



## Nashua Community College Connection: NCC's newsletter for high school guidance offices

**Thank you for your partnership & welcome to our first Newsletter!**

### December, 2017

The Admissions Team at Nashua Community College truly appreciates the opportunities that you have given, and continue to give us, to visit with and educate your students about Nashua Community College! As the city's public college, NCC is eager to help students prepare for their futures whether that future be with NCC, another institution or career-training program, or the workforce.

**With this new quarterly newsletter, we hope to collaborate with Guidance Counselors as a team to help students meet their needs upon graduation!**

Sincerely, the NCC Admissions Team, pictured below, from left, Early College & The Honors Program Specialist Susan Smith, and Enrollment Specialists Alicia Jean, Karen Lavoie, and Valerie Devanna.



Questions or comments? Please contact Campus Communication Specialist Tina Forbes at [cforbes@ccsnh.edu](mailto:cforbes@ccsnh.edu)



The Admissions Team is led by: Lizy Gonzalez – Vice President of Student and Community Affairs

## Do you have Students that are undecided on careers?

[Career Coach](#) is an online application using real-time job data to provide an interest and skills assessment that will match the student to local careers and a relevant program of study. Free for students, the survey suggests a range of potential career paths of interest, including salary ranges for the student's zip code, and the app also lists the corresponding educational program to prepare for each career path.

Visit Career Coach to take the career and education mapping survey at: [nashuacc.emsicc.com](http://nashuacc.emsicc.com)

Or scan the QR code with your phone to take the survey on your mobile device now:



## Meet our Academic Success Center staff!

NCC is familiar with each student having individual learning styles and what works best and makes them most successful.

Our Academic Success Center will give the student the security that this will continue in their College Education. We are able to assist with specific education accommodations, individual tutoring, among other resources.



From left, Julie Thompson, Tammy Demanche, Maria Dimitros and Jodi Leah Quinn of the Academic Success Center.

## FAFSA Help

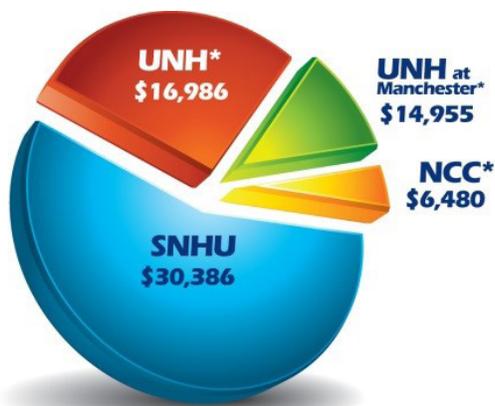
### DID YOU KNOW?

Students and Families needing help completing the 2018-2019 FAFSA can come by NCC Financial Aid during Office Hours (Mon - Thu 8 AM to 6 PM, Fri 8 AM to 4:30 PM), no appointment necessary!

**Students do not need to be planning on attending NCC to stop by and receive help.**



## Pathways to Four-Year Colleges from NCC



### Start here - save money.

Figures displayed reflect tuition & fees for one academic year.

Source: The College Board, reported tuition & fees as of April 2016. Figures reflect full-time status (12 or more credit hours per semester). NCC tuition is charged per credit and is based on 15 credit hours per semester. \*Denotes in-state tuition

### Help your students achieve a college education with less debt!

*They can save thousands by starting at NCC and finishing at their choice of four-year institutions!*

Students can enroll at NCC in Dual Admissions - Meaning they are literally a student of NCC and a four-year program at institutions such as UNH and SNHU at the same time.

Students can also enroll at NCC and transfer seamlessly to another program by following NCC [articulation agreements](#). Our advisors will guide students in choosing classes to satisfy their education at NCC and at their future four-year program.

