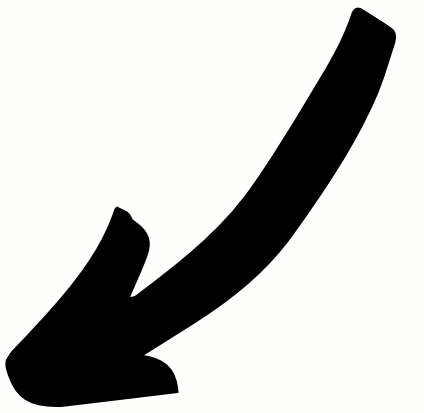


C/O 2025



# *SENIOR PARENT NIGHT*

Vernon Malone College  
and Career Academy



# MEET THE SERVICES STUDENT TEAM



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# TODAY'S AGENDA



- 1 GETTING TO GRADUATION

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- 2 POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS

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- 3 APPLYING TO COLLEGE & COLLEGE MATCH AND FIT

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- 4 APPLICATION PROCESS & PAYING FOR COLLEGE

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# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## MATH

- Math 1
- Math 2
- Math 3
- 4th Math

## ENGLISH

- English I
- English II
- English III/ AP Language
- English IV/ AP Literature

## SOCIAL STUDIES

- World History
- Civic Literacy
- American History/APUSH
- Econ & Personal Finance

## SCIENCE

- Earth and Environmental Science/ AP Environmental
- Biology
- A Physical Science
  - Physical Science
  - Chemistry

## HEALTHFUL LIVING

- Healthful Living

## ELECTIVES

2 must be in same area:

- CTE
- Fine Arts
- World Language

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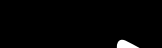
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= TOTAL 22



# *POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS*

Grade 13

Military

2-Year  
College

4-Year  
College

Full-Time  
Employment

# GRADE 13



ONE MORE YEAR!



- Additional year of high school at VMCCA during which students enroll in additional WTCC program area courses free-of-charge.
  - Textbooks and transportation are the financial responsibility of the family.
- Students may enroll in 9-12 credits within their current Program of Study per semester on Wake Tech CC campuses.
- Students must stay connected to WCPSS with a VMCCA course.
  - 1 year-long CTE Internship or 2 semester-long online courses through NCVPS (1 per semester)

# GRADE 13 NEXT STEPS

DISCUSS WITH  
COUNSELOR DURING  
FALL SEMESTER

→ **01**

COMPLETE GRADE 13  
LETTER OF INTENT  
FORM BY JAN. 2025

→ **02**

CONSULT WITH WTCC  
LIASON DURING  
SPRING SEMESTER

→ **03**

# INTERESTED IN THE MILITARY?

- Meet with a branch recruiter to learn about opportunities and requirements.
- Take the ASVAB - [Date TBD](#)
- There are a wide variety of career and educational opportunities within each branch.
- Opportunities for paid college tuition through the military.





# EMPLOYMENT

## Career Development

- Career Connections
- **Career Development**
- Meet your Career Team
- EnTRADEpreneurship and Career Expo
- Field Trips
- Guest Speakers
- Mock Interviewing Event
- Signing Day
- The Internship Experience
- Reality of Money Financial Simulation

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## Career Development

Our Career and Technical Education (CTE) program aims to prepare students for employment opportunities, advanced education, and productive lives. CTE promotes best practices that enhance teachers' efforts to improve student achievement and encourage responsible career choices. We want to meet students' needs, cultivate their abilities, and help them realize their aspirations.

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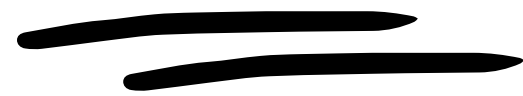
**The Career Development Process** involves the completion of a variety of activities geared to help students determine or confirm their desired life direction. This is the initial action that must be taken in order to select an appropriate career or college major.

# 2-YEAR VS. 4-YEAR

When deciding between 2-year and 4-year colleges, students must weigh a number of different factors including:

- Career Goals
- Affordability
- Preparedness

# NC COMMUNITY COLLEGES



## ADMISSION



Open enrollment requires only your high school diploma. Your GPA or SAT/ACT scores are used to determine proper course placement, and competitive programs (Nursing, Dental Hygiene, etc.) may have additional admissions requirements.

