

# The Transfer Times



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## Get Ready to Register for Summer

It's time to see your academic advisor for Summer 2009 session! Did you know that admitted program students have the opportunity to meet with assigned faculty advisors in their offices and can participate in the "Reward Registration Days" to get the classes they want before non-admitted and/or special students? If you haven't applied to be a program student and want to take advantage of these valuable benefits, visit the Admissions Office in the Wynn Center.

**TECHLine** (telephone registration) will be open **Tuesday, April 14 for upper level students with 35 or more credits, Wednesday, April 15 for admitted program students, and April 20 for all students. TECHLine will close on May 4.** Students can register via **TECHLine** Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to midnight and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **TECHLine** is not available on weekends or holidays. Don't forget that April 14-17 are reserved "Priority Registration Days" for admitted students who have met with their assigned advisors.

## Opportunities for Non-Native Speakers of English at DTCC

**D**urham Tech continues to develop a variety of courses and learning opportunities to serve international students at the College. This summer (late July/early August), there will be a two-week (Monday through Thursday) intensive **English Language Institute for International Students**. According to Dr. Constanza Gomez-Joiner, chair/instructor of Foreign Languages, "The Institute will provide intermediate- to advanced-level non-native English speakers the opportunity to polish their speaking and writing skills for academic and professional situations." Students will take group classes in the morning and will work independently in afternoon language lab sessions. Additional information on the Institute will be posted on the Durham Tech website as it is available.

Students can also look for occasional curriculum offerings of **English as a Foreign Language (EFL 181 and 182)**. These labs are designed to assist non-native speakers of English in honing their ability to use standard English grammar for successful completion of college-level assignments. Students practice writing and editing to improve the accuracy and clarity of their communications in various media. In addition, they develop advanced reading skills to improve their comprehension of academic texts. The EFL courses generally begin one or two weeks after the start of the regular semester to give students time to get a sense of their regular course load and need for

assistance. Students can contact Gwen Barclay-Toy, coordinator of EFL, in Phillips 376-B for more information or check the DTCC website.

In addition to curriculum opportunities, international students can take a variety of Continuing Education classes at Durham Tech. This summer, the College will offer two sections of **Accent Reduction Intensives for Professional Non-Native English Speakers**. Limited to ten students per section, these courses will give students individualized attention to improve their American English accents. There will be one section for native Asian speakers offered on Thursday evenings in June from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. and another section

for native Spanish speakers offered on Thursday evenings in July from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Also offered this summer will be **Language Skills for Non-Native English Speakers** – one section that focuses on reading English and another section that focuses on oral communications. Students interested in these classes must have completed or be enrolled

in at least an intermediate-level academic English class or have completed the advanced-level ESL program at Durham Tech. For more information on these continuing education offerings, students can contact JoAnn Molnar, coordinator and instructor of ESL, in room 1116 of the Wynn Center.

"We are very pleased to provide an array of advanced language-improvement options for non-native speakers of English," said Dr. Maria Fraser-Molina, assistant vice president of Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer and assistant to the President for Hispanic Community Outreach. "Durham Tech is perfectly poised to offer these high-quality classes to help international students feel more comfortable and work more effectively toward their academic and professional goals here in the Triangle."



## Upcoming Campus Recruiter Visits

Campus recruiters from **Campbell University** and **North Carolina Central University** are scheduled to be on Durham Tech's campus in the coming month.

March 3 (Tuesday) 10:00 – 1:00

**Campbell University**  
Collins Building Foyer

March 16 (Monday) 10:00 – 11:00

**North Carolina Central University**  
Wynn Center (Café)

March 23 (Monday) 10:00 – 11:00

**North Carolina Central University**  
Wynn Center (Café)

## Online Degrees at ASU

March 9 (Monday) 4:00 – 5:00

**Appalachian State University**  
Teaching-Learning Center/Phillips 325

Renee' Cook of Appalachian State University will present an information session on ASU's new online bachelor degree programs in Business Administration and Health Promotions. Durham Tech is currently developing AA Study-tracks for these programs. Come learn more about these exciting, and completely online, programs.

## NCSU Holds Engineering Open House in March

The North Carolina State University Engineering departments will be holding an Open House **Saturday, March 14, 2009**, from 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

Students interested in transferring into any of NCSU's Engineering departments should attend.

For additional information and registration, call 919.515.3263 or go to [www.engr.ncsu.edu](http://www.engr.ncsu.edu) and click on "Engineering Open House" for maps, details, and on-line registration.

## UNC-W Extends Transfer Deadline

Due to the current state of the economy, and in order to assist prospective transfer students with application decisions, UNC-Wilmington has extended the application deadline for the summer / fall 2009 semester to April 1, 2009, for both UNC-Wilmington Main and Extension campuses. Prospective transfer students can apply online at [www.uncw.edu/admissions/apply.html](http://www.uncw.edu/admissions/apply.html) and can visit the UNC-W website at [www.uncw.edu/transfereadmissions](http://www.uncw.edu/transfereadmissions) for updated information/upcoming events.

## ECO 251, 252 Go Hybrid and Mini in Fall 2009!

Durham Tech will offer ECO 251 (Microeconomics) and ECO 252 (Macroeconomics) as hybrid mini session classes in **Fall 2009**. Students will be able to complete both Economics courses in one sixteen-week semester (though there is no requirement to take both and students can begin with either). The hybrid classes will meet once per week on Fridays; students will complete other portions of the work online between class meetings. Students can contact Mr. Beveridge (Phillips 380) for details.

## Humanities Essay Competition

**The Humanities Essay Competition**, sponsored by *The New York Times* College Program and the **Community College Humanities Association**, gives community college students the opportunity to gain recognition for excellence in the humanities. Students whose entries are judged to be winners of this essay competition will be eligible for cash prizes: 1st prize, \$500, 2nd prize, \$300, 3rd prize, \$200. Find details at [http://www.ccha-assoc.org/association/CCHA-NYTimes\\_H-Essay-Contest-08.doc](http://www.ccha-assoc.org/association/CCHA-NYTimes_H-Essay-Contest-08.doc).



## New Computer Information Systems Study-track for NCCU

Durham Tech offers a brand new AA Study-track for students interested in earning a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems at North Carolina Central University. The Study-track offers students a list of courses at Durham Tech that will best prepare them for transfer to NCCU's CIS program. Students who complete the courses in the Study-track and meet all other transfer admission requirements can enter NCCU's program as juniors. Interested students should ask their Durham Tech academic advisors about the new Study-track, or visit the Transfer Center in Phillips 303.

## Did you know...?

Durham Tech will be operating on a four-day schedule this summer? The College will be closed on Fridays beginning on May 15 until August 7 to conserve resources. Since the College offers a limited number of classes on Fridays in the summer, the change will not significantly change scheduled course offerings. Students who are accustomed to Friday classes or to using campus resources on Fridays should make a note of the change and plan accordingly.

Visit the Transfer Center in Phillips 303 or the Virtual Transfer Center at [www.durhamtech.edu/transfer](http://www.durhamtech.edu/transfer).

