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Questions or comments?

Please contact Admissions at 603.578.8908, or email nashua@ccsnh.edu

Sneak Peek -
Up ahead: Auto info sessions, Nursing deadlines, a profile of NCC student & Nashua South alumnus Jared Schonhaut, & more!
Greetings!

With Thanksgiving officially behind us, we are all looking forward to the festivities of the upcoming holiday season and for the exciting things that 2019 will bring.

In the Fall of 2018, I joined NCC as the Director of Admissions. Prior to this role, I was the Director of Graduate Admission at New England College, a private, non-profit, four-year institution.

These past couple of weeks have been an exciting time for us, as we continue with our high school Naviance visits, participating in the I AM COLLEGE BOUND events, high school fairs, information sessions, presentations at the regional schools, in addition to future planning for upcoming Open Houses in both March and May 2019. While this is just a bird’s eye view of some of the events that we have participated in, our calendar continues to expand as we work with you to fulfill your student’s needs. Thank you for hosting NCC this year and we look forward to working with you in the new-year.

As you read further in our newsletter, you will also notice that there are a few more new faces to the NCC Admissions team! For those of you who have not yet met our new Enrollment Specialists, please feel free to reach out and say Hello! As the year draws to an end and a new begins, we look forward to enhancing our relationship with you and serving the needs of your students. After all, their success, is our success!

Whether a newcomer or not to our newsletter, we hope that you enjoy this edition and wish you a happy, healthy holiday season!

Best,

Laura

The Admissions Office can be reached at 603.578.8908, or nashua@ccsnh.edu.
The Granite Guarantee is a financial aid program that makes college possible for qualified first-year and transfer New Hampshire students by covering the cost of tuition for up to four years. Yes, you heard us! The program guarantees New Hampshire students who receive federal Pell grants pay no tuition to attend UNH, is for students who transfer to UNH directly from Nashua Community College.

$60k
Savings of up to $60,000 in tuition costs over 4 years

800+
Currently helping more than 800 students receive a UNH education

30%
30% of 2018 NH Enrolled First-Year Students Qualified

Here’s How You Qualify
- You’re a New Hampshire resident
- You’re entering your first year of college OR immediately transferring as a CCSNH graduate
- You’re eligible for a federal Pell Grant

If you meet these criteria, you’ll automatically receive the Granite Guarantee. The financial aid program remains in place for four years provided you’re enrolled full-time, remain income-eligible and make satisfactory progress toward your degree.

Are You Ready To Get Started?
No special application is needed. You’re just four easy steps from up to four years tuition-free.

1
Apply to NCC

2
Submit your FAFSA

3
Check aid status

4
Enroll at UNH

Questions? We’re here to help. Contact Financial Aid to learn more!
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Open House at Nashua Community College

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR OPEN HOUSE AT NASHUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2019
- WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 2019
- 5 - 7 PM

- Discover hot new careers and an affordable education
- How to change your earning potential in a year or two (Certificate and Associate Degrees)
- Pathway Programs to 4 year degrees (How to achieve your terminal degree with little debt)
- Meet the NCC Program Coordinators
- Tour our state-of-the-art facilities
- Financial Aid experts and advisors on hand to answer all questions
- Explore the amazing opportunity in your own backyard!

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For more information about Open House, call the Admissions Office at 603-578-8908 or send an email to: nashua@ccsnh.edu
Jared Schonhaut, Nashua High School South, Class of 2018

Jared enrolled in the math program at Nashua Community College in fall 2018 with a semester-and-a-half of college credits already on his transcript.

“I started with Running Start junior year; I did the Running Start culinary class at Nashua High School North,” Jared said. The Running Start program gives college credits for approved classes taken at the high school, and earns high school and college credit for students.

Jared explored other opportunities for high schoolers to earn college credit, and began his first Early College class at NCC that summer.

“The summer between 2017 and 2018, I did my first Early College class in pre-calculus,” he said.

Early College invites high school students to the Nashua Community College campus to take a regular college course alongside college students. Credit earned goes on a highly transferable college transcript, and can also satisfy high school credits with the approval of the students’ high school.

Jared recalled how taking classes at the college changed his perspective. “I was definitely taken aback, because it was nothing like I thought it would be – the price wasn’t bad either,” he said, noting that Early College classes are offered at a 50 percent discount.