## PROGRAM OPTIONS



- Complete certificate(s), finish diploma or Associate Degree
- College Transfer Program

## AFFORDABILITY



Fulltime (12 credit) semester = Approx. \$1,200 per semester (approx. \$2400 per year)



**NC COMMUNITY  
COLLEGES**

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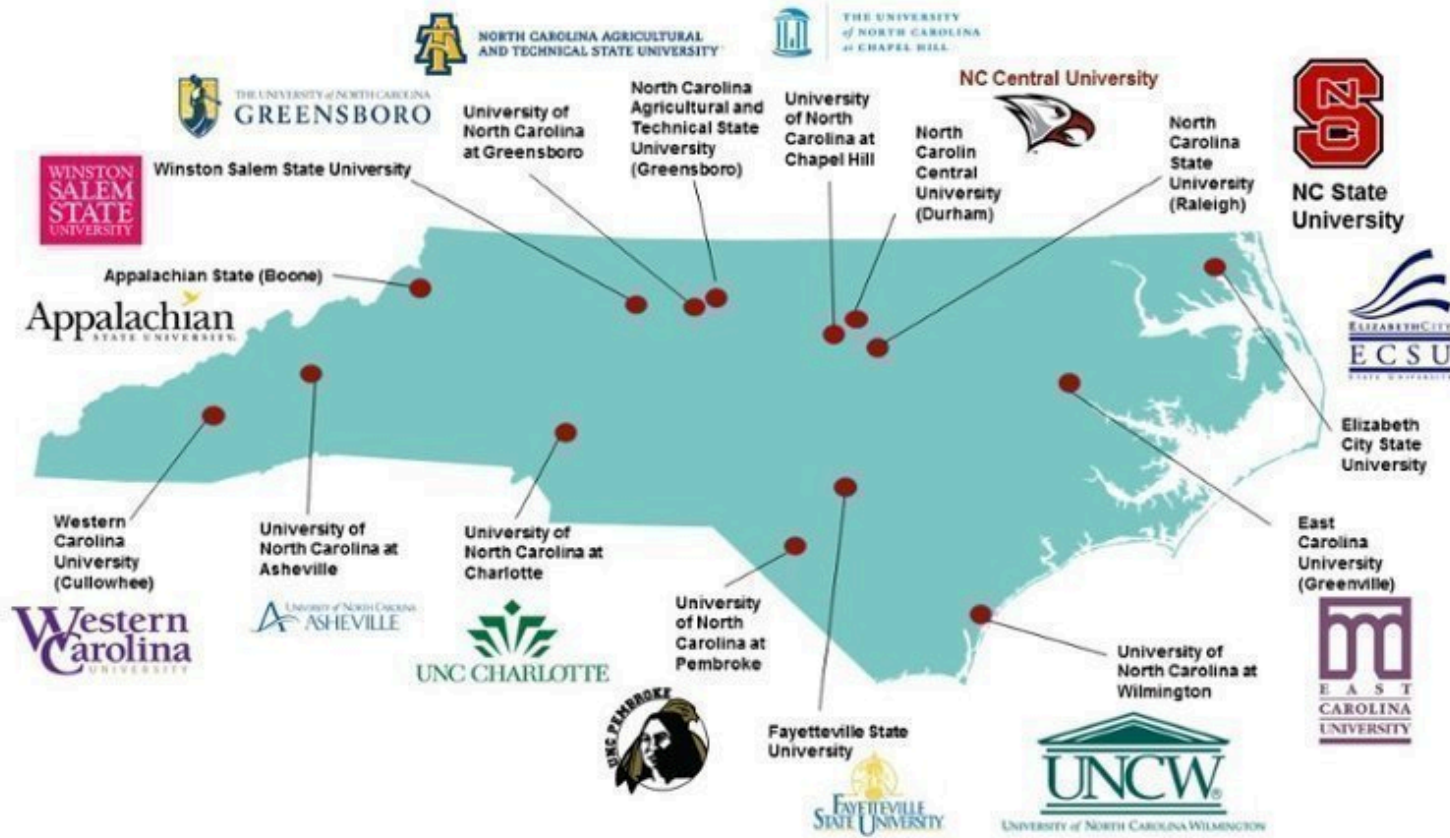
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# 4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES

