

Access to Higher Education System

Presentation for
Regents' Advisory Committee on
Academic Affairs

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The Strategic Vision

What We Are Building...

A Student Portal that will
Improve Access to and
Increase Participation in
Post Secondary Education offerings

www.GAcolllege411.org

Statewide Partners

Who are the Builders....

- Georgia Student Finance Commission
- Board of Regents
- Department of Education
- Department of Technical and Adult Education
- Independent Colleges
- Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services

- Professional Standards Commission
- Public Libraries
- Georgia Association of School Counselors
- Private Schools
- Georgia Public Broadcasting
- Governor's Office

Education in Georgia

Why We Are Doing It...

Not enough Georgia students graduate from high school.
(52% -- GA ranks 49th nationally.)

Not enough Georgia students go to college *(60% of graduates go directly to college.)*

Low income students are much less likely to enroll in college within a year of high school graduation. *(16%)*

Not enough Georgia students who go to college complete college *(31% obtain associate degree in 3 years and 43% obtain bachelor's degree in 6 years --44th nationally.)*

Education in Georgia

Why We Are Doing It...

Number of students graduating from high school is increasing *(10.4% between 2001-02 and 2017-18.)*

More education translates to higher pay *(High school graduate average earning is \$25,600 compared to \$50,150 for bachelor's degree.)*

More educated workforce contributes to economic development

Education in Georgia

Why GSFC...

- Starting May 2007, GSFC will calculate high school GPAs to determine HOPE eligibility for incoming freshman.
- GSFC's mission is to promote and increase access to education beyond high school by delivering student financial aid information, services, and funding.
- Lender and Guarantor
- Outreach Services

Primary Objectives

To help students to know that:

- There is a college for them in Georgia.
- And
- Finances need not be a barrier to participation.

CFNC Entry Screen



Helping You Plan, Apply, and Pay for College

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Register Now

We believe every student should have the opportunity to go to college.

Portfolio Management

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My CFNC

There's a wealth of information available on the CFNC site that does not require you have a CFNC account. However, in order to access some of the more valuable tools information you will need to set up a secure, private account.

Here are some of the things you can access with your private account:

Students:

- Learn which careers match your interests and personality
- Keep a record of your high school grades, honors, test scores, and activities
- Track your progress toward meeting specific college entrance requirements
- Apply online to over 100 NC colleges
- Submit financial aid applications online
- Check status of student loans

Parents:

- Access your National College Savings Program accounts
- Apply for a parent loan (PLUS) for college expenses
- Check the status of your PLUS or Stafford loans

Career Center



Discover Your Dream Job and How to Get There

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**Information for
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Career Center

- [Introduction to the CFNC Career Center](#) - Learn how the CFNC Career Center can help you determine career goals and direction
- [Career Key](#) - Find occupations that relate to your interests
- [Information for Students and Parents](#) - Get career advice specific to middle school and high school students and parents
- [Student-Career Matching Assistant](#) - Take an interactive test to discover which occupations match your goals
- [List of Careers](#) - Find detailed information on specific occupations and where to get the necessary education
- [Fastest Growing Careers](#) - Discover North Carolina's fastest growing occupations
- [Career Portfolio](#) - Create your own individual career portfolio
- [Nursing Careers](#) - Explore career options in the fast-growing field of nursing

Careers in North Carolina

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Fastest Growing Careers

North Carolina's fastest-growing jobs include many technology-oriented and service occupations. Many of these will be newly created jobs resulting from increased demand for related goods and services. Although experiencing a high rate of growth, the actual number of employees needed in these occupations may be relatively small.

OCCUPATIONS WITH THE FASTEST ANNUAL GROWTH RATE IN NORTH CAROLINA* 1998-2008

Career	Annual Average % Increase	Jobs 2008
Systems Analysts	6.48	27,100
Paralegals	6.46	6,940
Computer Support Specialists	6.36	23,950
Database Administrators	5.94	4,380
Respiratory Therapists	5.78	4,860
Surgical Technologists	5.25	2,570
Computer Engineers	4.98	16,710
Human Services Workers	4.81	16,810
Residential Counselors	4.67	6,770

Career Description w/Link to Colleges Offering Related Degrees

Description: PARALEGALS AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS assist lawyers by researching law, investigating facts, and preparing legal documents. May gather research data for use as evidence to formulate defense or to initiate legal action. These workers are career professionals, usually having either a four year college degree or a degree from an institute specializing in the paralegal profession.