Spending part of his time at NCC his senior year at South, Jared said he fit right in and felt comfortable on campus, “It was actually really fun. I made a lot of new friends, especially in the fall of 2017.”

He said many of his fellow students at South didn’t seem to know about Early College, although a few of his peers were enrolled in Running Start classes. Jared credited his Career and Technical Education advisor for talking up all his options at NCC. “I wanted to learn more about college, and to compare it with high school classes,” he said, “I would definitely recommend it, because you get a taste of what college classes are like, and what NCC has to offer, and you can experience the student life on campus. A lot of the credits transfer to different four-year colleges as well.”

Thanks to Nashua High School South accepting his Early College credits, Jared was able to take five classes through the program. Combined with Running Start, he earned 22 college credits before graduating high school.

Jared said he’s exploring transfer opportunities for after NCC, most likely for math education, “I know I want to go to a four-year school to finish my bachelor’s.” He hopes to stay in New Hampshire, and is leaning toward Plymouth State University.
Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Fall 2019 RN Pre-Admission Exam

The TEAS was developed to measure basic skills in Reading, Mathematics, Science, English, and Language Usage. It is a 170-item multiple choice assessment. To sign up for the TEAS, please go to www.atitesting.com. The fee for the TEAS is $100 and payment is made directly to ATI during the online registration process. To qualify for the NCC Nursing program, students must meet the minimum cutoff scores:

- Reading 74.5
- Math 68.8
- Science 55.3
- English 66.7

TEAS Test Date
• Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018, 5:00 – 9:00 pm Room 102

Nursing Information Sessions for Fall 2020 will begin in Spring 2019.

NCC Nursing Application Deadline

NCC is currently accepting applications for the Associate in Science in Nursing degree for fall 2019. The application deadline is December 28, 2018.
Free, public information sessions are scheduled year-round - here’s a list of upcoming dates for General Information and Industry & Transportation sessions.

General Information Sessions are scheduled for the following dates:

- January 17
- February 21
- March 21
- April 18

Each session starts at 5 PM in the Admissions Office Suite and includes a tour of campus.

Industry & Transportation Information Sessions cover automotive technology, collision repair technology, Honda PACT, and aviation technology programs. The sessions are scheduled for:

- January 10
- February 28
- March 14
- April 18

Each session starts at 5 PM. This event is held in the Automotive Lab and is led by Karl Wunderlich, Program Coordinator of Industry & Transportation associate degrees and certificate programs. After the session, students are invited to head back to the Admissions Office to meet with an Enrollment Specialists to review the application & onboarding process.
Meet Professor Vance Poteat!
Vance Poteat joined NCC in 2017, and began serving as chair of the newly organized Engineering and Computer Science Department in August 2018.

With Vance’s new position, the STEM & Advanced Manufacturing Academic Focus Area at NCC now consists of three departments:

- Science and Advanced Manufacturing, chaired by Bob Bragdon;
- Mathematics, chaired by Barry Garside; and
- Engineering and Computer Science, chaired by Vance Poteat. (This department includes the Electronic Engineering Technology program, led by Professor Don Marcotte, and Computer Networking and Cybersecurity Networking, led by Professor Barbara Bancroft).

Vance oversees all computer science programs (including software, web design, networking and cybersecurity) and the Electronic Engineering Technology program at NCC.

Before coming to NCC, Professor Vance Poteat had a long career in STEM and education. He authored more than 40 papers and articles in technical journals and magazines, holds two patents ("Electronic Identifiers for Network Terminal Devices" and "Digital communication station signaling control") and has designed products featured in TV commercials.

(See video files for the Merlin Cordless and Video Phone on next page).

At Merrimack College, Vance had a dual appointment in both the Department of Electrical Engineering and Department of Computer Science starting in 2001, and was named Teacher of the Year in 2014.

He was Computer Science Department chairman for his last 5 years and served as Professor of Computer Science, including networking, and Electrical Engineering for a total of 16 years. Vance said he learned about the 2017 opportunity in the NCC Electronic Engineering Technology department from a former colleague, NCC Professor Don Marcotte: “I knew Don very well; we worked together at Bell Telephone Laboratories, and he knocked on my door.”
Faculty Spotlight: Vance Poteat, Engineering & Computer Science Department Chairman

During his time at NCC, Vance said he has enjoyed motivating students. “Some students have a self-confidence problem, and it’s so much fun to show them ‘look what you did’ and help them build that confidence and keep going forward,” he said.

