Nashua Community College
Newsletter for high school guidance offices

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**Sneak Peek** -
March 28 Open House info, new layout for Summer 2019, profile on Milford High alumna Meghan Bolton, & more!

**Questions or comments?**
Please contact Admissions at 603.578.8908, or email nashua@ccsnh.edu
Greetings and happy spring!

It’s been an exciting winter at Nashua Community College, with several new programs in the works, a redesigned summer semester ready to launch, and a surge in Running Start and Early College participation from our high school partners!

Just this week the New Hampshire Department of Education reported a 31 percent increase in Running Start and Early College enrollment this academic year statewide. The most popular classes students selected were: Calculus, Medical Terminology, Statistics, Quantitative Reasoning, and College Composition. This year, the Governor’s Scholarship granted students up to two STEM courses in districts where the local school board had approved participation, and nearly $1.1 million in scholarship funding is expected to be awarded to NH students in 2018 & 2019. See the full story by the NH DOE, with Commissioner Frank Edelblut and Community College System of NH Chancellor Ross Gittell: www.education.nh.gov.

The college is also busy preparing to host Microsoft Imagine Academy, which will provide trainings in computer science, IT, data science and more to adults and students as young as the middle school level (see page 9 for details).

In other news, our enrollment specialists are ready to host Open House Thursday, March 28 from 5-7 PM, followed by another Open House on Wednesday, May 1 (details on page 3). All are welcome to stop by, meet professors and students, and tour campus - no RSVP needed!

And finally, Monday, March 25 marks the return of our students from spring break and the first day of registration for summer and fall 2019. We’ve redesigned our summer 2019 semester into 2-week, 6-week, and 12-week terms with a mix of online, on-campus, and hybrid courses to offer something for every schedule (more on page 6).

Please contact us anytime with your questions, ideas, or feedback at 603.578.8908, nashua@ccsnh.edu.

Thank you for your time, and enjoy the season!

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OPEN HOUSE
Thursday 5:00-7:00pm
MARCH 28
BRING A FRIEND! SEE YOU HERE!

Explore Amazing Programs...
Meet Faculty,
Create Your College Pathway
(Running Start, Early College, Dual Admissions,
Articulation Agreements)

Tour Campus REALIZE
YOUR PURPOSE!
Meghan Bolton - Human Services, NCC

Nashua Community College alumna Meghan Bolton works in community outreach at the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter and is partway through a bachelor’s program at UNH-Manchester in Non Profit Management. However, she said it took a lot of work and persistence to get here.

“I enrolled and dropped out three times before it stuck. Graduating from Nashua Community College was not a linear process,” said Meghan, a Milford High graduate who completed her associate degree in human services in 2016, “I’d love my story to encourage those who aren’t typical students. College was not my strong suit, but it got me to where I am now, so it was definitely worth the effort.”

Department chair and internship advisor, Professor Jayne Barnes, said, “Meghan was afforded the opportunity to network and build contacts in her field in both of her internships - the first being with the Nashua Public Health Department. She is a great example of how experiential learning opportunities can highlight the invaluable chances students have to forge important professional connections before they even graduate. What is also true for Meghan is that she is giving back to her community. As students have often discovered through internships, the college experience is more than just what happens in the classroom.”

Meghan started volunteering at the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter as an intern during her time at NCC, then immediately went into a yearlong service at the soup kitchen through AmeriCorps. “After one year with AmeriCorps, the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter created a community outreach position for me, and I’ve now been employed six months,” said Meghan. She encouraged others to consider internships, such helping out at the soup kitchen, “There’s always something to do.”
New summer sessions launch May 2019 at NCC

Nearly 2,000 full and part-time students of all ages take classes at Nashua Community College, and this May, NCC will launch a new summer layout that has something for everyone.

Summer 2019 will be divided into two-week, six-week, and 12-week blocks between May 13 and August 16. Aside from the new terms; summer courses will include mix of online, hybrid, on campus, and day and evening classes to meet the needs of high school, adult, college, and transfer students.

**Summer Turbo Term, May 13 - May 24**
The fast-paced Summer Turbo Term packs a full course into two weeks. Courses are carefully selected to be compatible with an accelerated pace, with options such as music appreciation, public speaking, and intro to humanities.

**Summer Accelerated Term: May 28 - July 5 and July 8 - August 16**
Take one six-week term or plan back-to-back classes with this half-semester term.

The six-week terms include courses such as intro to psychology, U.S. history, computer technology & applications, and more!

**Summer Semester: May 28 - August 16**
The Summer Semester offers a typical pace for courses, and is perfect for our rigorous lab classes like anatomy and physiology and biology. With the lowest tuition in the area, students from other institutions often save money, satisfying requirements at NCC during the summer.

