

The Transfer Times



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Get to Know the Virtual Transfer Center!

Durham Tech's **Transfer Center** (Phillips 303) is a valuable resource for all students. Marsha Cupitt staffs the center approximately 20 hours per week, making available useful resources, such as information about transfer to other colleges and universities and details about articulation and bi-lateral agreements that DTCC has with these institutions. Visitors may also learn more about the pre-majors offered at Durham Tech. Cupitt is available to assist students in browsing college and university web sites as they make decisions about their programs of study and make future college choices.

In addition, the Transfer Center maintains a **Virtual Transfer Center** link from the Durham Tech home page (see below). Students can find plans of study, "crosswalks" that identify course equivalencies between Durham Tech and popular four-year colleges in North Carolina, links to the admissions pages of area schools, and more – all from their home computers or wherever else they have Internet access.

The Virtual Transfer Center includes a **Career Exploration** section with links to "Choices for Success," Bureau of Labor Statistics data, and the College Foundation of North Carolina to assist students with researching career options. Another link allows students to **email questions to a Transfer Center Advisor**. Visit Durham Tech's Virtual Transfer Center at <http://www.durhamtech.edu/transfer/index.htm>.

Durham Tech UT Program Shines on Annual Critical Success Factors "Report Card"

Durham Tech received high marks in the recently released 2009 N.C. Community College System's Critical Success Factors "report card" to the N.C. General Assembly and the state's citizens. The Critical Success Factors indicate how well the state's 58 community colleges are meeting statewide performance measures and serving students, business and industry, and the community. Colleges may also receive additional funding for high performance on some of the success measures.

Durham Tech's College Transfer Performance was an astounding 96% (tied for first in the state). In fact, AA/AS graduates succeeded at a 98% rate.

"These outcomes are a direct result of faculty dedication to quality instruction and commitment to effective University Transfer advisement," said Dr. Thomas Gould, Associate Dean of University Transfer at Durham Tech. "Our students are remarkably successful at the senior institutions, and this says a lot about the tireless efforts of many faculty and staff at the College who continue to strive to support student learning."



Assistance for Non-Native Speakers of English

Students whose native language is not English and who need to improve their oral and/or grammar/writing skills in English to enhance their chances for success in curriculum classes, should consider **EFL 181**, a one credit hour class that meets Wednesdays 1:05-2:10 beginning September 2 (off-cycle). Prerequisites for the course are ENG 070 and RED 070.

If that class does not fit a student's schedule, there are also some Continuing Education possibilities at Durham Tech this semester:

Accent Reduction for the International Professional: This class teaches students how to improve professional and personal interactions using an interactive approach for listening to English and speaking in English much more clearly. The class uses individualized exercises

aimed at work settings.

Non-Native English Speakers: Oral Communication Intensive: In this first course of a series, students learn oral and listening skills necessary to succeed in American professional and educational environments. Students use combined skills in various activities, including interviews, reports, oral presentations, and listening to academic lectures while taking notes. Students must have a minimum of an intermediate level of academic English proficiency. Students must commit to completing all out-of-class assignments on schedule.

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Local College Information Events

Students interested in learning more about undergraduate transfer admission at any of the following schools are encouraged to take advantage of their open houses, tours, and information sessions. Links to other schools appear on the Durham Tech Virtual Transfer Center site: www.durhamtech.edu/transfer.

East Carolina University (ECU)

Tours of ECU begin from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in the Whichard Building at the 5th Street entrance of ECU's campus (at the spotlight). Tours are available Monday through Friday at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Saturday tours are only available during fall and spring open houses. Students should register for tours at the following site:

<http://emt.askadmissions.net/ecu/emtinterestpage.aspx?ip=campusvisit>

UNC-Greensboro

Next Information Session
September 15 (Tuesday) at UNC-G
For a list of UNC-G's ongoing information sessions and details about time/location, please see <http://web.uncg.edu/adm/programs/infosession/default.asp>.

North Carolina Central University

North Carolina Central University encourages students to come for a tour of the campus, either alone or with a family or group. **Group tours** are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00am, 11:00am and 2:00pm. **Family tours** are given Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30am and 2:00pm. Tour requests are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up for a tour, go to the website listed below to register. <http://www.nccu.edu/formsdocs/campustour.cfm>

North Carolina State University

Open House '09
October 17 (Saturday) 10:00-2:00

Requires registration! To register, go to www.ncsu.edu/openhouse or call (919) 515-2434.

NCCU Recruiter Visit

A representative from **North Carolina Central University (NCCU)** will be at the College Café in the Wynn Center on Durham Tech's campus on **Wednesday, September 2, and Wednesday, September 22**, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Students interested in learning more about NCCU are encouraged to stop by for information.



C-STEP Still Accepting Applications

C-STEP is accepting applications for its next cohort. C-STEP is the Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program for high-achieving, low- to moderate-income Durham Tech students who wish to transfer to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. C-STEP participants receive additional advising and potential financial assistance, along with opportunities for other social and academic activities to ease their transition to a four-year school. The application deadline for the next cohort of C-STEP participants is **October 1, 2009**. Interested students should contact **Dr. John Martin** at 536-7223, ext. 8027, or at martinj@durhamtech.edu.

(For more on C-STEP, see the January 2008 back-issue of *The Transfer Times* is available through the Virtual Transfer Center web site: www.durhamtech.edu/transfer.)

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Language Skills for Non-Native English Speakers: Reading Intensive: Students learn reading strategies necessary to succeed in American professional and educational environments. During this first course in a series, students write responses, summaries, learn vocabulary, and word forms while reading a novel and academic articles. Students must have a minimum of an intermediate level of academic English proficiency.

TOEFL Preparation (Test of English as a Foreign Language): This course assists students in preparing for the TOEFL iBT. Students review listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Diagnostic pre-tests, post-tests, and full-length practice tests are given. This course is recommended for students who have a high intermediate or advanced level of English language proficiency, both oral and written.

For more information, students can contact **Gwen Barclay-Toy**, developmental English instructor and EFL coordinator, at 536-7231, ext 8001 or barclayg@durhamtech.edu.

In Memoriam. This issue of *The Transfer Times* is dedicated to Leslie Bradley, beloved adjunct instructor of English, who passed away this month. Leslie's laughter and her appreciation of arts, politics, and culture brightened the halls of the Phillips Building. Her warmth and wit will be sorely missed by her colleagues and former students.

