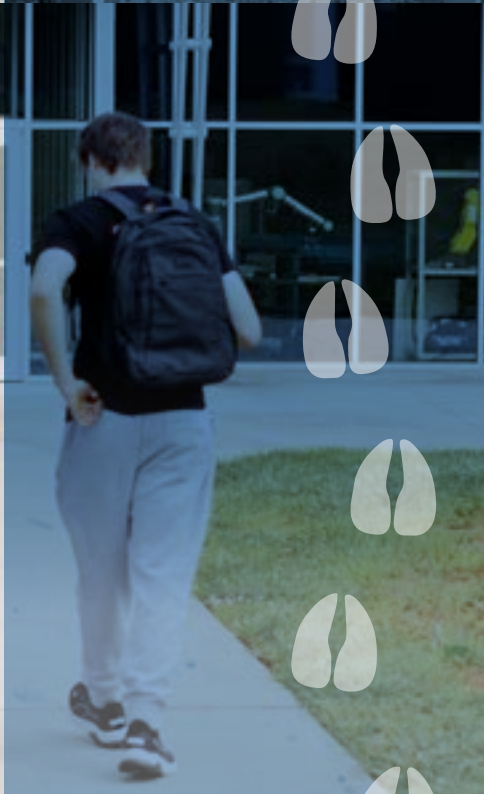
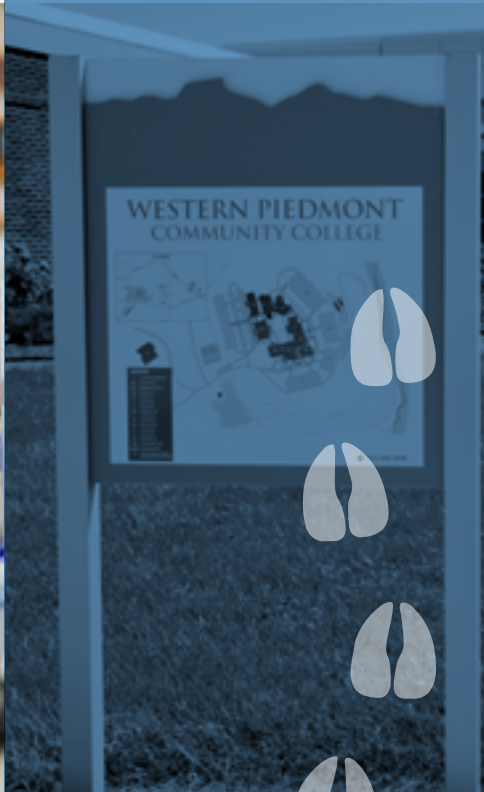




ACHIEVING SUCCESS

STEP INTO YOUR FUTURE

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ACHIEVE SUCCESS: GENERAL INFORMATION

At Western Piedmont Community College, your success starts here. As a comprehensive, two-year public institution, WPCC empowers students of all backgrounds to reach their goals through accessible, high-quality education. Whether you're planning to transfer, start a career, or gain new skills, WPCC offers diverse programs, hands-on learning, and personalized support to help you succeed - both in college and beyond.

10:1 Faculty to Student Ratio
(Fall 2025)



**76 Cities & Towns
Represented** (Fall 2025)



255 Scholarships
to 158 students totaling
\$177,512.26
during the 2025-26 academic year

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

For Continuing Education and
Personal Enrichment courses
visit wpcc.edu/continuing-ed/



HEALTH

- Emergency Medical Science Bridge
- Social & Human Services
- Health Sciences
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Laboratory Technology
- Medical Office Administration
- Nursing
- Practical Nursing
- Recreational Therapy Assistant

DIGITAL AND VISUAL

- Audio & Video Production Technology
- Digital Effects and Animation
- Simulation & Game Development

COSMETOLOGY

- Cosmetology
- Manicuring / Nail Technology
- Natural Hair Care

BUSINESS

- Accounting & Finance
- Business Administration
- Information Technology
- Office Administration

EDUCATION

- Associate in Arts in Teacher Preparation
- Associate in Science in Teacher Preparation
- Early Childhood Education
- Interpreter Education
- Residency Licensure Programs

TRANSFER

- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Fine Arts
- Associate in Arts in Teacher Preparation
- Associate in Science in Teacher Preparation
- Associate in Science

ENGINEERING

- Computer Engineering Technology
- Computer Integrated Machining
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Industrial Systems Technology
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Mechatronic Engineering Technology
- Welding

HORTICULTURE

- Horticulture Technology
- Landscape Design Certificate
- Plant Production Certificate

PUBLIC SERVICES

- Basic Law Enforcement Training
- Criminal Justice Technology
- Paralegal Technology

CONSTRUCTION

- Building Construction Technology
- Construction Carpentry Certificate
- Construction Management Technology
- Construction Trades Certificate
- Heavy Equipment Operations
- HVACR Certificate
- Light Construction Diploma
- Photovoltaic System Technology Certificate

CAREER & COLLEGE PROMISE (CCP)

- Earn college credit while you're still in high school!