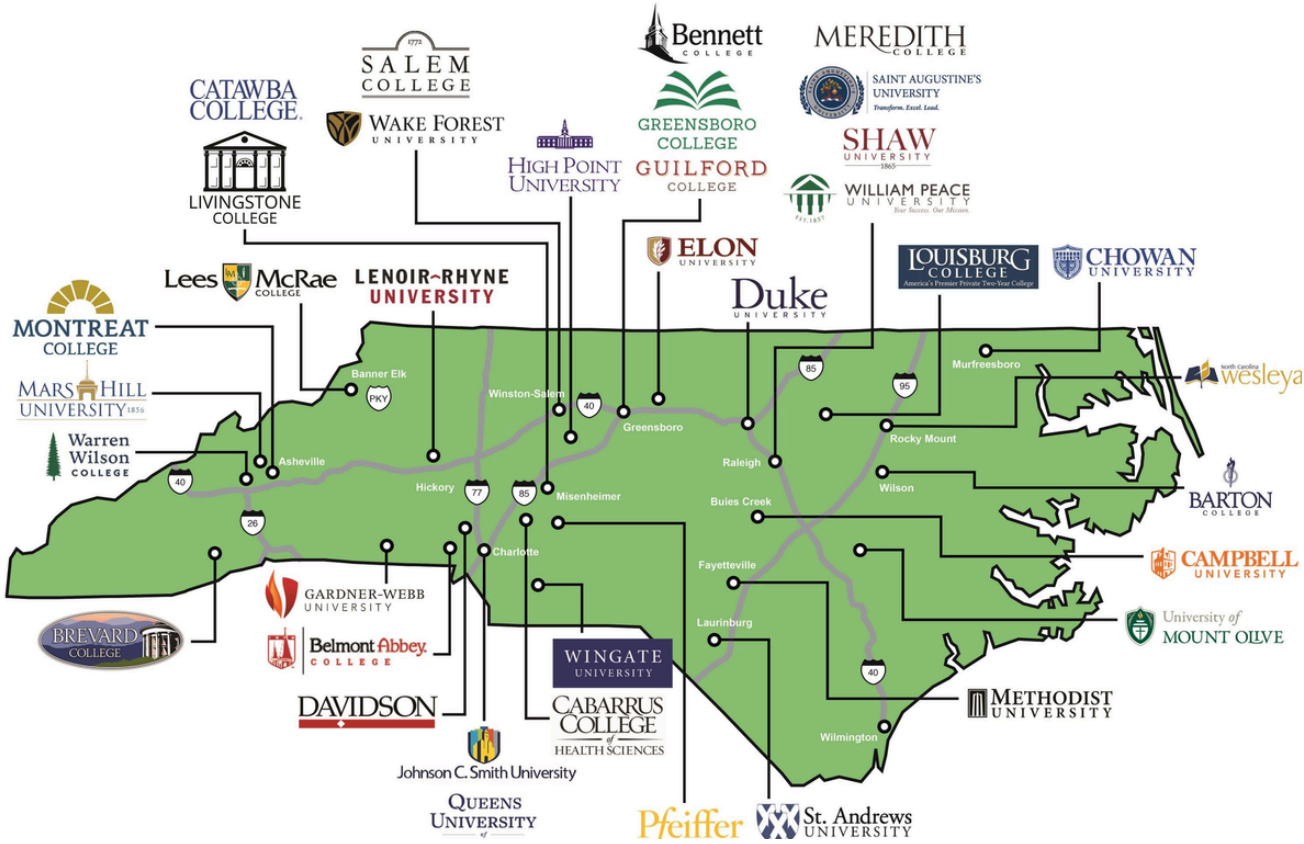
## PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

### PUBLIC

The UNC-System hosts 16 universities that are funded by the state of North Carolina. Residents of NC are able to take advantage of in-state tuition which is significantly less than what out-of-state students pay.



Private and independent colleges sometimes have more flexible entrance requirements and vary widely. These colleges and universities are generally more expensive, however, they can sometimes offer more financial aid.