*Want more information for a particular program or articulation agreement? Contact the Admissions Office today at [nashua@ccsnh.edu](mailto:nashua@ccsnh.edu), or 603.578.8908. Or visit [nashuacc.edu/pathways](http://nashuacc.edu/pathways)*

## Track your credits: What transfers between NH colleges?

Are your students interested in starting at one NH institution and transferring to another one down the road? How about transferring their Running Start or Early College credits to another NH college or university?

Check out NH Transfer Pathways at [www.nhtransfer.org/transfer-programs](http://www.nhtransfer.org/transfer-programs) to see where your students' credits can transfer within the state.

**Or scan the following QR code to visit the site with your mobile phone:**



## NCC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

### Rapid Manufacturing Group Scholarships

This scholarship is intended to assist students in achieving competency in the metal working industry. Five \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to full time sophomore students. The scholarship is awarded based on faculty recommendation, CGPA, and essay.

### Gene Haas Scholarship for Recent High School Graduates

This scholarship is funded through a grant by the Gene Haas Foundation to support NCC machine tool students in achieving a degree. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to recent high school graduates entering an eligible machine based training program at NCC.

### NCC Honors Senior Award Scholarship

This scholarship recognizes four graduating seniors, one each from Alvirne High School, Nashua North High School, Nashua South High School, and Souhegan High School, who have shown exemplary critical thinking skills, creativity, a sincere love for learning, and improved academic achievement. The student must achieve a high school CGPA of 3.2 and be nominated by the guidance counselor of the respective high school. The student will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for tuition and fees at NCC contingent upon acceptance into the NCC Honors Program the Fall semester after high school graduation and full time enrollment at NCC.

### New Hampshire Scholars

The NH Scholars award at Nashua Community College is a \$500 tuition waiver available to High School Students who have graduated from a participating NH Scholar High School (see [nhscholars.org](http://nhscholars.org) for a list of high schools) and who have completed the Core Course of Study upon graduation. NCC may grant up to twelve (12) \$500 NH Scholar awards. Application available at the NCC Office of Financial Aid.

### New Hampshire High School Valedictorian Scholarship

A one year tuition only scholarship, up to a maximum of 32 credits, will be awarded to designated New Hampshire high school valedictorians, based on a cumulative grade point average, from a New Hampshire NEASC accredited institution. The one year will be defined as the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters, with a start date of any of the three and applied only within the one year from the time of first semester of matriculation.

The recipient must enroll as a matriculated student within 15 months from the time of secondary school graduation.

*Want more information regarding scholarships or college financing? Contact the Financial Aid Office today at [Nashua Financial Aid@ccsnh.edu](mailto:Nashua_Financial_Aid@ccsnh.edu), or 603.578.8903.*

## Prison internship affirms student's dedication to Forensic Psychology

**Intrigued by true crime drama, Patricia sought real-world experience at a maximum security men's prison to see if Forensic Psychology was the right path for her**

After attending the psychology program at Nashua Community College, Patricia Ferreira is now a junior at UMASS Lowell where she is already preparing grad school applications.

Patricia said an important experience for her at NCC was her spring 2017 internship at the New Hampshire State Prison for Men in Concord, a maximum security facility. "It was the first time NCC had an internship there," Patricia said. She recalled working with Professor Jayne Barnes who suggested contacting the internship coordinator. Patricia commuted to Concord from Nashua twice per week throughout the semester. "It was awesome, I want to reach out and see if I can come back over the summer and volunteer," she said.

The internship served as a three-credit course (PSYC 290) with Professor Barnes for Patricia, who along with a weekly journal entry, midterm and final, also completed an "Integration Paper," similar to a Capstone Project, at the end of the semester. "I am truly grateful for the opportunity I was granted as it has served to solidify my decision to pursue Forensics [Psychology]," she stated in the paper. In it, she focused on the high rate of recidivism, what the causes may be, and how prison programs seek to address this.