PACE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

- The PACE Program connects local industry with WPCC to provide training and career opportunities.

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS (CCR)

- Adult High School Program
- High School Equivalency Program

YOU BELONG HERE



"THE SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE GREATLY HELPED ME ATTEND COLLEGE. WITHOUT THEM, I WOULD HAVE GONE SOMEWHERE AND WORKED INSTEAD OF GOING FOR AN EDUCATION TO BETTER MY LIFE."

JOSHUA HESS,
CONSTRUCTION
STUDENT



"WPCC IS A FANTASTIC RESOURCE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO CONTINUE TOWARD THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION GOALS. NEVER GIVE UP AND KEEP STRIVING TO REACH YOUR GOALS."

JAMIE TREVORROW,
NURSING GRADUATE



"I CHOSE WPCC BECAUSE IT WAS CLOSE TO HOME, AND I AM ENJOYING EVERY BIT OF IT AND SOAKING IN THE KNOWLEDGE."

ELI THAO, TRADES STUDENT



ARE YOU AN ADULT LEARNER LOOKING TO RETURN?

RECONNECT WITH US!

Contact Jenny Beck, Director of
Advising and Enrollment.

 BENTONJB@WPCC.EDU

 828.448.6031



STEPS TO APPLY

STEP 1: APPLY

The WPCC Application Process

- [Apply online](#)
- Establish your residency status for tuition purposes through the [North Carolina Residency Determination Service](#).
- Explore career options and plan for your future with [CFNC](#).

Receive Your Acceptance Letter

- Upon acceptance, access your WPCC student accounts using the steps provided in [this video](#)

STEP 2: TRANSCRIPTS & PLACEMENT TESTS

Request Your Official High School, GED/AHS Center and/or College(s) Transcripts

- Have all official high school and college transcripts mailed to the WPCC Admissions Office, 1001 Burkemont Avenue, Morganton, NC 28655.
- Official electronic transcripts should be sent to officialtranscripts@wpcc.edu.
- If you received your Adult High School Diploma from WPCC, please download, fill out, and submit a [Transcript Request Form](#) (PDF file – open with the free [Adobe Reader](#) software) and have the transcript sent to the Admissions Office.
- If you received a GED, request your official high school equivalency transcript by going to the [Diploma Sender website](#) and selecting the state where you tested. If you have the option to submit the transcript electronically, email it to officialtranscripts@wpcc.edu

Placement Tests

- WPCC uses multiple methods for placement.
- Learn more about [placement testing and exemptions](#).
- Have questions or need more information? Contact the Director of Career & Testing Services at (828) 448-3155.

STEP 3: PAY FOR COLLEGE

- Contact our Financial Aid Department at (828) 448-6046 or [visit their website](#) to find out what types of financial assistance may be available.
- If you do not qualify for Financial Aid, we offer a convenient monthly [Tuition Payment Plan](#).
- You can also get more information about [tuition and fees](#).

STEP 4: REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Contact Your Advisor

- Discuss classes and make a plan for graduation. Your advisor's contact information can be found in your academic profile located in [Pioneer Pass](#).

Register for Classes

- Check the [Academic Calendar](#). Use the [Semester Guide](#) and [Class Schedule](#) to plan for the upcoming semester.
- Get assistance [registering for classes using Pioneer Pass here](#)

COMPLETING THE WPCC APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

1. Go to www.wpcc.edu in your browser.
2. Click on "Get Started" on the top navigation bar. Then click on the second option from the drop-down, "Apply Now".
3. Scroll down and click "Apply Online".
4. This will take you to the www.CFNC.org login page.
If you do not yet have a CFNC account, you can create one now. However, if you already have an account that you previously created, you will need to log in using that information. If you have forgotten your username/password, you can select those options to regain access to your CFNC account.
5. Once you have created or logged in to your CFNC account, you will be taken to the WPCC application page. You may begin your application, answering each question accurately. Answers to questions with red * asterisks are required in order to complete and submit the application.
6. When you get to the Residency Determination Service/"RCN Number" section of the application, go back to the tab with www.wpcc.edu/new-students page open.
7. Click on the link to "North Carolina Residency Determination Service" which will take you to www.ncresidency.org.
8. Once you have completed your application, including entering your RCN number, you can sign & submit your application to WPCC.

