

Dayspring Dual Enrollment Parent Meeting

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- Charles Clift, Assistant Registrar, NCSU
- Dori Staehle, Admissions Counselor/Homeschool Specialist, Campbell University
- Not attending: UNC-G iSchool for concurrent enrollment at 11th/12th grade level:
 - <http://ischool.uncg.edu>
 - www.youtube.com/uncgreensboro

FAFSA Day

FAFSA Day (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in NC will be Saturday, February 13. Sessions will be held at NC State from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. St. Augustine's and Wake Tech Community College will be hosting sessions from 9:00 am until noon. Register at:

https://www.cfnc.org/event/fafsa/fafsa_nc_map.jsp.

Debbie Love: High School Dual Enrollment Advisor, WTCC

http://admissions.waketech.edu/index.php?page=procedures_highschool

Recent budget cuts have hugely impacted the dual enrollment process

- Now called: “Concurrent enrollment”
- Still need test scores, talk to counselor
- Severely limited classes – not as many open to high schoolers

Current rules, regulations and course options can be found at this website:

http://admissions.waketech.edu/files/20090811_dualupdate.pdf

Some classes are transferrable like English 111, however, high school students can only try to register if their test scores are high enough, if the classes aren't restricted, and if there are seats still open. Seats may open even if they show up closed at different times – there is no guarantee of a seat. To try to register by the current law, policy and procedure, it has to be **in person on a certain date/appointment time**. When doing your planning, come in with 1st choice, 2nd choice, etc. plus all different sections you can take.

Steps:

First, it's good to go to an information session. Information sessions are listed on the website (Home Page: Announcements: Concurrent enrollment information sessions) starting mid/late February. Reserve with an email. North or Main campus. 45 minutes to an hour long. Good for students to see the campus, etc.

Apply online. If no SAT or ACT scores, need to take a placement test called a Compass. On the website, get into test center (review sample questions from the Compass), click to reserve a seat for a Compass test. Come to a campus to test. It covers writing, reading arithmetic – not timed. Its purpose is to see where students are in skill level. If they want to test a second time, they can (\$5 to retest, no fee the first time). Scores are available immediately and usually the student can talk with an advisor who can tell the student what the scores mean and answer questions about classes that they can take.

- If ACT scores – 21, 21, 21 or SAT – Math 600+, Critical reading 520+ then don't have to take Compass Placement.

Tuition is waived once the student is registered but there are some small fees (\$30 to \$35). Paper applications are also available.

If a class is full, the student must go back in person to see if there is an opening. It cannot be done online.

Remind students that every grade will be on the permanent transcript. Concurrent enrollment is a great way to transition into college, get a feel for it, learn about the organization needed, etc. Be aware, though, that these are college-level courses. Once in awhile there will be topics not appropriate for younger students.

Dates: Fall semester begins mid-August – concurrent enrollment registration will be near the fall semester start date. Persistence is the key to getting the classes wanted.

This process may change for the fall – but will know by the information session.

Two open house events on Main Campus: March 6 and March 12:

http://www.waketech.edu/files/eventflyers/2010SP_HSopenhouse.pdf

Charles Clift: Assistant Registrar, NCSU

(Loretta Massenburg handles most of the non-degreed enrollment)

<http://www.ncsu.edu/nds/highschool/aeo.html>

Relatively simple to enroll at NCSU. Program is called AEO (Academic Enrichment Opportunities)

2 paper forms:

1. Academic Enrichment Opportunities form – what courses to take
 - Homeschoolers need to provide a transcript – need at least a 3.5 GPA
2. Non-degree studies (NDS) form
3. No ACT/SAT/placement scores required for Academic Enrichment Opportunities.

\$25 application fee

These classes have become tighter and tighter – enrollment has increased and budget has decreased. Historically, available seats are becoming fewer – priority is given to majors. Registration process is on-line – open 24 hours. Have to keep checking for classes opening up but can do it on-line. Highly likely to get most classes.

Unlike Wake Tech – full tuition has to be paid. Approximately \$700/class if you're an in-state student. No financial aid is available for non-degree students. There are only about 50 highschool students/semester (a handful of homeschool students). Parking is an issue. Lots of math, language classes, psychology, history, anthropology, etc. classes available.

Requirement is that the course can't be offered at the student's school. Program is directed toward Juniors and Seniors at high school. Age for homeschoolers: roughly 16 or older. Some of the classes are restricted to majors but most are unrestricted. Rising juniors could take summer classes. Limited to 1 or 2 courses (6 or 8 hours) per semester if you're non-degree.

Once the last freshman is registered, non-degree students may register.

A little easier to get into the distance education classes than in-person classes. Many students have to pay extra tuition for distance education.

Dori Staehle, Admissions Counselor/Homeschool Specialist, Campbell University

<http://campbell.edu>

NOTE: Campbell does not offer dual or concurrent enrollment, however from the admissions counselor perspective there are a lot of benefits to having dual enrollment on the transcript.

Campbell University thinks highly enough of homeschoolers, that there is an admission counselor dedicated just to homeschool students.

Also, March 3 is Home School Visitation Day <http://admissions.campbell.edu/undergraduate/visit-us/>

Benefits of dual enrollment to college-applications:

- Get credits less expensively.
- Finish a whole semester early if you can transfer enough credits
- Dual enrollment courses should be weighted on the transcript
- Plus helps to give some experience to students beyond the home school before college (ESPECIALLY WRITING!!!!)
- Can transfer up to 64 credits into Campbell

Full tuition scholarship is available (competition) – often \$13,000 to \$15,000/year

Homeschoolers rate very high compared to other students.

