

# The Transfer Times

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Durham Technical Community College Transfer Newsletter

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## Apply On Time!

Students interested in transferring to a four-year school in Fall 2008 should begin working on their applications, ordering transcripts, and lining up recommendations now! Listed below are 2008-2009 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 1
NCSU:	April 1
NCSU School of Design:	Dec. 1
UNC-Greensboro:	August 1
ECU:	April 15
UNC-Charlotte:	March 30
*after March 30, students considered on space-available basis	
UNC-Wilmington:	March 1
WSSU:	July 15
App State:	Rolling
Meredith:	Feb. 15

You can also visit the College Foundation of North Carolina at [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) for information about transfer applications.

## C-STEP Right Over to UNC-Chapel Hill

IN MARCH 2006, Durham Tech became an official partner in the **Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program (C-STEP)** – an initiative that can guarantee eligible participants from Durham Tech, Wake Tech, and Alamance Community Colleges admission to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. C-STEP is designed to help high-achieving, low-to moderate-income students. UNC will enroll at least 35 more junior transfers each year, officials say. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, which supports programs for high-achieving students from low-income families, contributed \$900,000 to the program; UNC has pledged \$2.3 million.

In Fall 2006, Durham Tech sent two students as part of the C-STEP pilot class. Callie Barrow was accepted to UNC's School of Nursing, and Robert Russell is studying Romance Languages (Italian). Between 8 and 10 Durham Tech students have been admitted to UNC-CH for each of the Fall 2007, 2008, and 2009 C-STEP cohorts.

The Program at Durham Tech offers additional support for students who have been identified and accepted into C-STEP. Dedicated Durham Tech faculty advisors Dr. Elizabeth Penton and Dr. Dorothy Wood provide intensive mentoring and advising -- more contact than most students have with advisors at four-year schools. They help students with

course selection, identification of a major, academic matters, and even life-skills management. Wayne Faust, who graduated with an Associate's Degree in 2008 and is now majoring in business and economics at UNC-CH, said, "C-STEP afforded me a better opportunity for advising and helped me understand the entire transfer process."

C-STEP participants also benefit from peer-group support, which, says Penton, "is a significant factor in student success at the college level." Participants meet formally and informally every few weeks.

"The C-STEP Program has given me much more self-confidence for achieving my academic goals," said Miriam Quizhpilema, current Durham Tech student and C-STEP participant. "I highly recommend that all qualified students apply for this fantastic educational opportunity to earn a university degree and to become a better leader for tomorrow."

In addition to academic advising and peer support, former Durham Tech president, Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr., established a scholarship fund to pay for Durham Tech classes for C-STEP students in good standing. (*cont'd*)



**"Without a doubt, C-STEP has solidified my hopes of having a successful future. The relief the Program has provided me is immeasurable, and I am more academically confident and motivated than ever. This opportunity has been astoundingly positive for me, and has definitely put a little bounce in my step."**

**- David Williams**  
Business/Communications Major  
DTCC Class of 2008

(continued from first page) To date, Durham Tech C-STEP students are majoring in a variety of disciplines at UNC-CH, including business, dental hygiene, economics, English, international relations, Italian, mass communications, math, nursing, pre-pharmacy, public policy, and Spanish.

“Our C-STEP students are doing very well at UNC-CH,” said Wood. “We received word that one of our Fall ’07 cohort members, Natalya Gauer, was accepted into UNC’s competitive School of Business for Spring ’08. She’s made great strides toward her goals.”

“This is a wonderful beginning of a significant new level of partnership between the university and our three closest community college neighbors,” UNC Chancellor James Moeser said at the C-STEP kick-off event. He added that the program will enable talented, highly qualified students to move from community colleges to UNC-CH, and most should qualify for the Carolina Covenant -- a financial aid program committed to providing the most support possible for students.

Chau Nguyen agrees. The son of Vietnamese immigrants and the first in his family to learn English, Nguyen

dreams of a career in an allied health profession. He will be admitted to UNC-CH after graduating from Durham Tech in 2008. “C-STEP is an excellent program and a very helpful tool for students,” said Nguyen. “Especially in the community college, the program has great staff to help guide students from advising and registration to the time of transfer to the University.”

**There are spaces available for the next C-STEP cohort.** Interested students should email or visit Dr. Penton (Phillips 388/ ([pentone@durhamtech.edu](mailto:pentone@durhamtech.edu)) or Dr. Wood (Collins 241/ [woodd@durhamtech.edu](mailto:woodd@durhamtech.edu)) to find out if they are eligible.

Visit Durham Tech’s Virtual Transfer Center at <http://www.durhamtech.edu/transfer.indexe.htm>

## Upcoming Campus Recruiter Visits

Campus recruiters from **Strayer, North Carolina Central University, Western Carolina, and UNC-Wilmington** are scheduled to be on Durham Tech’s campus over the next 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.

### Strayer University

January 28 (Monday) 10:30-12:00  
Collins Building Foyer

### North Carolina Central University

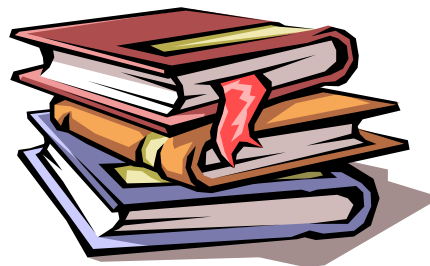
January 30 (Wednesday) 10:00-11:30  
Wynn Center

### Western Carolina

February 4 (Monday) 11:30-1:00  
Transfer Center (303)

### UNC-Wilmington

February 21 (Thursday) 1:00-2:00  
Collins Building Foyer



## Get the Straight Scoop on Transfer

Are you wondering how to make the most efficient transition from Durham Tech to a four-year college or university? On Thursday, **January 31**, Dr. Thomas Gould, Associate Dean of University Transfer, will present “**The Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA): The Myth and Reality.**” The presentation will be held in the Teaching-Learning Center (Phillips 325) at 3:00 pm. Dr. Gould will explain the latest facts and fictions about transfer student protections and rights afforded by the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement between the community college and UNC Systems. He also will review Durham Tech’s various AAS bi-lateral agreements and new Study Track agreements with North Carolina colleges and universities. All University Transfer and AAS students are encouraged to attend.

## Did You Know ... ?

Did you know that UNC-CH, as well as most other schools in the state, prefers ENG 113 over ENG 112 for transfer students? Durham Tech UT and AAS program students should take **ENG 113** (Literature-based Research) after completing ENG 111. Students in other programs should consult with their advisors to determine which course to take.

## New Study Tracks!

A **study-track** is a listing of courses that either the faculty at Durham Tech recommends as appropriate for a pre-professional degree or has been developed in collaboration with a particular college. Study-tracks serve as a blueprint for guiding community college students in selecting courses appropriate to their selected major at particular institutions. New study-tracks are available for UNC-CH’s Radiologic Science program, NCSU’s College of Management, and ECU’s Engineering program. Students interested in those programs and schools should visit the Transfer Center in Phillips 303.

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