

# The North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) and The NCCCS Common Course Library (CCL)

*The North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA)* is a statewide agreement governing the transfer of credits between N.C. community colleges and N.C. public universities and has as its objective the smooth transfer of students. This agreement has been approved by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and the N.C. State Board of Community Colleges. The CAA provides certain assurances to the transferring student; for example, the CAA identifies community college courses that are appropriate for transfer as electives. Courses that will satisfy pre-major and general education requirements are also specified.

The CAA defines a 44-semester credit hour general education core which, if completed at the community college, is fully transferable to UNC institutions and will satisfy general education requirements. This means that a transfer student who completes the general education core at a North Carolina community college will not be required to take other general education courses at a UNC institution, even if his/her 44-semester credit hour core does not completely match the university's. Students should be aware that some universities have graduation requirements that transfer students must satisfy— such as physical education or a foreign language.

North Carolina community college students who earn an associate's degree according to the guidelines of the CAA will be treated as juniors at the receiving UNC institution. Students graduating from North Carolina community colleges under the guidelines of the CAA will have 64-semester hours of credit transferred to the UNC institution to which they are admitted. Because UNC institutions differ in their admission requirements, students intending to transfer should contact the UNC institution(s) of their choice to learn about specific admissions requirements.

The CAA includes a Transfer Assured Admissions Policy (TAAP), which assures admission to at least one of the 16 UNC institutions with the following stipulations:

- Admission is not assured to a specific campus or specific program or major.
- Students must graduate from a NC community college with an AA or AS degree.
- Students must meet all requirements of the CAA.
- Students must have an overall GPA of a 2.0 and a grade of "C" in all CAA courses.

The following NC private colleges and universities endorse the CAA: Barton, Belmont Abbey, Bennett, Brevard, Campbell, Catawba, Chowan, Gardner- Webb, Johnson C. Smith, Livingstone, Louisburg, Mars Hill, Montreat, Mount Olive, NC Wesleyan, Peace, Pfeiffer, Queens, St. Andrews Presbyterian, Saint Augustine's, Shaw, Warren Wilson, and Wingate.

*The North Carolina Community College Common Course Library (CCL)* lists courses that have been approved for transfer to the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina. Transferring students must have earned a grade of "C" or better in a course in order to get transfer credit for the course.

- [www.nccommunitycolleges.edu](http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu)
- [www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/assessment/reports/student\\_info/caa.htm](http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/assessment/reports/student_info/caa.htm)

\*The above information was taken from the North Carolina Transfer Guide for Community College Transfer Students, 2006.