After submitting your WPCC application:

- Within 24-48 hours, you will receive a welcome email from WPCC, which will also go over how to log in to your WPCC email and Pioneer Pass accounts.
- From your Pioneer Pass account, you will be able to see who your assigned advisor is and send them an email to set up a time to meet, discuss your goals, and plan out which courses to take.

Take the following steps to get started and enroll at WPCC:

1. Request your official high school transcripts to be sent to WPCC.

If you graduated from a North Carolina high school, you can request your transcripts online at www.CFNC.org by clicking "Apply to College" and then "Request your Transcript"

If you graduated from another state, you should contact your high school's school district for information on how to get your official transcripts.

2. Complete the FAFSA each year to apply for financial aid!

FINANCIAL AID AND FAFSA INFORMATION

TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID:

- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov. The FAFSA opens October 1st each year.
- Be sure to enter our school code (002982) so that we receive your FAFSA information.
- You can complete the FAFSA before you are admitted to the college, but we will not be able to view or process your FAFSA until you have completed your admission application and been admitted.
- After completing the FAFSA, you may wish to apply for other financial aid scholarship opportunities such as WPCC scholarships or outside scholarships, which may be awarded in addition to any federal or state need-based aid you are eligible for!

FAFSA INFORMATION

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) uses student/household income information to calculate a Student Aid Index (SAI), which determines your eligibility for federal & state need-based financial aid for each academic year (fall, spring, and summer semesters).
- The FAFSA must be completed each academic year you are enrolled in college to apply or reapply for financial aid.
- The FAFSA requires information from the student and also may require information from "contributors," which refers to anyone else who is required to provide information on a student's FAFSA form such as: the student's spouse, biological or adopted parent(s), or the parent's spouse. Being a contributor does not imply responsibility for the student's college costs.

PREPARE FOR THE FAFSA

Before completing the FAFSA, you should prepare by doing the following:

- Create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) for yourself (the student) at studentaid.gov if you have not previously created one or completed a FAFSA.
- An FSA ID is an account and password that gives you access to the Federal Student Aid's online system and serves as your electronic signature on the FAFSA. You cannot create more than 1 FSA ID, as it is linked to your Social Security Number. If you have an FSA ID but have lost/forgotten it, please call the FSA ID Information Center at 1-800-433-3243 for assistance.
- Determine who will be a contributor on your FAFSA, such as your parent(s) or spouse, and assist them in creating their own FSA ID(s).

PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR FAFSA AT WPCC: **June 1st each year**

- Submitting the FAFSA by the June 1st Priority deadline allows enough time for aid to be processed and awarded before fall tuition/fee charges are due.
- WPCC continues to process and notify students of financial aid award eligibility as FAFSA information is received throughout the entire academic year (even after the Priority Deadline of June 1st or after tuition/fees have already been paid out-of-pocket by the student).

FINANCIAL AID AND FAFSA INFORMATION

I'VE COMPLETED THE FAFSA, NOW WHAT?

1. After completing the FAFSA, you will receive a FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) from the Department of Education. You should check the FSS for any discrepancies or errors. If you find anything that needs to be corrected, you can make those changes by logging back in to your FAFSA to make corrections online.
2. Some FAFSAs may be randomly selected for a process called verification by the Department of Education or the school. If your file is selected for verification, WPCC must collect documentation to check the accuracy of your FAFSA information or identity. The Financial Aid Checklist on your Pioneer Pass account will provide a list of all the documentation you must provide in order to finalize your financial aid file. Your financial aid will not be processed until all required documents have been received and verification has been completed.
3. Once all required documentation has been received and processed, you will receive an Offer Letter notification email through your WPCC email account, and can then view and sign your Offer Letter on Pioneer Pass.
 - *If you or your family's financial situation has changed significantly from what is reflected on your federal income tax return (for example, if you've lost a job or otherwise experienced a reduction in income), you may be eligible to have your financial aid adjusted. Complete the FAFSA questions as instructed on the application (including the transfer of tax return and income information), submit your FAFSA form, then contact the school you plan to attend to discuss how your current financial situation has changed. Note that the school's decision is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.*

OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID

- In North Carolina, your FAFSA is automatically used to assess your eligibility for State need-based aid, such as the Next NC Scholarship.
- New and returning students should complete the single WPCC Foundation Scholarship Application online at wpcc.awardspring.com each year from February 1 through July 15 to be considered for all Foundation scholarships for which they may be eligible. WPCC awards over 200+ scholarships to our students each year!
- Students can also search for and apply to scholarships offered by outside organizations on their own. To begin searching for outside scholarship opportunities, we recommend students visit cfnc.org for scholarships offered in North Carolina, and careeronestop.org for nation-wide scholarship opportunities.
- WPCC no longer participates in the Federal Direct Student Loan program, so students needing to borrow loans to meet education expenses not covered by other sources of aid may wish to consider alternative or private education loan options. Students wishing to be certified for any private/alternative education loan at WPCC must also complete a FAFSA for the same academic year to ensure that all sources of grant aid have been considered.

NORTH CAROLINA

RESIDENCY DETERMINATION SERVICE

If you are under the age of 24 or don't support yourself, before beginning the RDS application:

1. Make sure you have a parent or guardian with you while filling this out.
2. Your parent/guardian must have the following:
 - Social Security numbers, TIN Number (or other identifiable number)
 - Tax return information, vehicle registration, and driver's license
 - Voter registration and additional information about residency in North Carolina

To begin the RDS application:

1. Log into your CFNC account using your username and password as you would for your WPCC application – you can also complete RDS once you begin the WPCC application.
2. Check over information and update if needed. If you see anything that is wrong, make sure you fix it. **Social Security Number (SSN) and Date of Birth must be accurate to continue.**
3. Begin filling out the application, verifying that the information is correct before continuing to the next page. **Do not guess, as this could lead to being considered a non-resident = OUT OF STATE TUITION**
4. When asked if filling out application for School of Math and Science, select "No"
5. If you only live with one parent or only know one parent's information, select "Only live with one parent or Guardian." Then put in parent information as provided.
6. After completion, you will receive an "RCN" number. If you are currently completing the WPCC application, you can copy-paste this number directly into the RCN field on the application to continue.

If you don't agree with the determination, you may:

1. DO A RECONSIDERATION: to correct or enter additional information
2. DO AN APPEAL: to provide special information – you have 10 days to request
3. Call RDS toll-free: 844-319-3640

DACA Students:

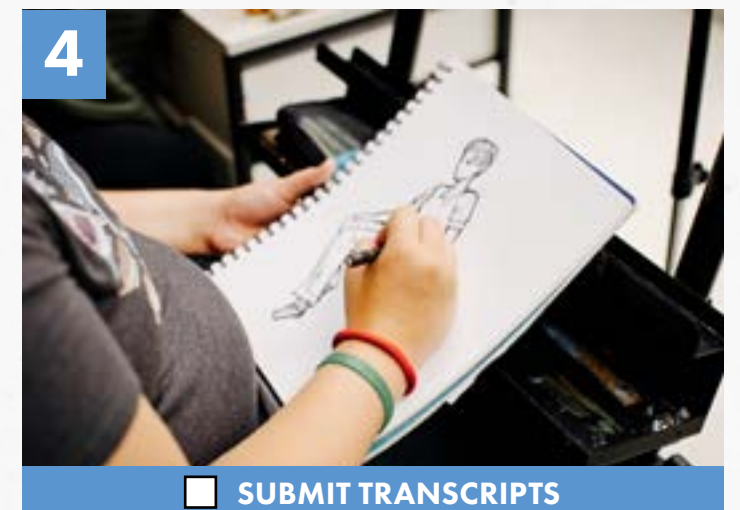
- By North Carolina policy, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients do not qualify for in-state tuition. When asked in RDS Online Interview, do NOT claim residency. You will receive an RCN, be determined a non-resident, and can complete college admission applications using your RCN.

Undocumented Parent(s):

- Some students may have special circumstances that prevent the RDS system from determining your correct residency status. If you believe you should be considered a resident of North Carolina, you may appeal the RDS determination, and you will have the opportunity to show RDS additional documents and proof of residency in North Carolina.
- If parent(s) have TIN number, have them use that and then go through appeal process.
- Call RDS toll-free at 844-319-3640.

