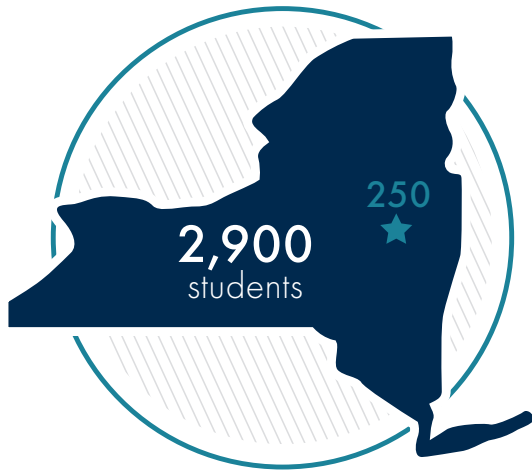


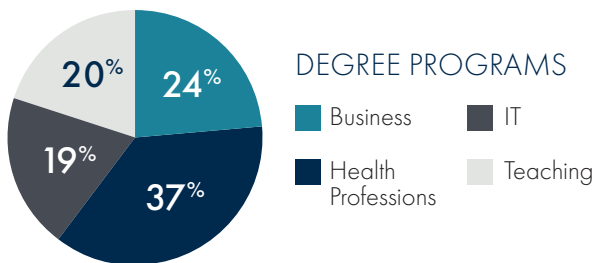
EDUCATION WITHOUT BOUNDARIES™

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 123,000 students and 190,000 graduates across all 50 states.



Today, WGU has more than 2,900 students in New York state, 250 in the Capital Region alone.



Serving Students in New York

WGU is committed to more deeply and directly engaging with employers, policymakers, students, and alumni in New York 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 partnered with the region's leading employers in high-growth fields such as nursing and IT to ensure our low-cost, high-quality degree programs are closely aligned to the workforce needs of today's residents. WGU alumni have secured promising careers at top regional companies, including Albany Medical Center, St. Peter's Health Partners, L3Harris Technologies, Rich Products, PepsiCo, JP Morgan Chase, New York Health and Hospitals, JetBlue Airways, Capital District Physicians' Health Plan (CDPHP), and many more.

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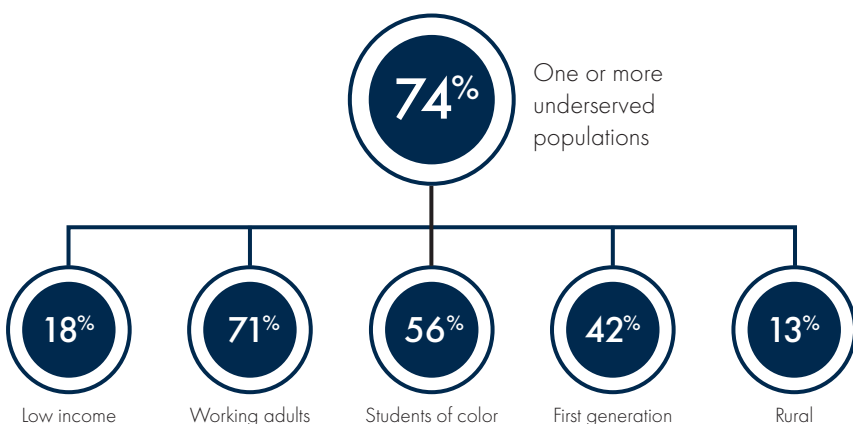
Our WGU leadership team is leading the charge to address necessary policy conversations that matter to New Yorkers, including the need to increase equity to higher education within the state. As many as 889,000 people living in New York lack high-speed internet in their homes. The \$1 million set aside 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*.





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Underserved Student Demographic




Skills for the 21st Century: Employer Needs

 97% of employers said WGU graduates were prepared for their jobs

 97% of employers say WGU grads meet or exceed expectations

 96% of employers would hire another WGU graduate

 88% of WGU grads are employed in their degree field

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 New York 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.

