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Thank you for your interest in attending Craven Community College as an F-1 student. As a part of the North Carolina Community College System, Craven Community College provides an open door to high-quality, accessible educational opportunities. Persons who meet the admissions requirements are usually accepted although some programs such as nursing have additional requirements, competitive admissions, and limited enrollment. The College is committed to academic excellence, customer service, and leadership. With the support of faculty and staff and the comprehensive support services, each of our students is provided hope, opportunity, and preparation for both a productive life and a career. Unique features of Craven Community College are:

- \* Dedicated and caring faculty and staff
- \* Small class sizes
- \* Affordable rates
- \* Excellent programs and services

Craven Community College is a comprehensive two-year community college located in eastern North Carolina. New Bern is located approximately 30 miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean at the confluence of the Trent and Neuse Rivers. New Bern has mild spring and fall seasons. The climate is warm during summer when temperatures tend to be in the 80's and cool during winter when temperatures tend to be in the 40's. The surrounding area offers many recreational opportunities, diverse cultural and social activities, and an affordable cost of living.

Craven Community College enrolls approximately 4,500 curriculum students each year with a small percentage of international students. The College offers a variety of two-year associate degrees including the courses to complete the first two years of a baccalaureate degree program. International students must be enrolled full-time (12 credits or more) for two semesters during the academic year (summer term is optional) and be admitted to one of the degree programs offered at the College. All courses are taught in English. A Test of English as a Foreign Language, the TOEFL iBT version or TOEFL PBT, is required before entering a full-time academic (college) program. Craven Community College does not administer the TOEFL. There is a fee to take the test and applicants must make their own arrangements to take the TOEFL.

Admitted students must also arrange for their own transportation to school. Many students purchase an automobile to use while they are here. Coastal Carolina Regional Airport is located in New Bern and CARTS provides public transportation to the campus.

The College does not have dormitory facilities. Housing arrangements must be made by the applicant. Room or apartment rentals range from \$400 to \$900 per month and typically have required deposit fees.

International students must provide a financial statement indicating that they are capable of meeting the costs for two years of school plus room, board and living expenses. Medical insurance is not provided by the College; however, commercial insurance is available.

We appreciate your interest in Craven Community College. Although housing and transportation arrangements are initial challenges to overcome, the excellent education you will receive and the living experiences you will have in New Bern will be worth the effort. To apply for admission, please complete and submit ALL of the required documents in this admissions packet. I look forward to welcoming you as a new student at Craven Community College!

Respectfully,

*Zomar Peter*

Dean of Enrollment Management