

The Transfer Times

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Get Ready to Register for Summer

It's time to see your academic advisor for Summer 2008 session! Did you know that admitted program students have the opportunity to meet with assigned faculty advisors in their offices and can participate in the "Reward Registration Days" to get the classes they want before non-admitted and/or special students? If you haven't applied to be a program student and want to take advantage of these valuable benefits, visit the Admissions Office in the Wynn Center. TECHLINE (telephone registration) will be open for admitted students beginning **Monday, April 14, and ending Monday, May 5.** TECHLINE will be open on Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to midnight and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Monday, May 5, TECHLINE will only be available from 9 a.m. to noon. Don't forget that Monday, April 14, and Tuesday, April 15, are reserved "Reward Registration Days" for admitted students who have met with their assigned advisors.

Durham Tech to Offer Transfer Core Diploma

Beginning this semester, Durham Technical Community College will award the **Transfer Core Diploma** to facilitate students' transfer process to four-year institutions. The Transfer Core Diploma confirms that students have completed all their General Education Core requirements under an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree program. A Transfer Core Diploma represents 44 of the required 64 hours needed to transfer as a junior to one of the 16 campuses of the University of North Carolina under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA). Core completion certifies that a student has met all the lower-division General Education Requirements of the receiving senior institution and has met the Minimum Course Requirements (MCRs) for admission to the University of North Carolina System. Students are encouraged to apply for the Diploma once they have completed the Core of their respective Plan of Study. Forms are available in Admissions in the Wynn Center. (You must apply for the Transfer Core Diploma; it will not automatically be generated once you complete the Core.)

The Transfer Core Diploma for an **AA student** includes the following:

- A) Six (6) semester hours of English composition;
- B) Twelve (12) semester hours of humanities/fine arts;
- C) Twelve (12) semester hours of social/behavioral sciences;
- D) Six (6) semester hours of mathematics; and

- E) Eight (8) semester hours of natural sciences.

The Transfer Core Diploma for an **AS student** includes the following:

- A) Six (6) semester hours of English composition;
- B) Nine (9) semester hours of humanities/fine arts;
- C) Nine (9) semester hours of social/behavioral sciences; and
- D) Twenty (20) semester hours of natural sciences and mathematics that shall

include a minimum of six hours in mathematics and a minimum of eight hours in natural sciences.

"Students can feel a real sense of accomplishment when they earn the Core Diploma," says Mary Marsha Cupitt, coordinator of Durham Tech's Transfer Center.

"They can move on to transfer institutions knowing they've completed basic courses – and they can continue at Durham Tech knowing they're two-thirds of the way to finishing the associate's degree. It's an important milestone."

Six Students Earn DTCC 2008 Academic Excellence Awards

Congratulations to this year's recipients of Durham Tech's Academic Excellence Award. This year, an unprecedented six students are being honored. All of the students have a 4.0 GPA with at least 20 curriculum credit hours and received at least one nomination from faculty members. **Emily Vargas** and **Sarah Arnold**, both University Transfer students, will represent Durham Tech at a N.C. Community College System luncheon in April. Other Academic Excellence Award recipients are **Heidi Neill**, an Accounting student; and **Katie Baird, Teresa Clayton, Charlotte Crone, and Shelle Tinnell**, all UT students.



Upcoming Campus Recruiter Visits

Campus recruiters from **UNC-Greensboro** and **North Carolina Central University** are scheduled to be on Durham Tech's campus in the coming month. Students interested in learning more about undergraduate transfer admission, financial aid, and other student services at any of these schools are encouraged to stop by and talk with the recruiters.

March 26 (Wednesday)

UNC-Greensboro

Wynn Center

1:00-3:00

April 9 (Wednesday)

North Carolina Central University

Wynn Center (Café)

10:00-11:30

April 15 (Tuesday)

UNC-Greensboro

Collins Building (Foyer)

9:00-1:00

UNC-Greensboro also will host information sessions for transfer students **on the UNC-G campus** on March 25, April 29, and May 20. Students should register in advance for these sessions at

<http://web.uncg.edu/adm/programs/infoession/>

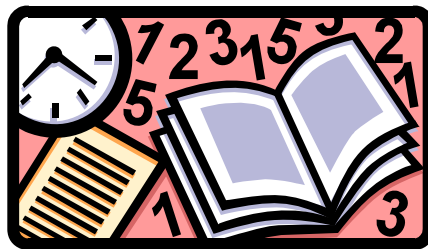
From the UNC-G website: "Please don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to find out about UNCG! The Office of Undergraduate Admissions invites prospective transfer and adult students to attend our evening sessions for a chance to talk to admissions advisors and financial aid representatives in a relaxed atmosphere. We will be providing information about the admissions process, transfer credit evaluations, and financial aid through both presentations and open discussion with individuals. **Those who attend will be receiving an application fee waiver.** Check-in begins at 5:30 pm and the program begins at 6:00 pm."

UNC-Wilmington Extends Application Deadline

The University of North Carolina-Wilmington has extended its March 1, 2008, deadline for summer/fall admissions. That's right: **UNC-W is STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for Fall.** Interested students can apply online at <http://www.uncw.edu/admissions/apply.html> to expedite the process.

The website www.uncw.edu/transferadmissions provides updated information concerning deadlines.

College Transfer Success Course to be Offered in Fall '08



Beginning in Fall Semester 2008, **ACA 122: College Transfer Success** will be offered to students enrolled in the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree programs. "ACA 122 is a ground-breaking course that is receiving statewide and national attention," said Dr. Thomas Gould, Associate Dean of University Transfer. "It will not only enhance students' fundamental academic skills, such as critical thinking and effective verbal and written communication, but it will also assist students in developing a personalized strategic transfer plan that will facilitate successful transition to the four-year institution."

The course outline for ACA 122 will include topics such as time management, note-taking, and test preparation strategies; how to use study tracks and pre-majors to make the most of course planning and registration opportunities at Durham Tech; and how to conduct research on

and apply to four-year transfer institutions. The course will be one credit-hour and one contact-hour per week; it will be offered in a variety of formats, including a traditional seated-class format, a hybrid version, an online section, and a Saturday class that meets only four times.

A team of faculty members has been working over the past year to design ACA 122 and build a training program for faculty and staff who will teach the course, which will count toward the associate's degree and will transfer as part of the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA – see the January and February issues of *The Transfer Times* for more on CAA, or visit the Transfer Center in Phillips 303). Students planning to transfer should take ACA 122 instead of its nontransferable counterpart, ACA 111.

All students entering their AA and AS programs in or after the Fall 2008 semester will be required to complete ACA 122 to graduate, unless they meet one of the exemption criteria as determined by an admissions counselor. Students should consult with their academic advisors if they have any questions about whether or not they should take the course. Students who began AA or AS programs before Fall 2008 are not required to complete ACA 122, but may enroll in the course and use it toward their 64-hour program of study.

Did you know . . . ?

Durham Tech graduates who transfer to UNC-Chapel Hill generally earn slightly higher GPA's in their junior and senior years than "native" UNC-CH students. The state measures this "success factor" (among others) annually to ensure the quality of its community colleges.

To learn more about ACA 122, the Transfer Core Diploma, or other transfer issues, visit the Transfer Center in Phillips 303 or the Virtual Transfer Center at <http://www.durhamtech.edu/transfer/>