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
CCOP	Converged Communications Outsourcing Project (GTA project)
CDA	Commission on Dental Accreditation
CDED	Curriculum Data Element Dictionary
CERSA	Clinical Educational & Research Service Agreement
CEU	Continuing Education Unit
CHRIE	Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education
CIP	Classification of Instructional Programs
CIR	Curriculum Inventory Reporting (also used for reporting system)
CLEP	College Level Examination Program
COAMFTE	Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education
COMPASS	Computer version of college placement exam
CORE	Council on Rehabilitation Education
CPC	College Preparatory Curriculum
CPE	Collegiate Placement Examination
CPR	Comprehensive Program Review
CSAB	Computing Sciences Accreditation Board
CSSE	Community College Survey of Student Engagement
CSWE	Council on Social Work Education

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### D

D&MA	Degrees & Majors Authorized - (the USG data system that tracks Board and administrative decisions on approved degrees)
DCH	Department of Community Health
DHR/EHS	Department of Human Resources, Emergency Health Section
DITT	Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism
DOA/DOAA	Department of Audits and Accounts
DOAS	Department of Administrative Services
DOE	Department of Education
DS	Developmental Studies
DSS	Decision Support Systems
DTAE	Department of Technical and Adult Education

### E

E	Employee
EAS	Enterprise Application Systems
ECC	Education Coordinating Council
eCore	Development of electronically delivered Core Curriculum for USG
ECS	Education Commission of the States
EFT	Equivalent Full Time
EIS	Enterprise Infrastructure Services
EISC	Education Information Steering Committee - (created by HB 1187 to advise SDRC on data collections)
EM	Employer
EPAAC	Educator Preparation Academic Advisory Committee
ESI	Express Scripts
ETACT Fund	Education, Technology & Construction Trust
ETS	Educational Testing Service
EU	European Union

### F

FARS	Financial Aid Reporting System
FCRU	Facilities, Curriculum, and Room Use (refers to linked data systems)
FERPA	Family Education Rights Privacy Act (Provides guidelines for releasing student information and records)
FI	Freshman Index
FIDER	Foundation for Interior Design Education Research
FIS	Faculty Information System
FTE	Full Time Equivalent

### G

Ga Center	Georgia Center for Continuing Education at UGA
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures
GAAS	Generally Accepted Auditing Standards
GaBEST-BANNER	Student Information System - (USG) Georgia Banner Enhancement System Team
GaEASY	Ga. Electronic Advisory System - Georgia Applications and Electronic Advisor System
GaFIRST-PEOPLESOFT	GeorgiaFinancial, Information & Reporting Systems for Tomorrow
GaHIRE	Links employees with employers
GALILEO	Georgia Library Learning Online

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### G - continued

GASB	General Accounting Standards Board
GBA	Ga. Building Authority
GBELPN	Ga. Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses
GBN	Ga. Board of Nursing
GCATT	Ga. Centers for Advanced Telecommunication Technology
GED	General Equivalency Diploma
GEMA	Ga. Emergency Management Agency
GDITT	Ga. Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism
Georgia GLOBE	Ga. Global Learning Online for Business and Education
Georgia HomePLACE	Providing Library Archives Collections Electronically
GFIC	Ga. Foundation for Independent Colleges
GHP	Ga. Health Partnership
GIL	GALILEO Interconnected Libraries
GISCC	Geographic Information System Coordinating Committee
GIST	Ga. Interactive Statewide Telecommunications
GLAS	Ga. Library for Accessible Services (formerly LBPH - Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped)
GLI	Ga. Leadership Institute
GOLD	Ga. Online Database
GPA	Grade Point Average
GPAL	Ga. Private Academic Libraries
GPECC	Ga. Postsecondary Education Collaborative Council
GPEE	Ga. Partnership for Excellence in Education
GPLS	Ga. Public Library Service
GPTV	Ga. Public Television
GRA	Ga. Research Alliance
GRE	Graduate Record Examination
GSAMS	Ga. Statewide Videoconferencing System (Ga. Statewide Academic and Medical System)
GSFIC	Ga. State Finance and Investment Commission
GTA	Ga. Technology Authority
GTC	Ga. Teacher Center
GTREP	Ga. Tech. Regional Engineering Program

### H

HBCU	Historically Black Colleges & Universities
HEGIS	Higher Education General Information Survey (no longer used)
HFES	Human Factors and Ergonomics Society
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (Pertains to research on human subjects and student health services. Effects colleges and universities — especially medical colleges)
HOPE	Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally
HR	Human Resources
HSGPA	High School Grade Point Average

### I

IA	Internal Audit
IACS	International Association of Counseling Services
IB	International Baccalaureate (a type of high school curriculum)

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## I - continued

ICAPP	Intellectual Capital Partnership Program
IIA	Institute of Internal Auditors
IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (Annual Federal Report)
IRP	Institutional Research and Planning (Administrative Committee on)
ISI	Institute for Scientific Information
ITFS	Instructional Television Fixed Services

## J

JRCEAT	Joint Review Committee on Education in Athletic Training
JRCEDMS	Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography
JRCENMT	Joint Review Committee on Education in Nuclear Medicine Technology
JRCERO	Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Oncology
JRCERT	Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
JRCRTE	Joint Review Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education

## K

K	Contracts
KIP	Knowledge is Power

## L

LA	Legal Affairs or Letter Agreement
LBO	Legislative Budget Office
LCAC	Library Consumers Advisory Council
LCIS	Library and Customer Information Services
LCME	Liaison Committee on Medical Education
LEADS	Lifelong Education and Economic Development Services
LS / DS	Learning Support / Developmental Studies
LSAT	Law School Admissions Test
LSTA	Library Services Technology Act (federal funding for public libraries)

