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ADMISSIONS

Craven Community College is an *open-door* admissions higher education institution. The College will normally admit all applicants who meet the criteria set forth in this policy. In addition, the College admits students without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, family status, disability status, veteran status, or any health or genetic information.

Admission to the College, however, does not guarantee admission into specific College programs. Students may be selected into competitive admissions programs once they have met the requirements and demonstrated the aptitude for those programs.

The President of the College shall implement admissions Procedures consistent with this policy.

Secondary School Accreditation

Admission to the College will not be denied based on the accreditation status of a secondary school located in North Carolina, unless accreditation was conducted by a State agency. In addition, the College will not use such accreditation status in any decision related to the admission to programs of study or the distribution of loans, scholarships, or other educational activity at the College. The term “accreditation” shall include certification or any other similar approval process.

Residency Determination

North Carolina law prescribes specific requirements for establishing residency for tuition classification purposes. In general, a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes is a person who has established and maintained legal residence in North Carolina for at least 12 months. For dependent persons (as defined by IRS tax code), residency is determined as that of the parent or legal guardian.

Other persons not meeting the 12-month legal residence requirement may be classified as North Carolina residents for tuition purposes only if they fall within one of the limited categories authorized by the North Carolina Legislature. All other persons are ineligible for classification as a North Carolina “resident for tuition purposes” and will be charged out-of-state tuition.

State statutes require the College to utilize the statewide Residency Determination Service (RDS) for new and returning students. All applicants (with the exception of Career and College Promise applicants) must complete a Residency Determination request to determine their tuition status (in state or out of state) prior to completing and submitting an Admissions application. Students may be required to submit supporting documentation during this process within timeframes required by RDS.

Undocumented Immigrants

The College shall admit an undocumented immigrant, defined, for purposes of this Policy, as any person not lawfully present in the United States, only if the applicant has attended and graduated from a United States public high school, private high school, or home school that operates in compliance with state or local law. In addition, it is the policy of the College that:

- Federal immigration classifications will be used to determine whether a person is an undocumented immigrant,
- Undocumented immigrants who are admitted shall comply with all federal and state laws regarding financial aid,
- Undocumented immigrants are not considered a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes, and are charged out-of-state tuition whether or not the person resides in North Carolina,
- When considering admission to a specific program, the College must take into account any federal law that prohibits states from granting professional licenses to undocumented immigrants, and
- For classes or programs of study having capacity limitations, applicants lawfully present in the United States shall have admissions priority over an undocumented immigrant.

Admission of Minors

Career and College Promise (CCP). The purpose of CCP is to offer structured opportunities for qualified high school students to dually enroll in College courses that provide pathways leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree as well as provide entry-level job skills. Academic credits earned through CCP enable students who continue into postsecondary education after graduating from high school to complete a postsecondary credential in less time than would normally be required.

The College collaborates with Craven County Schools to offer the following CCP pathways:

- College Transfer,
- Career and Technical Education,
- Workforce Continuing Education, and
- Cooperative Innovative High Schools—Craven Early College and Early College EAST.

Minors not Enrolled in High School. Minors, 16 years old or older, who are not currently enrolled in a public or private educational agency, may be admitted to a Career and College Readiness or Continuing Education program at the College if a North Carolina local public or private educational agency, where the minor now resides, determines that admission to either program is the best educational option for the student.

Education Records of Minor Students - Leon's Law. Leon's Law (SL 2025-46, enacted as NCGS 115D-10.80) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) provides for the release of education records of minor students to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Minor students shall acknowledge this

requirement, in writing, as part of the class registration process. The parents(s) or legal guardian(s) may choose to “opt out” of the disclosures. Records will also be shared with school administrators and counselors at the student's high school, if the student is dually enrolled. Disclosure is also allowed without the student's consent if the student is considered a dependent under IRS rules.

Emancipated Minor. The minor must provide legal documentation of emancipation. Admission requirements for an emancipated minor shall be the same as for an applicant 18 years old or older.

Refusal of Admission

The College may refuse admission to any applicant:

1. Who poses an articulable, imminent safety threat of any kind to the College, the student body, faculty or staff, or to any individual. Any person denied admission for this reason shall be given an opportunity to appeal the denial.
2. Who, having applied for a College program that requires a student to possess a firearm, cannot show eligibility to possess a firearm. Any person denied admission for this reason shall be given an opportunity to appeal the denial.
3. Who is currently under suspension or expulsion from another institution of higher education.
4. Who is not a resident of North Carolina, seeks enrollment in any distance education course, and the applicant is a resident of a state where the College is not authorized to provide distance education in that state.
5. Who refuses to provide a social security number during admission and enrollment processing, with the exception of:
 - a. Students taking courses for which no academic credit is offered;
 - b. Nonresident alien students;
 - c. Students whose qualified tuition and related expenses are entirely waived or paid entirely with scholarships; or
 - d. Students for whom the College does not maintain a separate financial account and whose qualified tuition and related expenses are covered by a formal billing arrangement between the College and the student’s employer or a governmental entity.

The President of the College shall implement Procedures and establish the standards for refusing admission to individuals.

Student Recruitment

The College shall not engage in student recruitment practices that are, or may be reasonably perceived as, unfair, deceptive, or abusive. Prohibited practices include, but are not limited to, multiple unsolicited contacts (3 or more) by phone, email, or in-person, or engaging in same-day recruitment and registration for the purpose of securing enrollments.

The College shall not provide any commission, bonus, or other incentive payment based directly or indirectly on securing enrollments or federal financial aid (including military Tuition Assistance funds) to

any persons or entities engaged in any student recruiting, admission activities, or making decisions regarding the award of student financial assistance.