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

After graduating with an associate degree, it’s time to prepare for the transition to UNC-CH. Highlights: Tailored Orientation, Peer Mentors, and Academic and Social Outings

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 and 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.

Since 2006

580 C-STEP students served... and counting

4:1 student-faculty-staff ratio

30% of C-STEP students qualified for the Carolina Covenant (‘06-15), which enables low-income students to graduate debt-free.

84% graduation rate from Carolina (Classes between ‘06-13)

50 students affiliated with the US military.

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Meet a C-STEP STUDENT

Erik Carlos II

Hometown: Fayetteville, NC  
Major: Exercise and Sports Science  
Transferred From: Fayetteville Technical Community College  
Inspiration: “My greatest inspirations to my experience here at Carolina are in part provided by my fellow C-STEP cohorts from Fayetteville Technical Community College. I have strong relationships with a handful of my fellow transfer students, and our camaraderie makes me push myself further.”  
Additional Interests: Active member of the Health Careers Club at UNC

“To give back to my community, my goal is to enter the world of physical therapy to provide compassion, relief, and encouragement for those with disabilities, injuries, or any other ailment to in order to help them regain and maintain mobility.”

C-STEP Deadlines and Application Materials

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) should apply by April 1, 2016

Community college candidates wanting to enter UNC in Fall 2018 should apply by October 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 supporting documentation for 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 fill out 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/CSTEP  
Resources for Student Success: studentsuccess.unc.edu  
Transfer Resources: transfers.unc.edu