Patricia Ferreira, right, with Prof. Jayne Barnes at NCC. Patricia was a psychology student at NCC before transferring to UMASS Lowell as a junior in fall 2017. Patricia credits her experience interning at the New Hampshire State Prison for Men in Concord last spring as cementing her interest in Forensic Psychology.

## >>Student Spotlight, continued...

During the 120-hour internship, Patricia worked directly with inmates, alongside seasoned prison staff. She described programs such as “Think for a Change,” which helps inmates practice techniques for fostering impulse control. Another program, the Family Connection Center, is where incarcerated parents can send messages home and have Skype visits, as well as attend parenting classes, and join parenting support groups. Also the court-mandated Alcohol and Other Drug Intensive Treatment program supports inmates dealing with substance abuse in weekly meetings.

“I have always been interested in forensic psychology and the criminal mind,” Patricia said, adding she’s been a fan of “real crime” depictions in film and television for some time.

“I really wanted to get my own exposure in the real world, not from TV. I knew I needed to go out and make an effort.” Her experience at the prison made up her mind to pursue forensic psychology as a career, and she lauded the access granted to her by the prison staff.

“As an intern, I wasn’t expecting to do as much as I did. I spent time with the inmates, I came into contact with them, I co-facilitated group classes, and assisted with inmate assessments,” she said. Patricia described the prison as “maximum security,” but with different levels of custody, “So there’s a halfway house, a general population, Secure Housing Unit – all depending on inmate’s behavior or the nature of their crimes,” she said.

“Most people we dealt with were sex offenders; it was one of the most common crimes committed by inmates,” she said. Patricia observed the inmates’ had a different rapport with their case managers versus the correctional officers. “Most of the time they are very respectful of their case managers, since the case managers are their advocates,” she said.

While Patricia was in a situation in which an inmate became very agitated and had to be led from the room, she was positive about the overall internship experience. “I think it was great, I have no regrets. It helped me understand exactly what I want to do,” she said.

Now at UMASS Lowell, Patricia is a top student, and a psychology and law research assistant. “When I set my mind on something, I’m going to do what it takes to get it. My dedication is the number one thing that got me through,” she said.

She recommends the internship experience to other students. “I would definitely advise them to figure out what they’re interested in and take that opportunity to go into the field and see it for themselves,” she said. “You’re going to learn either way – you’re going to strengthen your interests, or figure out it’s not for you,” she said.

“That’s what’s exciting about this, Patricia is already excited about her program, and she found something that has met her expectations,” said Prof. Jayne Barnes, chairwoman of the Social, Educational & Behavioral Sciences at NCC, which includes Psychology.

“I think internships should be offered in every program,” Patricia said. Patricia is a Nashua resident, and a first-generation American, and first-generation college student. Her family is from Brazil. She took four years off after high school before enrolling at NCC. “I think the time off helped. It’s not easy out there without a degree,” she said.

>> Learn more about NCC at these upcoming events



# EXPRESS ADMISSIONS

www.nashuacc.edu/express

Prepare for Spring Semester Jan. 16, 2018!

## January 4, 2018

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Prospective students can:**

- Meet with an enrollment specialist
- Submit an application
- Assess Math and English skills
- Be admitted into a program
- Register for classes
- Establish a payment plan

Financial Aid experts will be available to help you complete your Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).



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## WINTER HOURS

**Academic Advising Center**  
Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Admissions Office**  
Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Academic Success Center**  
Mon.- Thurs. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Business Office**  
Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Café 505**  
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Fitness Center**  
Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Fri. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Bookstore**  
Mon. 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tues - Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun. CLOSED

## Open House Events at NCC

- February 8, 2018, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
- May 10, 2018, 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Visit our Open House event website at:  
[www.nashuacc.edu/events/open-house](http://www.nashuacc.edu/events/open-house),  
or scan the QR code for more details.



**Thank you for reading our first Newsletter! Happy Holidays  
from all of us in the NCC Admissions Office!**

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- NCC Mission Statement

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