

Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program (C-STEP)



Supporting Transfer Student Success

Founded in 2006 with the support of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, the Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program, or C-STEP, fosters success by identifying talented low- to moderate-income students while they're in high school or early in their community college careers. Selected students are guaranteed admission to Carolina after earning an associate degree and successfully completing the program. C-STEP students are offered mentorship and guidance while pursuing their degrees.

Before they enroll at Carolina, C-STEP students will have:

- Connected with students, faculty, and staff
- Earned their associate degree
- Shadowed a Carolina student



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PARTNERS

Alamance Community College
Cape Fear Community College
Carteret Community College
Central Carolina Community College
Central Piedmont Community College

Craven Community College
Durham Technical Community College
Fayetteville Technical Community College
Guilford Community College
Robeson Community College

Richmond Community College
Sandhills Community College
Southwestern Community College
Wake Technical Community College

1,100+

C-STEP students served

4:1

student:faculty/staff ratio

47%

of C-STEP students qualified for the Carolina Covenant, which enables students from low-income backgrounds to graduate debt-free.

115+

students affiliated with the U.S. military

82%

graduation rate from Carolina

Program Overview

HOST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(YEARS 1-2)

Students take 12-15 hours and meet regularly with advisors to plan their academic path.

Highlights: Shadow program, kickoff event on campus in Chapel Hill, and personal advising

TRANSITIONING TO CAROLINA

After earning their associate degree, students prepare to come to Chapel Hill.

Highlights: Tailored orientation, peer mentors, and academic and social outings

UNC-CHAPEL HILL (YEARS 3-4)

Students develop an Individualized Carolina C-STEP Plan (ICCP) with C-STEP staff, meet with faculty and peer mentors, and take advantage of all that Carolina has to offer.

Highlights: Summer internship stipend and monthly gatherings



“ The C-STEP program gave me the opportunity to pursue my ambitions at Carolina. Staff members provided me with the resources I needed to excel. I think the best thing a transfer student can do is to find a strong support system on campus to help navigate this prestigious institution. The C-STEP community is a great place to start.”

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CAROLINA CLASS OF 2021

WHEN TO APPLY TO C-STEP

We add new students to C-STEP twice a year, and we encourage you to apply as soon as possible. There are two deadlines:

- **April 1**
You'll receive your decision by late April.
- **October 1**
You'll receive your decision by late October.

Application Checklist

In order to be considered for C-STEP, please submit the following materials by the deadline for which you are applying:

- Send two electronic letters of recommendation.** Recommenders can be added within the application or letters can be sent in PDF format from your recommender's email address to cstep@admissions.unc.edu and include your full name and date of birth.
- Upload any and all unofficial copies of transcripts from your graduating high school and all colleges and universities attended.** (You must submit transcripts from all post-secondary institutions in which you have enrolled, regardless of whether you completed coursework.)
- Self-report SAT or ACT results** (if taken)
- Complete two short answer essays within the application.**