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Lead the way.

Strategic Planning for Academic Success

- A Powerpoint presentation guide for success in college. Become familiar with the college processes and resources that will ease your confusion about what to do and why you should do it!

Apply for Admission

Admission and Assessment are two important steps to take before you meet with an advisor!

Have you been admitted? Applying is easy!

Just log on to www.waketech.edu

and click on <http://www.waketech.edu/become-student>

Click on each step in the application process:

<http://www.waketech.edu/become-student/become-credit-programs-student>

Apply for Financial Aid!

- FAFSA: Apply for financial aid online at: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> at least 6 weeks prior to the beginning of the semester you want to start college classes.

The college Financial Aid office needs enough time to process all of your information.

Open the lines of Communication!

- Establish your WTCC key account with the information in your my.waketech.edu Getting Started brochure.
- Set up your WTCC email ASAP! Financial Aid and the WTCC Registrar will communicate with you via this email account.
- Check your WTCC email every day, whether you are in classes yet or not! You may have an important message from the Financial Aid office.

Have Official Transcripts Sent

- Please note that while we can admit you with information from unofficial transcripts, in order to stay enrolled, we will need Official Transcripts from your high school and any colleges you have attended. We need those documents before you can register for your second semester with us.
- Your GED report will also serve as a critical admissions document.
- If you are a current high school student or recent graduate, request your official transcripts through cfnc.org by using the Transcript Manager

Official??

- Official means that we receive your transcript in a sealed envelope from your high school or other institution. There is usually a signature stamped across the seal on the back of the envelope.
- Remember, while you can apply with an unofficial transcript, you cannot continue in school without an official transcript!
- Official transcripts can be sent electronically to admissions@waketech.edu
- OR

Transcript Delivery Options

- You can bring your transcript in a sealed, unopened envelope from the educational institution or mail it to:

Wake Technical Community College

Admissions Office

9101 Fayetteville Road

Raleigh, NC 27603

Official Test Scores

- We also need official ACT or SAT scores.
- Your scores will help determine whether you can enroll in college level work or you need to study our testing preparation materials and take our placement tests.

The Importance of Test Scores

The college can place you directly into College English and Math based on:

SAT scores of 500 in Critical Reading or 500 in Writing & 500 in Math, or

ACT scores of at least 22 in Math, 22 in Reading or 18 in English

College level English or Math courses with grades of C or better that can transfer from a previous institution, or

English or math credit earned by AP, IB, or CLEP exams.

Placement Test Waiver

- If you graduated from a North Carolina High School within the last 5 years, WTCC can waive the placement test **IF** you:

Earned an unweighted GPA of at least 2.6 **and**

Completed Algebra II/Common Core Math III/Integrated Math III and one of the following:

Advanced Functions & Modeling

Discrete Mathematics

Pre-Calculus

Integrated Mathematics IV

Waiver Information Continued

AP Statistics

Calculus

Analytical Geometry

International Baccalaureate (IB) Math

Mindset

Probability and Statistics

Trigonometry

AP Scores

- While Wake Tech will accept AP scores of 3 or higher, transfer schools often require higher scores in order for you to place out of some classes. If you intend to transfer to a 4-year school, check with their admissions office for current information regarding their acceptance of your AP scores. Additional information is located here:

<http://www.waketech.edu/student-services/catalog/registration-student-records>

Is English Your Second Language?

If you grew up speaking another language as your first language, you could benefit from taking the English as a Second Language Test.

For more information on the English as a Second Language Test, please visit:

<http://www.waketech.edu/become-student/testing-center/esl-placement-test>

If You Need a Placement Test

- Use the information on this link to study for your tests; practice as if you were taking a class.
- Don't assume you will remember material from your high school days, even if you just graduated!

<http://www.waketech.edu/become-student/testing-center>

Why Study for a Placement Test?

- Most people who study for the test have much better scores than those who do not study.
- Study the same as you would if you were taking a class. If you work hard, you can save yourself time and money by placing directly into college level classes.
- You can only test twice in a calendar year, and there is a fee for your 2nd test.

Ready?

- Schedule your testing session.
- You will be able to meet with an advisor once you have completed the tests.
- An advisor will discuss your results with you in an advising meeting.

Academic Advising

College is not High School, and Academic Advisors at the college level are different from the guidance counselors you may remember from high school.

We work with you to formulate short- and long-term goals, navigate college systems, and discuss various pathways to help you reach your educational and professional goals.

Advising Meetings

We may begin the conversation by discussing your High School experience, your GED, or your test scores. By asking questions and carefully listening to your responses, advisors can help you develop an educational plan to get you where you want to go in the most efficient manner possible, so that you take only the classes you need. We review your options according to what you tell us.