NEXT STEPS

CHECKLIST



ARE YOU READY FOR 8 WEEKS?



BEFORE DAY 1

- Complete FAFSA
- Register for classes with your advisor
- Pay for classes
- Any program required health screens/immunizations
- New Student Orientation
- Check computer access
- Know your class schedule



BY DAY 1

- Textbook
- Access Codes
- Login - Moodle, Email, etc.
- Computer Access
- Course Specific Supplies
- Student ID (used for proctored tests)



ON DAY 1

- Complete mandatory Attendance Check Activity
- Read syllabus
- Begin Assignments
- Plan ahead
- **Check Moodle!**



WHO CAN HELP ME?

- Instructor
- Student Success Advisors
- Advisor
- **Check Watermark!**

CAMPUS RESOURCES

SCHOOL CONTACT INFO

wpcc.edu
828.448.3500

Follow us on social media! @WPCC



Financial Aid

Located in Hildebrand Hall. The Financial Aid Department is here to help you navigate scholarships and tuition support so you can focus on your education, not your expenses



Library & Academic Success Center

Located in Upper Level of Phifer Hall. The Library and Academic Success Center (ASC) are your go-to spots for quiet study, expert tutoring, research help, and all the tools you need to thrive academically.



Office of Accessibility Services

Located in Hildebrand Hall. Get personalized support for your well-being and request assistance for classroom accommodations.



Clubs & Organizations

Explore your passions or hobbies and make your college experience unforgettable! WPCC offers over 15 clubs and organizations.

[View them online at wpcc.edu/student-life](http://wpcc.edu/student-life)



The Book Cellar

Located in Lower Level of Phifer Hall. This is your one-stop shop for everything you need to succeed including textbooks, supplies and college gear to help show your Pioneer Pride!



Cafe

Located in Upper Level of Phifer Hall. Fuel up with a tasty snack, dive into your studies, or kick back and laugh with friends - all in one vibrant campus hangout spot!



TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Hildebrand Hall

Empowering first-generation students to thrive, this program provides dedicated academic support and the encouragement needed to confidently achieve and complete their postsecondary goals. Learn more and apply online at wpcc.edu/ss



BOOST's approach includes timely and relevant student support, dedicated advising and incentives to help students stay on track and complete their programs as quickly as possible. For more information about Boost and eligible programs, go to www.wpcc.edu/nc-boost

CAREER COACHES

Career & College Promise Students - find your Career Coach at wpcc.edu/career-coaches

CAREER SERVICES

Phifer Hall

Receive Comprehensive support for students and alumni as they explore career options, prepare for employment and transition into the workforce or further education.

STUDENT SERVICES

Hildebrand Hall - Main Campus

828.448.6046

studentservices@wpcc.edu

FINANCIAL AID

financialaidoffice@wpcc.edu

BUSINESS OFFICE

businessoffice@wpcc.edu

WPCC SECURITY

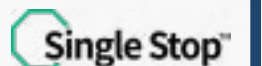
828.448.6196

[Download the AlertUs App here](#)



Curriculum students, age 18 & older have FREE, 24/7 access to virtual care services with TimelyCare.

wpcc.edu/personal-counseling



Local and online support for essential needs like food, housing, finances, and tax prep.

wpcc.edu/pioneer-resource-hub-2

SEMESTER GUIDE



[Find information here](#) on registering and paying for classes, plus 8 week resources! This guide has centralized resources to help you navigate each step of the academic semester.

DAY ONE ACCESS

WPCC ONLINE BOOKSTORE

Students start every term ahead of the curve with the Day One Access course materials program!



ALL TEXTBOOKS INCLUDED

The Day One Access program provides an innovative, personalized, and affordable course material experience for students. At the start of every term, all students receive all of the course materials they need in order to succeed.



THE BOOKSTORE IS ONLINE

Students are encouraged to visit the website and log in to see all of their course materials.

Once logged in, students see a personalized page with materials, delivery dates, and format types.



HELP & RESOURCES

There is year-round student support with 24/7 availability during the back-to-school season.

Students can visit the help page on the website, send an email, or call the bookstore for help.



BENEFITS & SAVINGS

Including textbooks in school costs ensures that all students have the materials they need at an affordable cost and in a timely manner.

This way, they can engage with them early and have better learning outcomes.

LEARN MORE AT
WPCC.EDU/DAYONEACCESS



VIEW ALL CAMPUS MAPS AT
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