Learn More:
- Check out the full list of summer programs online at: [nashuacc.edu/admissions/summer-sessions](http://nashuacc.edu/admissions/summer-sessions)
- Registration opens for summer 2019 on Monday, March 25.
- Meet professors and tour the Nashua Community College campus at Open House March 28 or May 1 from 5-7 PM.
- Visit the Open House event page for details at: [nashuacc.edu/events/open-house](http://nashuacc.edu/events/open-house).
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:
- 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:
- 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 Specialist to review the application & onboarding process.
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 the latest scholarship & grant information:
http://nashuacc.edu/pay-for-college/scholarships-grants
The next Lecture Series presentation at NCC is:

Dyslexia or “Dysteachia”?
Featuring: Sara Stetson, Ph.D., M.Ed., CAGS

Set for **7-9 PM Thursday, April 4, 2019**, in the Judd Gregg Hall Auditorium, the free presentation will cover how did one of the nation’s top school districts recognized it was failing to meet the needs of students with dyslexia.

Dr. Stetson (pictured right) will explain how a philosophical change allowed this district to shift its focus from diagnosing the child to diagnosing the system. The end result was improvement in the district’s literacy instruction, including screening for dyslexia.

Using the change philosophy from Switch, How to Change Things When Change Is Hard, by Chip and Dan Heath, Dr. Stetson will explain how this school district came to recognize that its students with dyslexia were really suffering from “dysteachia” because the district was not providing them with the bottom-up approach in early literacy instruction that they required. [Not familiar with “Switch” change philosophy? Google “Heath Switch Framework video” for a 6 minute YouTube video (2014).]

We know that children who get a poor start in literacy rarely catch up. Children who lack foundational skills in first grade have more than a 70 percent likelihood of being several years behind in grade five, and the pattern continues through high school. How have these children been hidden in plain sight? Dr. Stetson will answer that question and describe how this school district implemented a system for early identification of students at risk for reading challenges.

About Dr. Sara Stetson:

Dr. Stetson is an award-winning university professor with 20 years of experience. She has taught graduate courses in learning disabilities and reading, cognition, assessment and diagnosis, diversity, UDL/technology integration, and given guest lectures on quantitative and qualitative research design. Her primary research interests include learning disabilities, numerical cognition, diversity, and leadership ethics. She has also worked as a learning disabilities specialist, consulting teacher, school psychologist, special education director, student services administrator, and assistant superintendent. Dr. Stetson speaks regularly at regional, national and international conferences and provides staff development for school districts and private schools in New England.

The Lecture is free and open to the public
~ 2 professional development hours available to educators ~
>>New Program: Microsoft Imagine Academy at NCC

Microsoft Imagine Academy training and testing is now available at NCC

Beyond associate degree and certificate pathways, Nashua Community College has continuing education courses in design, technology, healthcare, and more. And the newest addition, Microsoft Imagine Academy, offers a series of certificates, starting with a Microsoft Office Specialist certification in Excel.

Delivering trainings in Excel, and other Microsoft applications such as Access, Word and PowerPoint is only be the beginning. NCC instructors will have a broad selection of programs to offer once the academy is up and running. The Microsoft Imagine Academy library includes certificates in data science, IT infrastructure, and computer science. Students can test for the designation of a Microsoft Office Specialist or Microsoft Technology Associate in trainings like Access, Building Games, and Introduction to Python.

College faculty will deliver face-to-face classroom training, and the Nashua Community College will serve as a certified testing site for anyone who completes their training, either online or on campus. CTE & Continuing Education Coordinator Samantha Belcourt is spearheading the academy’s implementation at the college, and says it is a great opportunity for credit and non-credit students.

“This connection with Microsoft will benefit our students, but it’s open for everyone,” said Samantha, adding students from the middle school level through high school can enroll in the academy. Businesses and educators can satisfy professional development requirements, and everyone who participates can benefit from the “Open Education Resource” textbook; a free downloadable PDF, which eliminates the need to purchase a book for the course.

For NCC students enrolled in a for-credit associate degree or certificate program, Microsoft Imagine Academy training can be incorporated into the curriculum where it makes the most sense such as business and data analytics programs. Students get the benefit of Microsoft training during their degree and certificate coursework, and are then eligible to test for the Microsoft certificate. Non-credit students can jump right into a one to two-day weekend seminar on campus or online to prepare for the exam. As a certified “Certiport” testing center, faculty can proctor official Microsoft Imagine Academy exams at NCC, which will make it the only Certiport center in New Hampshire.

“It will give students that extra credential to make them standout, and it’s also a refresher on what’s new in Microsoft,” said Samantha. The program launched March 2019, and anyone interested may contact Samantha to join the first wave of classes.

To sign up, contact Samantha Belcourt at SBelcourt@ccsnh.edu 603.578.8943

Get Trained | Get Certified | Reach Your Potential
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 Spring 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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