Supporting Transfer Student Success

Founded in 2006 with the support of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, C-STEP fosters success by identifying talented low income students while they are still in high school or early in their community college careers. Selected students are guaranteed eventual admission to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill if they earn an appropriate associate degree and successfully complete the program. C-STEP students are offered mentorship and guidance while pursuing their degrees.

By the time C-STEP students enroll as juniors at Carolina, they have:
Forged connections with students, faculty and staff
Earned their Associate’s degree in Arts or Science
Shadowed a Carolina student
Conducted community service
Prepared to smoothly transition

Program Overview

Year One // At Host Community College, students take 12-15 hours and meet regularly with advisors to plan academics. Highlights: Shadow Program, Kickoff Event @ UNC-CH

Year Two // After graduating with Associate Degree, it’s time to prepare for the transition to UNC-CH. Highlights: Tailored Orientation, Summer School access

Years Three and Four // At UNC-CH, students develop an Individualized Carolina C-STEP Plan (ICCP) with C-STEP staff, meet with an assigned faculty and peer mentor, and take advantage of all that Carolina has to offer. Highlights: Summer Internship Stipend, Monthly Gatherings

Proudly Serving Our State

Current C-STEP partner campuses include: Alamance Community College, Cape Fear Community College, Carteret Community College, Central Carolina Community College, Craven Community College, Durham Technical Community College, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Sandhills Community College, and Wake Technical Community College.

And we’re expanding.

580 C-STEP students served since 2006... and counting
4:1 student-faculty mentor ratio
30% of C-STEP students qualified for the Carolina Covenant (06-13), which provides low socio-economic students the opportunity to graduate debt-free.

81% graduation rate from Carolina (Classes between 2006-2011)

“As a C-STEP student, I’ll be attending meetings designed to keep C-STEP students connected and engaged on campus. This program inspire me to become the best scholar, professional, and person that I can possibly be.”
—ANDREW MCCRAE ’17

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Erik Carlos, ‘17 is a C-STEP transfer student. He majors in Black Exercise and Sports Science.

Grace Gunter, ‘17, is a C-STEP transfer student. “There is nothing more rewarding than being a Tar heel.”

C-STEP Deadlines and Application Materials

Community college candidates wanting to enter UNC in Fall 2018 // October 1, 2016

High school students graduating in Spring 2016 – OR – high school seniors with dual enrollment credit (earning 30 hours or less) – OR – community college students with earned college credit (30 hours or less including current semester course work) // April 1, 2016

Application Checklist // In order to be considered, these materials must be received by the deadline for which you are applying:

- Fill out the online application. Please include all requested information. If you answer “yes” to any of the community standards questions, please submit an explanation and supporting documentation as requested in the instructions. Please note that we are unable to review incomplete applications that do not include an explanation and support documentation to any community standards incidents.

- Mail your official hard copy transcripts from your graduating high school and all colleges and universities attended. Please note that you must submit transcripts from all post-secondary institutions in which you have enrolled, regardless of whether you completed coursework.

- Email two electronic letters of recommendation in PDF format to cstep@admissions.unc.edu.

- Email your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR). Please note that this report will be emailed to you after you fillout the FAFSA. Please forward the report via email to cstep@admissions.unc.edu.

- High school students only: Official SAT or ACT results, or scores from a community college placement exam.

Important Links

C-STEP Website: admissions.unc.edu/apply/transfer-students
Resources for Student Success: studentsuccess.unc.edu
Transfer Resources: transfers.unc.edu