

A SHARED VISION FOR GEORGIA'S FUTURE

The expansion of the Dental College of Georgia to Savannah is the result of a bold, shared vision brought to life through the collaboration of Augusta University, Georgia Southern University, the University System of Georgia, state leaders, and dedicated advocates committed to strengthening Georgia's healthcare future. As Augusta University approaches 200 years of educating and preparing healthcare professionals, DCG Savannah represents the next chapter in Augusta University's enduring legacy of expanding opportunity, advancing innovation, and preparing the next generation of dentists where they are needed most throughout the state.

DCG Savannah is about far more than a new educational site. It is an investment in healthier communities, a stronger healthcare workforce, and greater access to high-quality dental care across coastal Georgia and beyond. By expanding educational opportunities and increasing the number of practicing dentists, DCG Savannah will help ensure that every Georgian, regardless of their ZIP code, has access to the oral healthcare they deserve, creating a lasting impact for generations to come.



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**A GENERATIONAL INVESTMENT IN GEORGIA'S
ORAL HEALTH, WORKFORCE, AND FUTURE**

GEORGIA'S ORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE IS AT A CROSSROADS



Without bold investment, Georgia will struggle to meet the growing oral health needs of its citizens. Access to dental care is already limited across much of the state, especially in rural and underserved communities. At the same time, retirements are accelerating faster than new dentists can enter practice, creating a widening workforce gap.

A 2022 independent study reaffirmed the responsibility and capacity of the **Dental College of Georgia** (DCG) to lead statewide workforce expansion. The study also emphasized the importance of keeping dental students and residents in Georgia.

DENTAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA'S CURRENT STATEWIDE IMPACT

For more than 50 years, the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University has been the state's only public dental school and a cornerstone of Georgia's oral health workforce.

GEORGIA'S DENTAL WORKFORCE CRISIS

5,704 Practicing dentists for 11.18M residents	51 Dentists per 100K people
21 Counties with no practicing dentist	38% Georgia dentists are 55+, driving negative growth

HISTORIC INVESTMENT

Georgia Gov. Brian P. Kemp and state leaders committed \$178 million to expand DCG in Savannah — enabling the college to train 50 additional dentists per year. The expansion will also add 20 more dental hygienists each year.

WHY SAVANNAH

Savannah is central to Georgia's oral health future. Nearly 20% of DCG patients currently travel from Savannah to Augusta for care, underscoring significant unmet need. With population growth at 1.5% annually — and accelerating with the Hyundai Metaplant — Savannah offers the robust patient base required for dental education and an inviting community where graduates can build careers.

400+
Current students

50K
Annual patient
volume

60+
Residents across
8 specialties



DCG SAVANNAH CAMPUS

- 185,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility
- 150 dental operatories
- Advanced simulation and instructional labs
- Dedicated research and student support areas
- Modern amenities for teaching, learning, and patient experience
- An on-site public dental clinic providing affordable exams, cleanings, and procedures for local residents
- A Georgia-grown workforce: 90% of DCG students are Georgia residents, and many remain in state to practice

ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$70.1M

Annual economic boost

\$2.8M

Annual increase to
state and local revenue

400+

New jobs supported