Some additional information about Campbell University:

- 1) Campbell offers a very streamlined applications process. Our application fee is \$35 (which will be waived at the Homeschool Visitation Day and at special events.

After receipt of the application, transcript, and test scores (SAT or ACT), the file is reviewed and a decision is made regarding academic scholarships or grants. This process usually takes 2-3 days. Letters of recommendation and essays aren't required but can be a nice touch.

- 2) Grants and scholarships range from \$5,000 - \$15,000 per year. Most of the homeschoolers we have accepted for this fall have been awarded our highest academic awards. Many are "Presidential Scholars" and will be receiving between \$13,000-\$15,000/yr., which includes a dorm scholarship of \$1,000/yr.
- 3) Our tuition is presently \$21,000 per year and room and board is around \$7,300.
- 4) NC residents who attend a private college also receive the NC Legislative Tuition Grant of close to \$2,000 – but they need to fill out a FAFSA form! This may also qualify the student for need-based grants, awards, loans, and college work study (CWS).
- 5) In addition, Campbell offers endowments through our Endowment Office and department scholarships, which the students have to apply for. Once you add up all these amounts, the cost of attending Campbell can be the same as attending a state school.
- 6) Campbell also offers a twice-yearly Full Tuition Scholarship Competition for our incoming freshmen who have been accepted and fall within the Presidential Scholarship range. Two winners at each competition receive full tuition for 4 years! We also award 3 other awards at these competitions: free dorm, free board, and free books – for 4 yrs. This may also qualify the student for other need-based grants, awards, loans, and college work study (CWS).

Questions

Do too many transfer credits result in limited freshman financial aid and scholarships?

Charles/NCSU: Students who are sophomores are actually eligible for more aid in the form of loans. A sophomore can borrow \$6,500 and a freshman can borrow only \$5,500. Freshmen aren't eligible for any more grants than sophomores because that is based on income. As far as scholarships, they should contact their individual department to ask about scholarship opportunities.

Dori/Campbell: It does make a difference. Taking a year off and having dual enrollment credits sometimes results in a classification of "transfer student" instead of "first year student" and there is less money available for transfer students.

Who do we need to contact about changing the laws on dual enrollment?

Debbie/WTCC: Legislators are the people to talk to.

Wake Tech chose to limit the classes available and not charge concurrent students for taking classes, though the laws allow community colleges to charge. Why is that?

Debbie/WTCC: Laws changed in the middle of registration last fall. Some were allowed to pay that semester but that is no longer allowed at WTCC. You could contact Susan Bloomfield, Director of Admissions.

- Many of the classes are available online tuition-free (but not in-person). Check the website for transferrable online courses.

If the NCSU course is taken non-degree is it still transferrable to a degree at NCSU?

Charles/NCSU: All classes are transferrable, whether degree or non-degree. Look at the institution you're planning to attend. NCSU has a comprehensive list online for what will probably transfer in.

What about double dipping – if a class taken at WTCC counts on the transcript for a high school credit, will it count as college credit at NCSU?

Charles/NCSU: Yes, provided the course is a college transfer course. Here is a link where students can check to determine if a course at Wake Tech or other schools has been transferred to NC State in the past. <http://admissions.ncsu.edu/find-stuff/transfer-student/course-equiv.php>

Dori/Campbell: Campbell does accept double dipping.

LINDA'S NOTE: Wake County Public Schools do double dip:

http://www.wcpss.net/school_to_career/wtcc/concurrent/index.html)

Is there any difference how UNC looks at other community colleges vs. WTCC?

Charles/NCSU: No.

Age at WTCC

Debbie/WTCC: Minimum age at WTCC: 16 years old for concurrent enrollment.

One other program is the Academically Gifted Program for those under 16 years old. The student must go through a series of testing (\$500-\$600), a test of maturity level & pay full tuition. Classes may be more available this way. Parent must attend every class with the student if they're 14 or under.

How many CLEP courses will NCSU and Campbell take?

Charles/NCSU: At NCSU – no restriction but not a generous number of opportunities to transfer in. Only specific ones that NCSU will accept. Check with the specific college and university.

Dori/Campbell: Campbell does accept CLEP test results with credit given for almost every CLEP topic area.

LINDA'S NOTE: The College Board does summarize CLEP acceptance at each university. Here it is for Campbell University, NCSU and Wake Tech Community College:

<http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/CollegeDetail.jsp?profileId=6&collegeId=1171>

<http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/CollegeDetail.jsp?collegeId=614&profileId=6>

<http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/CollegeDetail.jsp?collegeId=384&profileId=6>

What are the pros and cons of getting an Associates degree and then transferring vs. concurrent enrollment and then going in as a freshman?

Various: Dual enrollment is more a way to go slowly into the college environment than it is to get an associates degree. Weigh the pros and the cons. Is the student ready for a university campus?

Do NCSU and Campbell understand that it is more difficult to get classes now so it's more challenging to get those credits:

Charles/NCSU: NCSU gives priority to students. Non-degree are definitely second priority. Remember: Dual enrollment classes are not required!

How are AP credits vs. dual enrollment viewed?

Dori/Campbell: About the same from the university perspective. Cost of course, is different.

Sideline from NCSU's Director of Admissions:

In the world of admissions, in the past, they didn't know who homeschoolers were but now they've learned more and decided homeschoolers are a group they want on campus.