### \*OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Students don't have to limit their search to colleges in NC. It is important to note that students attending out-of-state colleges and universities will be subject to out-of-state tuition fees at public universities.

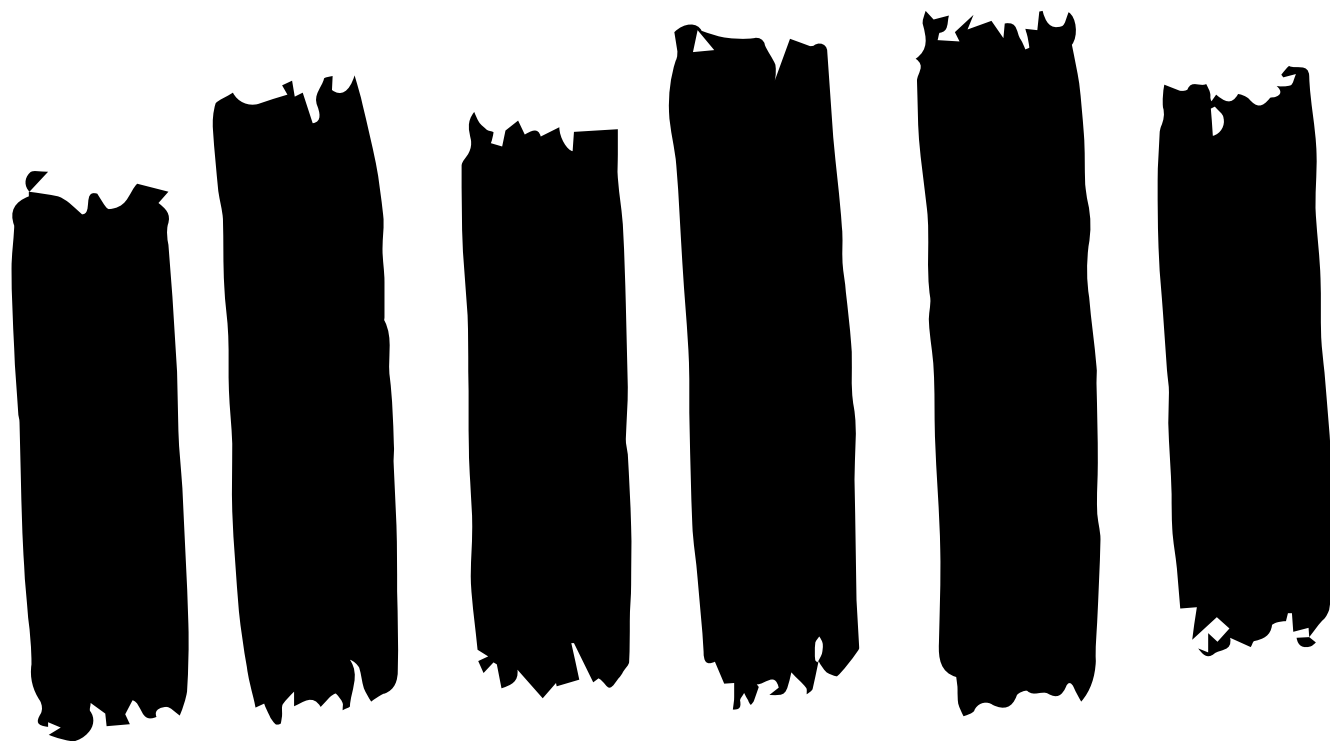
# UNC SYSTEM MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

## Coursework:

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Math, 1 unit for which Math III is a prerequisite
- 4 units of History
- 3 units of Science -- Earth Science, Biology, and a Physical Science (Chemistry Honors or Physical Science)
- 2 additional academic courses in English, mathematics, science, world languages, social studies, or computer science.
  - **2 levels (ex. Spanish I & Spanish II) of world language strongly encouraged**

## Minimum Requirements:

- GPA: 2.5 weighted
- ***Effective for students starting college in fall 2025: Students with a weighted GPA between 2.5 and less than 2.8 must submit SAT or ACT scores. Students with a weighted GPA of 2.8 or higher have the option to submit these scores.***