Educational level: An Associate's degree (at least 2 years) is usually required.

Training: Associate's Degree (at least 2 years after high school)

Licensure: No

Minimum salary: \$26,554/year

Average salary: \$31,271/year

NC Employed: 3,710

Military link: <http://www.militarycareers.com/occ/elegspe.htm>

NC: [Beaufort County Community College](#)

Student Planner



Keep Track of Test Scores, Grades, and Future Goals

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College Test Prep

Student Planner

This section of CFNC allows students to plan their education to meet the entrance requirements of colleges and universities in North Carolina.

- [High School Planner](#) - Create a personal portfolio of high school courses, activities, awards, and test scores to use on your applications. Compare your high school courses with entrance requirements of colleges you are interested in attending
- [Student Planner Timeline](#) - Your timeline to planning for college
- [College Entrance Requirements](#) - Get basic requirements for all North Carolina colleges and universities
- [College Test Prep](#) - Helps you prepare for the SAT and other college entrance tests

High School Planner

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8th Grade

9th Grade

10th Grade

11th Grade

12th Grade

Additional Information

High School Planner - 10th Grade

Switch to Subject View

English

Course Title	Block Schedule	Fall Grade	Spring Grade	Summer Grade	Year Average Grade
English II - Adv/Honors/Gift	No	B			

Math

Course Title	Block Schedule	Fall Grade	Spring Grade	Summer Grade	Year Average Grade
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Click 'Add' to make new entry

Natural/Physical Science

Course Title	Block Schedule	Fall Grade	Spring Grade	Summer Grade	Year Average Grade
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Click 'Add' to make new entry

High School Planner - Output

East Carolina University

High School Units	Agriculture	Art	English	Foreign Language	History / Social Studies	Math	Natural / Physical Science	Elective	Other	Total
Required:	0	0	4	2	2	3	3	0	0	14
Recommended:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Completed:	0	0	2.5	0.5	1.5	1	0	0	0	5.5
Completion Status:	C	C	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	C	C	

North Carolina Wesleyan College

High School Units	Agriculture	Art	English	Foreign Language	History / Social Studies	Math	Natural / Physical Science	Elective	Other	Total
Required:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recommended:	0	0	4	0	3	3	0	0	0	10
Completed:	0	0	2.5	0.5	1.5	1	0	0	0	5.5
Completion Status:	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	

Test Preparation

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CFNC.org now offers comprehensive FREE test prep courses for the SAT, ACT, and GRE. CFNC Test Prep features easy-to-use tutorials, interactive practice sessions that dynamically adapt to each student's ability level, and a vocabulary builder that contains 2,000 words. Whether you have a week or a year until the test, this section of the site will help you to reinforce your academic skills and build your confidence as you approach test day.

[SAT](#) - Tutorials, practice sessions, and test-taking tips to help you prepare for the SAT

[ACT](#) - Tests your knowledge of four ACT subject areas: English, Reading, Math, and Science Reasoning

[GRE](#) - Tools to help you study for the Graduate Record Examination for Graduate school admission

[Vocab Builder](#) - Contains over 2000 words and adapts to your ability level

College Fair



Can't Visit? Let the Colleges Come to You!

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CFNC Home

Finding the Right College

Search through the colleges and universities in North Carolina to find the ones that best suit your needs.

- [Comparative View](#) - Compare the colleges and universities in North Carolina
- [Campus Tours](#) - Take a virtual tour of the colleges and universities
- [Matching Assistant](#) - View campuses that match your specific requirements

The information in the College Fair section is provided and updated by third parties including the respective colleges and universities. While the colleges and universities are able to update the College Fair information at any time and this section thereby has the potential to offer the most accurate and up-to-date information available, the information is not independently validated, and no party associated with this website can accept responsibility for its accuracy.

