Access to Higher Education System

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Regents’ Advisory Committee on
Academic Affairs

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The Strategic Vision

What We Are Building...

A Student Portal that will Improve Access to and Increase Participation in Post Secondary Education offerings

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Statewide Partners

Who are the Builders...

- Georgia Student Finance Commission
- Board of Regents
- Department of Education
- Department of Technical and Adult Education
- Independent Colleges
- Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services
- Professional Standards Commission
- Public Libraries
- Georgia Association of School Counselors
- Private Schools
- Georgia Public Broadcasting
- Governor’s Office
Education in Georgia

Why We Are Doing It...

Not enough Georgia students graduate from high school. (52% -- GA ranks 49th nationally.)

Not enough Georgia students go to college (60% of graduates go directly to college.)

Low income students are much less likely to enroll in college within a year of high school graduation. (16%)

Not enough Georgia students who go to college complete college (31% obtain associate degree in 3 years and 43% obtain bachelor’s degree in 6 years -- 44th nationally.)
Number of students graduating from high school is increasing (10.4\% between 2001-02 and 2017-18.)

More education translates to higher pay (High school graduate average earning is $25,600 compared to $50,150 for bachelor’s degree.)

More educated workforce contributes to economic development
Starting May 2007, GSFC will calculate high school GPAs to determine HOPE eligibility for incoming freshman.

GSFC’s mission is to promote and increase access to education beyond high school by delivering student financial aid information, services, and funding.

- Lender and Guarantor
- Outreach Services
Primary Objectives

To help students to know that:

- There is a college for them in Georgia.
  And
- Finances need not be a barrier to participation.
We believe every student should have the opportunity to go to college.
My CFNC

There's a wealth of information available on the CFNC site that does not require you have a CFNC account. However, in order to access some of the more valuable tools information you will need to set up a secure, private account.

Here are some of the things you can access with your private account:

Students:

- Learn which careers match your interests and personality
- Keep a record of your high school grades, honors, test scores, and activities
- Track your progress toward meeting specific college entrance requirements
- Apply online to over 100 NC colleges
- Submit financial aid applications online
- Check status of student loans

Parents:

- Access your National College Savings Program accounts
- Apply for a parent loan (PLUS) for college expenses
- Check the status of your PLUS or Stafford loans
Career Center

Discover Your Dream Job and How to Get There

- **Introduction to the CFNC Career Center** - Learn how the CFNC Career Center can help you determine career goals and direction
- **Career Key** - Find occupations that relate to your interests
- **Information for Students and Parents** - Get career advice specific to middle school and high school students and parents
- **Student-Career Matching Assistant** - Take an interactive test to discover which occupations match your goals
- **List of Careers** - Find detailed information on specific occupations and where to get the necessary education
- **Fastest Growing Careers** - Discover North Carolina's fastest growing occupations
- **Career Portfolio** - Create your own individual career portfolio
- **Nursing Careers** - Explore career options in the fast-growing field of nursing
Careers in North Carolina

Fastest Growing Careers

North Carolina's fastest-growing jobs include many technology-oriented and service occupations. Many of these will be newly created jobs resulting from increased demand for related goods and services. Although experiencing a high rate of growth, the actual number of employees needed in these occupations may be relatively small.

OCCUPATIONS WITH THE FASTEST ANNUAL GROWTH RATE IN NORTH CAROLINA* 1998-2008

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Career Description w/ Link to Colleges Offering Related Degrees

Description: PARALEGALS AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS assist lawyers by researching law, investigating facts, and preparing legal documents. May gather research data for use as evidence to formulate defense or to initiate legal action. These workers are career professionals, usually having either a four year college degree or a degree from an institute specializing in the paralegal profession.

Educational level: An Associate's degree (at least 2 years) is usually required.

Training: Associate's Degree (at least 2 years after high school)

Licensure: No

Minimum salary: $26,554/year

Average salary: $31,271/year

NC Employed: 3,710

Military link: http://www.militarycareers.com/occ/elegspe.htm

NC: Beaufort County Community College
This section of CFNC allows students to plan their education to meet the entrance requirements of colleges and universities in North Carolina.

- **High School Planner** - Create a personal portfolio of high school courses, activities, awards, and test scores to use on your applications. Compare your high school courses with entrance requirements of colleges you are interested in attending
- **Student Planner Timeline** - Your timeline to planning for college
- **College Entrance Requirements** - Get basic requirements for all North Carolina colleges and universities
- **College Test Prep** - Helps you prepare for the SAT and other college entrance tests
# High School Planner - 10th Grade

## English

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CFNC.org now offers comprehensive FREE test prep courses for the SAT, ACT, and GRE. CFNC Test Prep features easy-to-use tutorials, interactive practice sessions that dynamically adapt to each student's ability level, and a vocabulary builder that contains 2,000 words. Whether you have a week or a year until the test, this section of the site will help you to reinforce your academic skills and build your confidence as you approach test day.