CREATING YOUR  
COLLEGE LIST



# MATCH **AND** FIT



## 10 FACTORS TO CONSIDER



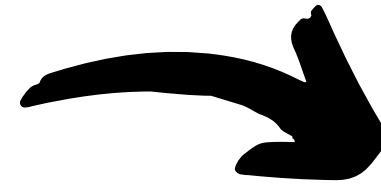
**WHEN CHOOSING  
A COLLEGE**

# ***SAFETY, MATCH, AND REACH***

Category	"Safety"	"Good Matches"	"Reach"
What is it?	A school that you would be comfortable and happy attending <b>with statistics and requirements that you exceed.</b>	A school with <b>requirements that you have a good chance of acceptance and are a good match.</b> You meet all of the criteria, but may not exceed it significantly.	A school with <b>requirements that you are just shy of.</b>
How many?*	1-2	2-4	1-2



# RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR COLLEGE MATCH



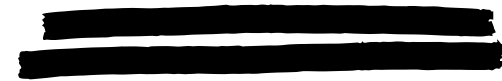
# CFNC FREE APPLICATION WEEK



- Select NC Schools will waive college application fees from Oct 21-Oct 27
- List will be available on CFNC Oct 1st.
- Students must apply via CFNC Application Hub to have fees waived

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# APPLICATION PROCESS



# COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

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OR



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## Step-by-Step Guide to Apply for RDS

1. Gather Necessary Information (see handout)
2. Visit the RDS Website ([ncresidency.org](http://ncresidency.org)) OR access through CFNC ([cfnc.org](http://cfnc.org))
  - If you already have a CFNC account, use those credentials to log-in - DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT
4. Complete Residency Determination Questions - once application started, **must be done within 25 days**
5. Submit Supporting Documents, if requested - 20% will be required to submit
6. Record Your RCN (residency certification number) - this will be used for college applications
7. Check Your Residency Status:
  - Student will receive an email with residency determination: in-state or out-of-state resident for tuition purposes.
8. Appeal if Necessary:
  - If you disagree with the determination, **request an appeal within 10 days the RDS system.**

# APPLICATION COMPONENTS



## TRANSCRIPTS



Grades, class rank, and rigor of courses. Learn [how to request a transcript](#) on the VMCCA Student Services page.

01

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



Some colleges require students to submit LORs from teachers, counselors, and/or community members. Provide your recommender with a resume and/or [Brag Sheet](#).

02

## TEST SCORES



Effective Fall 2025, students with a weighted GPA between 2.5 and less than 2.8 must submit SAT/ACT scores. Students with a weighted GPA of 2.8 or higher have the option to submit these scores.

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## ESSAYS



Play a major role in admission decisions. Highlight student qualities/growth experiences that are not included anywhere else on the application.

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## RESIDENCY



NC [Residency Determination Service](#) (RDS) required for all NC colleges.

05



Making college affordable!

# SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholarship opportunities for VMCCA students are located on our website, <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/48189>
- Students should be proactively searching for scholarships.
- Scholarship engines like Scholarships.com and Big Future are also helpful.

## FINANCIAL AID

VMCCA Financial Aid Advisor:

Audrey Lee

Financial Aid Advisor

Anlee@wcpss.net

**On campus Tuesdays by appointment ONLY,  
starting in September.**

Schedule appointments on the VMCCA Student Services page.

### Student Services

- Meet Your Student Services Team
- College Open Houses
- College Resources
- Early Graduation Information
- Financial Aid
- GPA
- Opportunities/Programs
- Revocation of Transfer
- **Scholarships**
- Student Services Forms & Resources
- Student Services Presentations
- Testing

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### Scholarships

#### Grants and Scholarships

Remember that your home state of North Carolina offers grants to cover higher education expenses. Grants do not have to be paid back after your graduation. Only form required is the FAFSA. To learn more about grants for North Carolina students. CFNC has a long list of scholarships as well. Go to <https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search/>

#### FAFSA Completion

If you are a high school senior and have not yet completed your FAFSA, there is still time to submit. For assistance, go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa> to get your FSA ID (and an ID for one parent) and complete your FAFSA.

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**QUESTIONS**