Before his teaching career, Vance spent more than 20 years as a Distinguished Member of Technical Staff and a Technical Manager at Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Two designs by Vance were featured in Television Commercials (see right*): The Merlin Cordless phone and the AT&T Video Phone (*must have Flash Player to view video)

Vance has also served on a variety of committees including ABET EE Accreditation (since 2001).

Professional memberships also include Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) - Senior Member, American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), and Consortium for Computer Sciences in Colleges (CCSC).

Stay tuned for future faculty & staff profiles in the next Guidance Newsletter!
NCC HONORS BOOK AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship recognizes four 11th grade students who have shown exemplary critical thinking skills, creativity, a sincere love for learning, and improved academic achievement. The student must achieve a high school CGPA of 3.2 and be nominated by the guidance counselor of the respective high school. The student will be awarded a $1,000 scholarship for tuition and fees at NCC contingent upon acceptance into the NCC Honors Program the Fall semester after high school graduation and full time enrollment at NCC.

NCC HONORS SENIOR AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship recognizes four graduating seniors who have shown exemplary critical thinking skills, creativity, a sincere love for learning, and improved academic achievement. The student must achieve a high school CGPA of 3.2 and be nominated by the guidance counselor of the respective high school. The student will be awarded a $1,000 scholarship for tuition and fees at NCC contingent upon acceptance into the NCC Honors Program the Fall semester after high school graduation and full time enrollment at NCC.

NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN SCHOLARSHIP

A one year tuition only scholarship, up to a maximum of 32 credits, will be awarded to designated New Hampshire high school valedictorians, based on a cumulative grade point average, from a New Hampshire NEASC accredited institution. The one year will be defined as the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters, with a start date of any of the three and applied only within the one year from the time of first semester of matriculation. The recipient must enroll as a matriculated student within 15 months from the time of secondary school graduation. Download application here.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOLARS

The NH Scholars award at Nashua Community College is a $500 tuition waiver available to High School Students who have graduated from a participating NH Scholar High School (see nhscholars.org for a list of high schools) and who have completed the Core Course of Study upon graduation. NCC may grant up to twelve (12) $500 NH Scholar awards. Apply Electronically

See the Financial Aid page for more information on scholarships and grants: http://nashuacc.edu/pay-for-college/scholarships-grants
Program Spotlight: Exploratory schedules help narrow focus

NCC launches Exploratory schedules for undecided students

Most students head to college undecided, or change majors before graduation. To help students find the perfect fit, Nashua Community College developed a set of exploratory schedules in health sciences, STEM, Business, Humanities, and Social, Educational & Behavioral Sciences programs.

For up to a year, students can explore these Academic Focus Areas while satisfying their general education requirements and staying on track for graduation. Exploratory schedules also offer a chance to take the “Ethnography of Work” course, which helps students study different career opportunities through research, interviews, and job shadowing with real working professionals.

Faculty advisor Steve Meidell mentors students as they narrow down choices and declare a major that best suits their interests.

Questions? Contact Steve Meidell at smeidell@ccsnh.edu, or 603.578.8900 Ext. 1600

Are your students undecided on their future careers?

Career Coach is a free online resource that uses real-time job data to provide an interest and skills assessment that then matches students with local job openings and relevant programs of study.

The survey suggests a range of potential career paths of interest, including salary range based on zip code.

Visit Career Coach to take the career and education mapping survey at: nashuacc.emsicc.com

Or scan the QR code with your phone to take the survey on your mobile device now:
Interested in having NCC visit your high school?

Nashua Community College can come to you for events like express application days, financial aid reviews, program overviews with faculty guests, “undecided nights,” and more!

Admissions representatives work with each high school partner to develop the outreach and presentations that best suit their needs. Feel free to contact any of the admissions representatives with questions. **Please note several staff have expertise supporting programs with specialized on-boarding requirements, details below.**

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Thank you for reading our Winter Newsletter! Stay tuned for more news from NCC!

“Nashua Community College provides quality, academically rigorous, higher-education programs, focused on the diverse needs of the student and the community” - NCC Mission Statement

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