**SAT** - Tutorials, practice sessions, and test-taking tips to help you prepare for the SAT

**ACT** - Tests your knowledge of four ACT subject areas: English, Reading, Math, and Science Reasoning

**GRE** - Tools to help you study for the Graduate Record Examination for Graduate school admission

**Vocab Builder** - Contains over 2000 words and adapts to your ability level
College Fair

Finding the Right College

Search through the colleges and universities in North Carolina to find the ones that best suit your needs.

- **Comparative View** - Compare the colleges and universities in North Carolina
- **Campus Tours** - Take a virtual tour of the colleges and universities
- **Matching Assistant** - View campuses that match your specific requirements

The information in the College Fair section is provided and updated by third parties including the respective colleges and universities. While the colleges and universities are able to update the College Fair information at any time and this section thereby has the potential to offer the most accurate and up-to-date information available, the information is not independently validated, and no party associated with this website can accept responsibility for its accuracy.
## Comparative View - My CFNC

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Click on a heading to sort:
- Click here for more help

- Sorts low to high
- Sorts high to low
Online Applications

Online Applications

Here on the CFNC Website, you can apply online for college admission and financial aid once you have created your "My CFNC." When you have an account, your profile information will complete sections of your applications automatically. Then all you need to do is fill in the blanks.

In the left margin, select:

- College Admission - For online college applications.
- FAFSA - To complete and submit the FAFSA.
- Transcripts - For online high school transcripts.
- Loan Applications - For online loan applications.
- Ask an Expert - For questions about applying.
Monday, August 30, 2004

Personal Application Manager for
Kris Biesinger

These are the colleges/universities to which you may apply:

Select one from the list and click [Start New Application]

- Alamance Community College
- Appalachian State University
- Appalachian State University – Grad
- Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College
- Barber-Scotia College

Start New Application

Online applications you are working on:

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Online applications already submitted:

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Paying for College -
A Financial Aid Primer

What's the best way to pay for college? There are different answers for different families. In this section, you'll find free information and assistance in finding the right answer for you and your family. We've put together a few quick links for you below, so you can start here or with any of the links to the left, which allow you to plunge right into a topic.

Ready for College or in College Now?

Learn why college is an important and affordable investment, and how the financial aid process really works.

College is Important! Start Here!
College is Affordable!
The Role of Financial Aid
College Savings Program

North Carolina's National College Savings Program

It's never too early to start saving for college - and now there's an easy, tax-free way!

North Carolina's 529 plan can help make college more affordable.

Our program is:
- **Accessible** - Just about anyone can open an account.
- **Affordable** - You decide how much you can contribute and how often.
- **Comprehensive** - Choose from a variety of investment options.
- **Tax Free** - Account earnings are free of federal and North Carolina income taxes when the money is used to pay for qualified higher education expenses.
- **Flexible** - Use the money to pay expenses at virtually any college anywhere in the country.
Other Benefits
Targeting an Area of State Need

Careers in Nursing

It's hard to imagine a career that offers more flexibility and opportunity than nursing. Nursing graduates today often have numerous job offers when they graduate. A career in nursing offers:

- job security
- flexible scheduling
- good pay, with starting annual salaries for RNs ranging from $30,000 to $45,000
- a wide variety of work settings
- intellectual challenge
- clear advancement opportunities
- the reward of helping others

The field of nursing offers a wide range of employment opportunities with clear paths for career progression. At every level, nursing offers the ability to make a difference and help people, often in a way they will remember for the rest of their lives. In fact, many nurses became interested in the field because of help that they or a loved one received from a competent and caring nurse.

NC’s Critical Need for Nurses

According to the North Carolina Center for Nursing, our state is projected to experience a critical shortage of nurses by the year 2010. Two key factors are contributing to a shortage of nurses in North Carolina:
FSA is a Mentor Site

We Help Put America Through School
FSA For Students

Preparing Choosing Applying Funding Attending Repaying

Follow our easy road to Education beyond High School

PREPARING CHOOSING APPLYING FUNDING ATTENDING REPAYING

Available Languages
English Español

If you attend...
College Junior/High School Elementary School

If you are a(n)...
Returning Student International Student Parent

My FSA
Apply For PIN

FSA
FAFSA
NSLDS

Search FSA

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SREB’s Electronic Campus Mentor

College begins (or resumes) here!
Welcome to the expanded Electronic Campus. The Electronic Campus is your comprehensive source for information about higher education opportunities and services across the South.

Logon
username
password
Log On
I lost/forgot my password.

Create an Account for Traditional Students

for Adult & e-Learners

Are you looking to start or resume your college education, seeking courses or programs that fit your schedule, or need to satisfy a job requirement? E-learning is for you. Here is your one stop access to convenient opportunities and services designed to meet your needs.

I am an Adult Learner

for Educators
Next Steps

- Partial launch date of January 2005.
- Full launch date of July 2005.
- Video Messages from the Governor, Chancellor, DTAE Commissioner, State Superintendent, and a Representative from the Private Colleges.
- Regional presentations to various groups throughout the State.

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