College Fair - Comparisons

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Four Year
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Comparative View - My CFNC

Click on a
heading to sort



Sorts low to high



Sorts high to low

[Click here for
more help](#)

Campus	% of Students Receiving Financial Aid	Total Enrollment	Setting	Student to Faculty Ratio	sort ↓ On- Campus Housing
Meredith College	81%	2,000	Urban	9:1	yes
Appalachian State University	51%	12,125	Small Town	17:1	yes
East Carolina University	57%	16,935	Urban	17:1	yes
Elizabeth City State University	Not Available	2,282	Small Town	15:1	yes
Fayetteville State University	85%	4,328	Urban	20:1	yes

Campus Tour

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Key Facts

Campus Highlights

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Appalachian
STATE UNIVERSITY
BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA 28608

Appalachian State University
Appalachian State University
Office of Admissions
ASU Box 32004
Boone, NC 28608-2004 USA

Official telephone: (828) 262-2000
In-state telephone: (828) 262-2120
Out-of-state telephone: (828) 262-2120
Fax: (828) 262-3296
Website: www.appstate.edu/

Options:

Images

Undergraduate Application

Graduate Application

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Campus Tours List



Online Applications



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Online Applications

Here on the CFNC Website, you can apply online for college admission and financial aid once you have created your "My CFNC." When you have an account, your profile information will complete sections of your applications automatically. Then all you need to do is fill in the blanks.

In the left margin, select:

- [College Admission](#) - For online college applications.
- [FAFSA](#) - To complete and submit the FAFSA.
- [Transcripts](#) - For online high school transcripts.
- [Loan Applications](#) - For online loan applications.
- [Ask an Expert](#) - For questions about applying.

College Fair – Application Status

Monday, August 30, 2004

Personal Application Manager for Kris Biesinger

THESE ARE THE COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH YOU MAY APPLY:

Select one from the list and click [**Start New Application**]

Alamance Community College	
Appalachian State University	
Appalachian State University – Grad	
Asheville–Buncombe Technical Community College	
Barber–Scotia College	

[Start New Application](#)

ONLINE APPLICATIONS YOU ARE WORKING ON:

Campus Name	Current Page	Date Started	Date Last Modified	Action
Wake Forest University	8	9/15/2003 11:01 AM	8/2/2004 3:29 PM	Resume Remove

ONLINE APPLICATIONS ALREADY SUBMITTED:

Paying For College



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Paying for College - A Financial Aid Primer

What's the best way to pay for college? There are different answers for different families. In this section, you'll find free information and assistance in finding the right answer for you and your family. We've put together a few quick links for you below, so you can start here or with any of the links to the left, which allow you to plunge right into a topic.

Ready for College or in College Now?

Learn why college is an important and affordable investment, and how the financial aid process really works.

[College is Important! Start Here!](#)

[College is Affordable!](#)

[The Role of Financial Aid](#)

College Savings Program



Saving for College Just Got a Whole Lot Easier!

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Program Description

Investment Options
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Tax Advantages

North Carolina's National College Savings Program

*It's never too early to start saving for college -
and now there's an easy, tax-free way!*

North Carolina's 529 plan can help make college more affordable.

Our program is:

[Accessible](#) - Just about anyone can open an account.

[Affordable](#) - You decide how much you can contribute and how often.

[Comprehensive](#) - Choose from a variety of investment options.

[Tax Free](#) - Account earnings are free of federal and North Carolina income taxes when the money is used to pay for qualified higher education expenses.

[Flexible](#) - Use the money to pay expenses at virtually *any* college *anywhere* in the country.

**Start A College
Savings Program
NOW!**

Click Here 

**Access
Savings Account**

Click Here 

Other Benefits

Targeting an Area of State Need

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Careers in Nursing

It's hard to imagine a career that offers more flexibility and opportunity than nursing. Nursing graduates today often have numerous job offers when they graduate. A career in nursing offers:

- job security
- flexible scheduling
- good pay, with starting annual salaries for RNs ranging from \$30,000 to \$45,000
- a wide variety of work settings
- intellectual challenge
- clear advancement opportunities
- the reward of helping others

The field of nursing offers a wide range of employment opportunities with clear paths for career progression. At every level, nursing offers the ability to make a difference and help people, often in a way they will remember for the rest of their lives. In fact, many nurses became interested in the field because of help that they or a loved one received from a competent and caring nurse.

NC's Critical Need for Nurses

According to the North Carolina Center for Nursing, our state is projected to experience a critical shortage of nurses by the year 2010. Two key factors are contributing to a shortage of nurses in North Carolina:

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FSA For Students

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Next Steps

- Partial launch date of January 2005.
- Full launch date of July 2005.
- Video Messages from the Governor, Chancellor, DTAE Commissioner, State Superintendent, and a Representative from the Private Colleges.
- Regional presentations to various groups throughout the State.