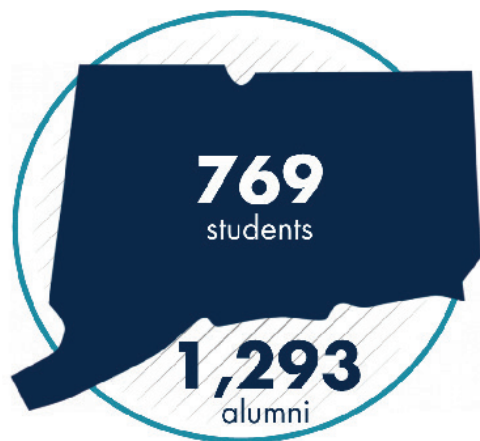


EDUCATION WITHOUT BOUNDARIES™

What's in a name? Our name tells the story of our founding in 1997, when a group of governors came up with an innovative answer to a question of growing concern: How can we ensure more of our residents have greater access to a college education that fits their schedule?

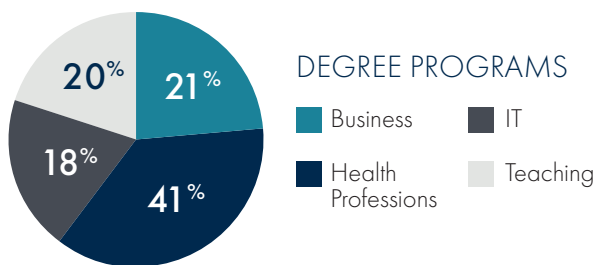
Today, the online, nonprofit, accredited Western Governors University continues to transform higher education by improving quality, expanding access, and optimizing student success through online, competency-based degree programs aligned with workforce needs. By redefining curricula design, faculty models that provide individualized support for each student, accountability, and access while leveraging technology, WGU has reinvented higher education and is delivering great student outcomes to more than 130,000 students and 214,000 graduates across all 50 states.



Today, WGU has 769 students in Connecticut, and 1,293 alumni.

Serving Students in Connecticut

WGU is committed to more deeply and directly engaging with employers, policymakers, students, and alumni in Connecticut to help our students achieve their dreams for a degree and career success by providing a personal, flexible, and affordable education based on current real-world competencies. We've proudly reached out to leading employers in high-growth fields such as health professions, information technology, teaching and business, to ensure our low-cost, high-quality degree programs are closely aligned to the workforce needs of today's residents. WGU alumni and students are building promising careers at top local companies, including Aetna, Bank of America, Hartford Healthcare, Liberty Bank, Otis Elevator, Pratt & Whitney, Stanley Black & Decker, The Hartford, Travelers, UConn Health, Voya Financial, Yale-New Haven Health, and many more.



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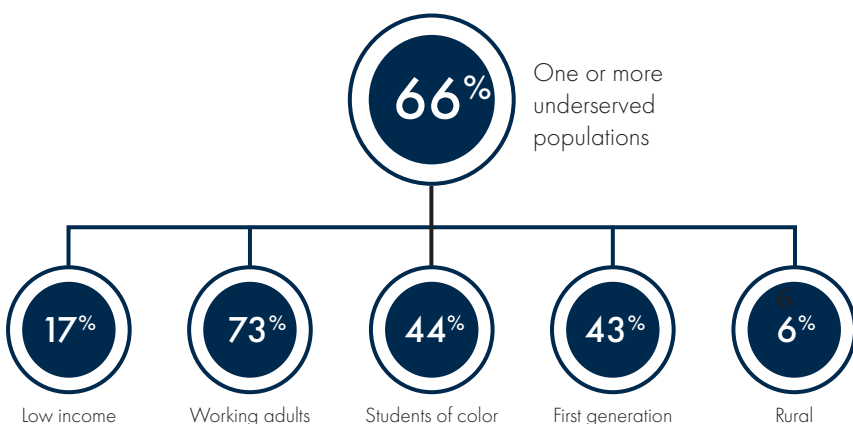
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Our WGU leadership team is leading the charge to address necessary policy conversations that matter to Connecticut residents, including the imperative to meet current and future workforce needs - for career advancement and economic recovery. Just under one-quarter (23.3%) of Connecticut households lack high-speed internet service at home and 20% do not have either a desktop or laptop computer. The \$1 million set aside by WGU for the Online Access Scholarship will assist people who would like to earn a WGU degree, especially during COVID-19, but can't get access to high-speed broadband.

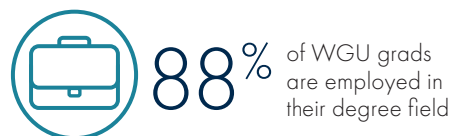
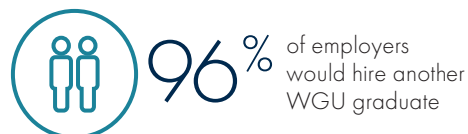
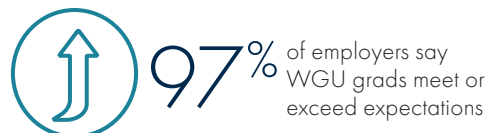
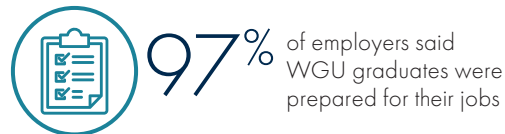
WGU has been named one of Fast Company's Most Innovative Companies, and was featured on NPR, NBC Nightly News, CNN, Forbes, and in The New York Times.



Historically Underrepresented Student Demographic



Skills for the 21st Century: Employer Needs



Meet Rebecca Watts, Ph.D.

Rebecca Watts, Ph.D., serves as a regional vice president of Western Governors University. Rebecca oversees the university leadership in Connecticut to more deeply and directly engage with employers, policymakers, students, and alumni in the state. In her role, she focuses primarily on developing and strengthening relationships with partner organizations to expand student access, especially among the historically under-represented, to WGU's nationally recognized postsecondary programs.

Previously, Rebecca was chancellor of WGU Ohio, a partnership between the state of Ohio and WGU to expand access to affordable higher education through online, competency-based programs, and, before that, executive director for the University of Wyoming Trustees Education Initiative and associate vice chancellor for P-16 Initiatives at the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Rebecca holds a doctorate in higher education leadership from Ohio University.

Her commentaries on higher education have been featured in CT Mirror, Connecticut Post, New Haven Register, and CTNewsJunkie.

