

The Transfer Times



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It's Not Too Late to Pick Up Another Course for Spring 2009!

Register for Second Mini Session Classes until Friday, March 13.

The following university-transfer classes still have space in them. Second mini session begins on Monday, March 16.

ACA-122-420 CIN: 8821
College Transfer Success (Hybrid Course)
W 5:45PM-6:35PM
Tech 903 and ONLINE

GER-112-101 CIN: 8297
Elementary German II
MTWTH 9:30AM-10:45AM
Newton 451
Students must also sign up for GER 182-101 and must have completed GER 111/181 with a C or better.

GER-182-101 CIN: 8299
German Lab 2
MTWTH 10:55AM-11:45AM
Newton 451

SPA-111-453 CIN: 1256
Elementary Spanish I
TTH 2:00PM-4:40PM
Phillips 373
Students must also sign up for SPA 181-453.
Prereq ENG 080 RED 080

SPA-181-453 CIN: 1257
Spanish Lab 1
ONLINE

Opportunities for Online Learning/Degrees Expand

The number of online course offerings at Durham Tech continues to grow to keep pace with student needs and transfer opportunities. In the 2008-2009 academic year, Durham Tech is offering 213 online classes, up from 202 in 2007-2008 and 131 in 2006-2007. Online (or distance) education makes sense for many Durham Tech students because it helps them with transportation costs and concerns, and/or scheduling conflicts. Many students with full-time work and family obligations have taken advantage of online classes to further their education or to begin training for career advancement or career changes.

In response to growing interest in online education, the Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer program at Durham Tech now offers an **all-online associate in arts (AA) degree** program. According to Dr. Thomas Gould, associate dean of University Transfer, students interested in the online AA can obtain a specific plan of study that lists the online University Transfer courses at Durham Tech that will satisfy the 64-hour core and elective requirements for the degree. Students can access a copy of the online AA plan of study from the Transfer Center in Phillips 303 or by visiting the Virtual Transfer Center at (<http://www.durhamtech.edu/transfer>).

The online AA degree is ideal for students interested in transferring to online bachelor's degree programs offered at some area universities, such as Appalachian State University (ASU). ASU offers only junior- and senior-year "Off-Campus" (online) degree options for students and recommends that

students interested in completing their bachelor's degree online complete their first two years at a North Carolina Community College. Students can read more about ASU's program at <http://www.ext-dl.appstate.edu/>.

Beginning in Fall 2009, Durham Tech, in conjunction with its Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina University Transfer partnership, will develop study-tracks for ASU's online bachelor's degree programs in Business Administration and Health Promotions. These opportunities will also be available to all Durham Tech University Transfer students who complete the 44-hour

Transfer Core Diploma. In addition, the University Transfer program is in the process of completing an AA degree study -track with North Carolina State University's Leadership in the Public Sector online bachelor's degree program.

In March, Durham Tech, will launch a new **Distance Learning web site** to assist students with assessing

whether they are prepared for online courses, accessing online course schedules, and finding online class orientation schedules/locations. According to Karen McPhaul, assistant dean of Instructional Technology at Durham Tech, the site will be a convenient, one-stop source of information for both first-time online students who want to know more about what to expect from distance education and experienced online students who are looking for specific information about online opportunities at the College. The site will contain information on both credit and non-credit online courses at Durham Tech. Be sure to check the next issue of *The Transfer Times*, which will contain summer registration information, for specifics about the new Distance Learning web site.

In the mean time, students who want to know more about the online AA program and online classes in general should meet with their academic advisors or visit the Transfer Center in Phillips 303.



Upcoming Campus Recruiter Visits

Campus recruiters from **Walden University, North Carolina Central University, and UNC-Greensboro** are scheduled to be on Durham Tech's campus this month. Students interested in learning more about academics, undergraduate transfer admission, financial aid, and other student services at these schools are encouraged to stop by and talk with the recruiters.

Feb. 9 (Monday) 9:00-11:00

Walden University

Bachelor's Degree Completion Program
Collins Building Foyer

Feb. 16 (Monday) 10:00-11:00

North Carolina Central University

College Café at the Wynn Center

March 17 (Tuesday) 10:00-1:00

North Carolina Central University

Collins Building Foyer

Feb. 16 (Tuesday) 12:00-1:00

UNC-Greensboro

Lunch-and-Learn

Teaching-Learning Center (Phil 325)

(Pre-registration recommended.)

More information in next column.)

Did You Know ...

Did you know that while PSY 110 (Life Span Development) is on the plan of study for some programs at Durham Tech, it is not a transferable course and does not satisfy the prerequisite for 200-level Psychology classes such as PSY 241 (Developmental Psychology) or PSY 281 (Abnormal Psychology)? Students interested in taking additional Psychology classes must take PSY 150 (General Psychology) as the prerequisite. Be sure to check with your advisor to confirm which course is right for you.

UNC-Greensboro Lunch-and-Learn

Interested in learning more about transfer to UNC-GREENSBORO? Students who are earning a degree in AAS, AA or AS are invited to a Lunch-and-Learn sponsored by UNC-Greensboro. An admissions counselor from UNC-Greensboro will be on hand to discuss the process of transferring to UNC-G and to answer any questions that students may have. A light lunch will be provided.



Where? The Teaching-Learning Center,
Phillips 325

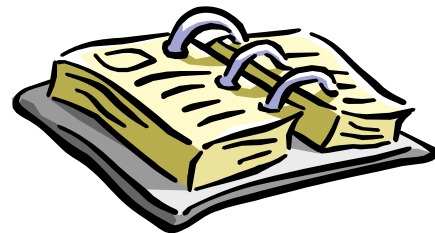
When? February 16,
12:00-1:00

If you plan to attend, please send an email to Mary Marsha Cupitt at cupittmm@durhamtech.edu so she can plan to have enough lunch for everyone!

New Link to UNC-Chapel Hill Transfer Guide

Students can now access an outstanding transfer student guide to UNC-Chapel Hill, including information on campus activities, transfer student organizations, and support/career services. Former Durham Tech University Transfer student Agata Rocka is also featured. To find the transfer student guide, go to the UNC-CH link on the Virtual Transfer Center page or cut and paste the following link into your Internet browser:

www.durhamtech.edu/html/prospective/programsofstudy/asut/UNCTransferGuide.pdf



Upcoming Events

Celebrate **Black History Month** by joining the Environmental Sciences Club for a series of lectures and seminars by a Duke hydrologist, NCCU Law School dean, WNCU talk show host, and others. Find the complete schedule of events on the Durham Tech home page.

On Wednesday, March 4, from 12:00 to 1:00, English and Communications Discipline chair Lea Bingham will lead a **Poetry Hour** on Persephone-Demeter poems inspired by Louise Gluck's book *Averno* in the Teaching-Learning Center, Phil 325.

The next **Science Seminar** is Wednesday, March 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the Collins Building room 278. Dr. Vivek Fellner of North Carolina State University will discuss her research on lipid metabolism and nutritional biochemistry.

GSK Scholarship

The application process has begun for the GlaxoSmithKline Scholarship, a significant scholarship that "offers residents of Durham, Orange, or Wake County, who have overcome significant adversity, the opportunity to pursue their dreams."

Students who think they may be good candidates for this scholarship should contact D. Thomas Jaynes, dean of Student Development at 536-7207 ext. 1406, or jaynest@durhamtech.edu

For more information on scholarships, visit the Transfer Center in Phillips 303 or at www.durhamtech.edu/transfer.