More About Options

If you did not test into college level classes, you may want to study and test again.

We will accept your highest score on a placement test.

You can retest once in a calendar year if you need a pre-curriculum class to contribute to success in college level classes.

We will check on the scores you need to enter the program of your choice.

Advisors Will Ask...

- Do you have plans to eventually transfer to a four-year college or university? If so, which ones are you considering?
- Do you want a two year A. A. S. degree or a certificate?
- What is your timeline for graduation?
- Do you plan to attend full-time or part-time?

We will Also Ask...

Do you work full or part time?

In addition to classes and study time, what other responsibilities will you need to reserve time for? For every hour you spend in class, you should be able to study and prepare for two hours each week in addition to your class time.

We will advise you to register for an Orientation session.

Orientation

You will need to complete Orientation so you can register for classes if you are a new student this Fall

Schedule your Orientation session here:

[Orientation.waketech.edu](https://orientation.waketech.edu)

Orientation is mandatory for first time students only, but it is a good idea to attend. Why is orientation important to you? Because research indicates that students who complete orientation are more successful in college!

Orientation Details

Students must make an appointment to attend a seated session at **orientation.waketech.edu**.

If anyone is unable to make an appointment or is having log in or other issues, they should call or email the orientation office at **919-866-5893** or **orientation@waketech.edu**.

We have a 15 minute late policy. **Any student that arrives more than 15 minutes late will not receive credit for attending.** *(If you know of a student with transportation issues, please have them contact us so we can work something out with them.)*

We will hold sessions through August but students will only see two to three weeks at a time.

Online orientation is open 24/7 at **orientation.waketech.edu**.

Online Classes?

If you think you will ever be interested in an online class, you need to complete our e-Learning Introduction in Blackboard before you can register for an online class. New students and those who have not completed an online course at Wake Tech in the last 5 years with a grade of “C” or better must complete eLearning Intro. For more information:

Eli.waketech.edu

You Will Learn a New Language!

Grade point average

You must maintain an overall grade point average of 2.0 for attempted credit hours. Note: Pre-curriculum hours count in the computation of the GPA for financial aid purposes only.

Completion rate

You must successfully complete 67% of the cumulative credit hours attempted.
(Divide number of earned credit hours by the number of attempted hours).

<http://www.waketech.edu/student-services/financial-aid>

Financial Aid Language

Timeframe

Federal regulations require that you complete your program of study within a time frame of 150% of the number of credit hours required to graduate. If a student's program should be completed in 64 credit hours, then the student would be eligible to receive aid for up to 96 attempted credit hours (64 x 150%). Keep in mind that if you have changed your major, **all** preceding credit hours will be considered in the total. Just changing to a new major does not wipe out your history.

<http://www.waketech.edu/student-services/financial-aid>

Critical Resources

The **WTCC Academic Calendar** is a chart of **deadlines** for registration, payment, and schedule adjustment.

http://www.waketech.edu/sites/default/files/calendar/2014-15Academic_Calendar_Summary_2.pdf

The Academic Calendar will tell you:

Deadlines for schedule adjustment

Deadlines for receiving a refund if you drop a class

Deadline for dropping a class and earning a “W”

More Critical Resources

Web Advisor

Register for Classes

Review Financial Aid Awards

<https://webadvisor.waketech.edu/WebAdvisor/WebAdvisor?TOKENIDX=3330862754&type=M&constituency=WBST&pid=CORE-WBST>

Blackboard

Electronic system to communicate, enter and submit work, view class announcements, check grades.

Syllabus

Provides instructor contact information, including office hours, and schedules for assignments, projects, quizzes, exams.

Includes attendance policy and grading information for the class.

Hit an Academic Bump?

ILC: Individualized Learning Center

Each of our campuses has an ILC, staffed with tutors.

<http://www.waketech.edu/student-services/individualized-learning-center>

Each campus also offers Academic Success Workshops.

Academic Success Workshops

A few examples of our Academic Success Workshops include:

Making the Grade

Repairing Your GPA

Setting Goals to Reach Your Potential

Goal Setting

Time Management

Stress Management

Offered each semester!

<http://www.waketech.edu/student-services/counseling-services/workshops>

Personal Resources You Will Need:

- Reliable Transportation
- Reliable computer and internet access so you can work in Blackboard. All of our courses have some internet content.
- See the information on the link pasted below to ascertain whether your computer can accommodate Blackboard:

<http://www.waketech.edu/student-services/online-learning/students>

Advising Appointments

- North Campus offers advising appointments periodically throughout the Fall and Spring semesters. We will post a link to schedule appointments on the Announcements page of my.waketech.edu

We also see students on a walk-in basis.

Thanks for your time and attention! Good luck and come see us in Student Services!