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Apply On Time!

Students interested in transferring to a four-year school in Fall 2010 should begin working on their applications, ordering transcripts, and lining up recommendations now! Listed below are 2009-2010 application deadlines for schools that accepted at least two transfer students from Durham Tech in recent years. For more information, visit the Transfer Center in Phillips 303.

NCCU:	July 1
UNC-CH:	March 2
NCSU:	April 1
UNC-Greensboro:	
Priority consideration	March 1
Space permitting	August 1
ECU:	April 15
UNC-Charlotte:	March 30
*after March 30, students considered on space-available basis	
UNC-Wilmington:	March 1
WSSU:	April 1
App State (ASU):	Rolling
Meredith:	Feb. 15

You can also visit the College Foundation of North Carolina at www.cfnc.org for information about transfer applications.

University Program Info Sessions On January 29



On Friday, January 29, Durham Tech's University Transfer program will host **University Program Information Sessions Day** at the Teaching Learning Center (Phillips 325). Durham Tech has invited university departments with unique opportunities for community college students to come to campus to present the details and features of their programs. Durham Tech students, staff, and faculty are welcome to attend to learn more about exciting transfer options for our students. The event is open to academic advisors from other community colleges in central North Carolina.

The schedule for the event follows:

- 8:30-9:30 College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC):** Representatives of CFNC will discuss the benefits of the Transfer Navigator System and also financial aid opportunities available through CFNC. (tentative)
- 9:30-10:25 North Carolina Central University (NCCU):** The following faculty will review programs and application procedures: Dorothy Singleton (Education -- Elementary and Middle Grade); Alade Tokuta (Mathematics); Wendell Andrews (Criminal Justice); Melusian Wright (Nursing); Michael Busko (Public Administration); Beverly Bryant (Hospitality & Tourism); Gertrude Jackson (Social Work); and Tonya Melvin-Bryant (Business).
- 10:30-11:25 University of North Carolina-Greensboro (UNC-G):** Leah Thompkins from the Department of Public Health Education will discuss the online degree completion program for the Bachelor of

Science degree in Health Studies. Also on hand to answer questions about online degree completion programs in their areas will be Jay Parr from the Liberal Studies department and Catherine Holderness from Business Studies.

11:30-12:30 East Carolina University (ECU): Amy Frank from the ECU Department of Technology Systems will talk about ECU's Mechanical Technology concentration. Transfer Services representative Damon Davis will be on hand to answer general transfer questions for all other degrees at ECU.

12-30-1:30 Break for lunch on your own
1:30-2:25 North Carolina State

University (NCSU): Ali O. Ozturk, Program Director of the BA. in Leadership in the Public Sector Online program, will present information on this Online program. Keri M. Bowman, Associate Director, Office of Advising Support, Information, and Services will describe services available through the Office of Advising for transfer students.

2:30-3:00 UNC School of Education: Ramona Cox, Coordinator of Teacher Recruitment and Retention, and Melissa Wheeler, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Advising, from the School of Education will discuss program options, admissions requirements, and application procedures.

3:00-3:30 Duke University: Ginny Buckner, Director of Duke's Master of Arts in Teaching, will discuss opportunities available to students interested in the profession of teaching.

Advance registration is not required; drop in for single sessions or stay all day.

Resolve to Have a Great Semester!



HAPPY NEW YEAR! 'Tis the season to start fresh – to resolve to improve your

health, habits, prospects, and life! As you start the Spring 2010 semester, *The Transfer Times* offers you the following ideas to enhance your academic experience.

Be there – and be on time.



Critical information is often distributed during the first few minutes of class. Show up early so you are ready to absorb the information you need to succeed. Also, be aware of the College's revised attendance policy (see next column).

Get some sleep and exercise. Plenty of scholarly and scientific studies show the correlation between exercise and academic performance (GPA), and the same may be true of sleep habits. Being fitter and better rested can improve your alertness and readiness for learning, not to mention make you feel better. (While you're at it, have a healthy breakfast to start your day before heading to class.)

Get all you can out of being on Durham Tech's campus. Consider attending a Science Seminar, Poetry Hour, play, literary reading, or other lecture or event on campus. Keep an eye on the Durham Tech home page for dates/times/locations.

Visit the Durham Tech Transfer Center. Have you been putting off research on the transfer process, the admissions requirements for the school of your dreams, or the prospects for jobs in your intended field? Durham Tech's Transfer Center may be your one-stop shop for getting started on all of those very important tasks. Stop by Phillips 303 and make an appointment to visit with a Transfer advisor, or start by

browsing the Virtual Transfer Center at www.durhamtech.edu/transfer.



Ask questions! Some of the best students at Durham Tech make it a habit to ask questions of clarification when they are not sure about information or assignments. Sometimes their questions lead to other interesting insights about the topic or resources for additional learning. Faculty members welcome relevant questions, and sometimes others sitting in the room benefit from the answers. If you don't like speaking up in class, visit your instructors during their scheduled office hours. (Instructors' office hours should be listed on their syllabi, Blackboard sites, and office doors.) Develop a "habit of inquiry"; you may be surprised at what you learn. Have a great semester.

DTCC Students: Be Aware of New Attendance Policy



Did you know that Durham Tech revised the official attendance policy in Fall 2010? The new policy states, "Any student with consecutive absences equaling or exceeding 15 percent of the instructional hours for the course prior to the official withdrawal date for the course will be withdrawn from the class [by the instructor] with a grade of W. Students with consecutive absences equaling or exceeding 15 percent of the instructional hours for the course after the official withdrawal date for the course will be withdrawn from the class [by the instructor] and will receive a grade of F2."

For classes that meet twice a week, students who miss more than four consecutive classes will be withdrawn; for classes that meet once a week,

students who miss more than two consecutive classes will be withdrawn. The official 60-percent withdrawal date for regular 16-week courses this spring is Monday, March 22, 2010. The first mini-session withdrawal date is Monday, February 15; the second mini-session withdrawal date is Monday, April 19. Courses that run off-cycle may have different withdrawal dates. Please see your instructor for more information.

Just as you would call in sick or let your employer know you are not going to be present for work, it's a good habit to email or telephone your instructor before you miss a class, if possible, to find out how to stay caught up. Students who miss consecutive classes should use Blackboard or contact their classmates to find out what they have missed.

Other parts of the Durham Tech withdrawal policy have remained the same, specifically that students wishing to withdraw from one or more courses and not have the attempted enrollment shown on their transcripts should visit the Registration office on the second floor of the Wynn Center to complete a withdrawal slip by the official 60-percent withdrawal date for the course. Students who do not withdraw but stop attending after the withdrawal date may receive a grade of F2, which factors into student GPA's as an F.

It's a good idea to be aware of each instructor's attendance policy included on the course syllabus and to consult with your instructors if you have questions or concerns.

A recruiter from NCCU (North Carolina Central University) will be at the Durham Tech Café on the following dates: **Thursday, January 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m., and Monday, February 22, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** If you want to learn more about transferring to NCCU, stop by and get some information.