## M

MAP	Minority Advising Program
MCAT	Medical College Admission Test
MCGHI	Medical College of Georgia Health, Inc.
MHN	MultiHealth Network NET
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRR	Major Repair and Renovation

## N

NAAB	National Architectural Accrediting Board
NAACLS	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences
NACUBO	National Association of College & University Business Officers
NAECP	National Academy of Early Childhood Programs
NAIT	National Association of Industrial Technology
NAMT	National Association of Music Therapy
NASAD	National Association of Schools of Art and Design
NASH	National Association of System Heads
NASM	National Association of Schools of Music
NASP	National Association of School Psychologists

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## N - continued

NASPAA	National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
NASPE	National Association for Sport and Physical Education
NASSM	North American Society for Sport Management
NAST	National Association of Schools of Theater
NASULGC	National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges
NATE	National Automotive Technician Education
NAWTA	North American Wildlife Technology Association
NCA/NRPA	National Council on Accreditation Sponsored by the National Recreation and Parks Assoc.
NCATE	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics
NCLEX	National Council Licensure Examination (RN for Registered Nurses)
NEHAC	National Environmental Health Accrediting Council
NEHSPAA	National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Association
NLNAC	National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission
NPSAS	National Postsecondary Student Aid Study
NRPA	National Recreation and Parks Association
NSSE	National Survey of Student Engagement

## O

O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OEA	Office of Educational Accountability
OIE	Office of International Education
OIIT	Office of Information and Instructional Technology
OPB	Office of Planning and Budget
OPLS	Office of Public Library System
ORP	Office of Research and Planning
ORP	Optional Retirement Plan
OSA	Operations and Services Agreement
OSS	Office of Support Services

## P

PTI	Part-time instructor
P & T	Promotion & Tenure
P-16	Pre-School thru Post Secondary Education Initiative (Georgia)
PAB	Planning Accreditation Board
PACTS	Performance-based Assessment for College and Technical Schools
PAF	Personnel Action Form
PeachNet	Educational Communications network of the University System
PINES	Public Information Network for Electronic Services (public libraries' shared electronic catalog)
PLS	Public Library Services
POD	Professional and Organizational Development Network
POT	Position of Trust
PRAXIS	Greek word meaning "the practical application or exercise of a branch of learning"
PREP	Post-Secondary Readiness Enrichment Program
PRISM	Partnership for Reform in Science and Math
PSC	Professional Standards Commission

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### P - continued

PSC/GA	Professional Standards Commission of Georgia
PT3	Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology

### Q

QBE	Quality Basic Education
Q-CARE	Current BCBS system used to process BOR health plan claims
QER	Quarterly Enrollment Report (no longer used)
QUE	Quality in Undergraduate Education

### R

RAC	Research Advisory Committee (an administrative committee of research vice presidents)
RACAA	Regents Administrative Committee on Academic Affairs (ACAA)
RACIE	Regents Administrative Committee on Institutional Effectiveness
RACL	Regents Academic Committee on Libraries
RACLS	Regents Administrative Committee on Learning Support
RACRA	Regents Administrative Committee for Registrars and Admissions
RACSA	Regents Academic Committee on Student Affairs
RACSFA	Regents Academic Committee on Student Financial Aid
RACSL	Regents Advisory Committee on Student Life
RBB	Results Based Budgeting
RCRS	Regents' Consolidated Reporting Systems (old name for RCRU)
RFI	Request for Information
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Quote
Rock Eagle	Annual University System Computing Conference
RT	Regents' Test
RTK	Right to Know
RU	Room Use Utilization Reporting (System) - there is also an acronym for Facilities Inventory

### S

DMA/GA	State of Georgia Department of Medical Assistance
SAAG	Special Assistant Attorney General
SAC	Student Advisory Council
SACS	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
SACUBO	Southern Association of College & University Business Officers
SAT / ACT	No longer an acronym; was Scholastic Achievement Test then Scholastic Assessment Test
SCEIS	Statewide Comprehensive Education Information System
SCH	Semester Credit Hour
SCIE	System Council for International Education
SCOUT	Sharing of Content Online for University Teaching
SDED	Student Data Element Dictionary
SDRC	State Data and Research Center
SER	Semester Enrollment Report
SFI	Special Funding Initiative
SGA	Student Government Association
SHBP	State Health Benefits Plan
SHEEO	State Higher Education Executive Officer (or Office)
SIAS	Statements on Internal Auditing Standards

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### S - continued

SIRS	Student Information Reporting System
SIS	Student Information System
SMF	Society of American Foresters
SOS	Student Opinion Survey — Student Satisfaction (by ACT)
SREB	Southern Regional Education Board
SREC	Southern Regional Electronic Campus
SRECA	Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets ( New GASB compliant Financial Statement - same information as Income Statement)
SPPIA	Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing
STEP	Standards -based Teacher Education Program
STW	School to Work
SUMMIT	Annual Ga. SUMMIT Conference (facilitate interaction among users of all University System software applications - Banner Student & Financial Aid, Facilities, PeopleSoft HRMS and Financials, Faculty Information System, and the new Data Warehouse/Decision Support System.
SURA	Southeastern Universities Research Association

### T

TAPP	Teacher Alternative Preparation Program
TLAT	Teaching & Learning with Advanced Technologies (USG Teaching and Learning Conference)
TRR	Tuition Remission & Reimbursement
TRS	Teachers Retirement Systems

### U

UCED	University Council for Educational Administration
USG	University System of Georgia
USUHRA	University System of Georgia Human Resources

### V

VOAP	Former name of the summer Smog Reduction Plan
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### W

WebCT	USG's integrated e-learning system
WebMBA	Earn a Master of Business Administration online
WICHE	Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

### Y

YAMACRAW	A strategic economic development initiative combining academia, industry and state government
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