

# The Transfer Times



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## Important Notes About Summer 2009 Registration

The Summer 2009 schedule is now available online through the Durham Tech web site.

Students should make an appointment to meet with their academic advisors as soon as possible for Summer session.

TECHLine (telephone registration) for Summer 2009 Registration will be open Tuesday, April 14, for upper level students with 35 or more credits, Wednesday, April 15, for admitted program students, and Monday, April 20, for all students. TECHLine will close on May 4. Students can register via TECHLine Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to midnight and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. TECHLine is not available on weekends or holidays. Don't forget that April 14-17 are reserved "Priority Registration Days" for admitted students who have met with their assigned advisors.

**Summer Classes Begin May 18**

**Be there and be on time for your first day of class!**

## UT Student Recognition Night: Celebrating Student Success

The stars will shine at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, April 30**, when the Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer department will recognize student accomplishments for the year.

"We take great joy in celebrating the achievements of the students who have completed the AA or AS degree and those who have been accepted at some of the best universities in the country," said Dr. Thomas Gould, associate dean of University Transfer. Student Recognition Night also serves as a chance for the department to bestow awards and honors upon its best and brightest. The event will take place in the **Educational Resources Center** auditorium.

**All students who will graduate in May with the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate in General Education degree, those completing the Transfer Core Diploma, and those transferring to a four-year school in the fall are encouraged to attend so they can be recognized.** Family members and other supporters are welcome to attend both the ceremony and the reception that follows.



## Durham Tech Launches Distance Learning Site

A new **Distance Learning web site** is now available to provide information and resources to guide student choices about online learning. To access the site, click on the **"Online Courses"** link on the college's home page (centered above the rotating photograph in the upper right corner), or go directly to <http://www.durhamtech.edu/distancelearning/>.

With the new site come significant changes to the registration process for online courses:

Beginning with Summer 2009 registration, students will no longer "request permission" from instructors before registering for online courses. Students can sign up for online courses just as they would any other course. They are required, however, to check the **"Orientations"** page on the Distance Learning site to find out if their instructors require an online or in-person orientation, and to find out the date, time, location, or other instructions for orientations.

The new Distance Learning site is the result of the work of a Durham Tech task force formed last Fall to recommend changes to online course processes. Changes were necessary due to the implementation of WebAdvisor, which will eventually facilitate online registration. (*The Transfer Times* will report on WebAdvisor/online registration in future issues.)

The new Distance Learning site includes a self-assessment to help students determine if they have the study habits, skills, and equipment needed to succeed in online classes.

It also conveys details about the open or closed status of online classes and

the number of seats available and provides a **"Blackboard Tour"** to teach students the basics of logging in and using Blackboard. Students can find plans of study for Durham Tech's online degree and certificate programs, such as the new all-online AA degree.

"I encourage students to spend some time reviewing the new Distance Learning site--especially the 'How to Register' page, which outlines important new procedures," said Karen McPhaul, assistant dean of Instructional Technology. "The site will make searching and registering for online courses at Durham Tech much easier for students."

Did you know that **Hum. 115--Critical Thinking** is **not** a General Education Core course on the AA/AS Plans of Study? Therefore, it does not satisfy the third discipline Core requirement for Humanities/Fine Arts. It is an elective course.



## Upcoming Campus Recruiter Visits

Recruiters from the following schools will be on Durham Tech's campus this month. Students interested in learning more about undergraduate transfer admission, financial aid, and student services at these schools are encouraged to visit the recruiters.

April 14 (Tuesday) 10:00-1:00  
**North Carolina Central University**  
Collins Building Foyer

April 15 (Wednesday) 10:00-11:00  
**North Carolina Central University**  
College Cafe

April 22 (Wednesday) 11:00-2:00  
**Devry Institute**  
Collins Building Foyer



## Other Reminders...

**Durham Tech** will hold two workshops in April to assist students with completing the **financial aid** application. Because most students need their tax returns to complete the aid application, the ideal time to apply for aid for 2009-2010 is soon after completing a 2008 tax return. The workshops will be in the Wynn Center Multi-Purpose Room on **Monday, April 6**, at 2:00 p.m. and **Thursday, April 16**, at 4:00 p.m.

**North Carolina Central University (NCCU)** will hold a Spring 2009 Open House **Saturday, April 4**, from 11:00-5:00 on the NCCU campus. Flyers with instructions are posted in the Collins and Phillips Buildings or students can contact [admissions@nccu.edu](mailto:admissions@nccu.edu).

NCCU has established the **North Carolina Community College Transfer Scholarship**. Transfer students who have completed the AA/AS or AAS degree are eligible for the following: GPA 2.75-3.0= \$2,000 per year; GPA 3.1-3.5= \$2,500 per year; GPA 3.6-4.0= \$3,000 per year. Interested students can contact [transfer@nccu.edu](mailto:transfer@nccu.edu) for more details.

## BioTech Career Fair at NCCU BRITE Facility April 3



Students in Biotechnology, the Associate in Science, or other science-related programs are invited to attend the **Biomanufacturing and Pharmaceutical Industry Career Education Fair on Friday, April 3, 2009, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.** at NCCU's new Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE) facility.

This free event is limited to students attending North Carolina State University, North Carolina Central University, and the North Carolina Community College System.

Pre-registration is required. Register at [tinyurl.com/biotechcareerfair](http://tinyurl.com/biotechcareerfair).

### 2008 Participating Companies

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Students will meet representatives from NC biomanufacturing and pharmaceutical companies and learn about their expectations for new hires, discover best practices for interviewing with a company, have resumes reviewed by experienced industry professionals, and tour NCCU's BRITE facility.

## Online Career Center

Durham Tech's career counselors are pleased to announce the creation of a **new Career Center link** from the Durham Tech home page. Students can now readily access a variety of career exploration websites, take the "Bridges" career assessment inventory (available through the College Foundation of North Carolina link), create professional resumes and cover letters, and access an interactive interview skills program which will

eventually be customized to match Durham Tech curriculum programs. In addition the Career Center link connects student to local jobs and job fairs, internships, volunteer opportunities, and relevant articles relating to employment in the changing economic climate.

Take a look yourself: [www.durhamtech.edu/html/current/careercenter.htm](http://www.durhamtech.edu/html/current/careercenter.htm) or from the Durham Tech home page under "Career Programs & University Transfer" click on "Career Center". From there, the site is very user friendly.

## UNC-W Application Deadline Extended!

UNC-Wilmington has extended the deadline for **transfer students** attending **NC community colleges** to **April 15, 2009**. This deadline is **NOT** published and is exclusive only to NC community college students. Due to the tough economic climate that surrounds our state as well as our nation, the deadline was extended to give students extra time to prepare for a future at UNC Wilmington.

Students can direct questions to Ann Marie Beall (910.962.7038 / [bealla@uncw.edu](mailto:bealla@uncw.edu)), Senior Associate Director of Admissions.

## New: Wireless Access

Durham Tech has installed **wireless Internet access** nodes for student use in several areas on main campus. Students do not need a password to connect. All connections will list the name of the building and then the word "student" (ex: Collins-Student).

Current locations are  
\*Library (upstairs and downstairs)  
\*Wynn Center Cafeteria  
\*Wynn Center sitting area behind the  
\*Information desk  
\*Breezeway between Collins and White  
\*Technology Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lounge

