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## *U.S. News & World Report Recognizes University's Online Graduate Business Degree Program*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University offers one of the best online graduate business programs for the nation's military veterans, according to U.S. News & World Report. The news and analysis publisher ranks GWU's online graduate business degree No. 1 in the Carolinas and No. 13 nationwide among institutions that offer the highest-quality programs to meet the educational needs of former service members.



The ranking required institutions to be certified for the GI Bill, participate in several specific programs that offer educational benefits to veterans, and to provide overall affordability, faculty credentials, student services and a positive reputation.

"Veterans are going back to college in the highest numbers since World War II," said Brian Kelly, editor and chief content officer of U.S. News. "We developed these rankings to help them find top-quality institutions and programs that also offer federal benefits that ease the burden of applying, paying for and completing a degree."

Gardner-Webb's online graduate business program simplifies the administrative and educational processes for students who are prior military members, said Charles Bramwell, a GWU alum and senior master sergeant retired who served in the U.S. Air Force for almost 24 years. Bramwell graduated from the University's Degree Completion Program, and his positive undergraduate experience propelled him to enter the graduate business program. The Gastonia, N.C., resident travels often for his job, which makes the online graduate program a smooth fit for his educational goals. "From enrollment staff to the professors, Gardner-Webb lays out everything a veteran needs to do with a simple checklist," Bramwell offered. "All you have to do is make time for your classes and get your studies done. It could not be easier for veterans. I don't even have to visit campus to take care of the administrative requirements because someone at Gardner-Webb is already doing that. With the red tape we have to go through as veterans, Gardner-Webb takes an extra burden off a student to accomplish what they want."

Recognition of Gardner-Webb's excellence in veterans education is the latest in a list of recent honors for the University's online graduate business program. In 2012, U.S. News ranked the program first in the nation for student services and technology.

BusinessMBA.org ranked the University's online MBA program No. 9 in the world later that

year. The latest honor further indicates the program's success on a national scale, according to Dr. Anthony Negbenebor, dean of the GWU Godbold School of Business. "This is an affirmation of our excellence in business online education, and the caring and support that our veterans receive from our program," Negbenebor said. "We are truly humbled by this recognition and will continue to excel in educating our veterans."

In recent years, the University has pursued improvements in the quality of online education and programs that provide multiple options for adult students, shared Dr. Ben Leslie, GWU Provost and Executive Vice President. "We have been encouraged by enrollment growth and external recognitions like those provided by U.S. News & World Report as evidence that we are indeed achieving those goals," Leslie said. "Gardner-Webb remains committed to finding innovative ways to provide adult learners across the region our unique blend of academic excellence set in the context of Christian commitments and values."

For more information on the online program veterans rankings, visit [usnews.com](https://www.usnews.com).

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*Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University provides exceptional educational opportunities within a Christian environment, preparing students to think critically, to succeed professionally, and to serve faithfully as members of their local and global communities.*