Free College Course for Graduating High School Seniors

The Foundation for NH Community Colleges and NH Charitable Foundation have partnered to give the Class of 2021 a head start on their college career with a free 3-credit course this fall at any state community college.

Eligibility:
• Students receiving a NH high school diploma in 2021.
• Students who completed or are completing the HiSET/GED in NH in 2021.
• NH home school students graduating in 2021.
• Students who live in a different state but will be receiving a NH high school diploma in 2021.
• High schools in NH can be public or private.
• All eligible students must matriculate for Fall 2021 at any of the CCSNH colleges.
• The ACCUPLACER* college placement test is required for all associate degree & certificates that require math and/or English. The ACCUPLACER may not be required if the student:
  - Is graduating or has graduated high school in the past 3 years & submits a transcript
  - Scored high enough on your SAT’s within the past 3 years.
  - Earned math and/or English; college credits, AP courses, or CLEP tests

Eligible students can take a 3-credit course of their choice at no cost to them, at any college within the Community College System of NH (CCSNH) including NCC. The Foundations’ gift covers tuition and associated fees. Each college will work with students to help with course selection and advising. With the past year presenting many obstacles for students, our hope is that this helps give the Class of 2021 an easy entry point into higher education and on a pathway to a rewarding career.

Enrollment: Eligible students can contact the admissions office at the community college of their choice. NCC’s Office of Admissions can be reached at 603.578.8908, or Nashua@ccsnh.edu. Students can choose an online, remote learning, hybrid or in-person class. Graduating seniors who have already enrolled at a CCSNH college for the fall are also eligible for the class gift.

Fast-Track Enrollment at Express Admissions:
Students can sign up for a virtual or in-person meeting with Express Admissions Mon. & Weds, 10AM – 4PM, Tues. & Thurs, 10AM - 5PM.

Additional Resources:
For more information on the “Gift to the Class of 2021,” visit GiveNHCC.org/ClassGift. See the announcement video at the Foundation for NH Community Colleges YouTube page.

*ACCUPLACER helps to place students into college-level English & math. Recently, NCC began using “multiple measures,” an alternative to taking the ACCUPLACER for anyone who graduated from high school in the past 3 years. If applicants submit a final high school transcript, or qualifying SAT or AP scores in math and English, they may not need to take the ACCUPLACER.
Choose on campus, online, remote, or hybrid classes this Fall at NCC

- **On Campus:** Classes meeting on the NCC campus. (Day classes are coded with a letter designation on the SIS schedule, ex: ENGL 101N A; Evening classes are coded with a number designation on the SIS schedule, ex: ENGL 101N 1)

- **Online:** Fully online classes. These are asynchronous, meaning there are no assigned class times, but there will be assignment due dates each week. (Online courses are coded with the ZZ designation on the SIS schedule.)

- **Remote:** Classes using a videoconferencing service such as Zoom to meet at an assigned time to deliver live instruction. These remote meetings are synchronous, meaning that they have assigned days and times for the online class meetings. (Remote courses are coded with the RO designation on the SIS schedule.)

- **Hybrid:** Classes with a combination of any of the above formats (Hybrid courses are coded with the HY designation on the SIS schedule.)

All classes use Canvas, NCC’s online learning management system.
Hailing from Mascenic Regional High School, Kolby first enrolled at NCC “on a whim,” and is now off to pursue his four-year degree at the University of Tampa in Florida.

“I plan on attending the Sykes College of Business at The University of Tampa to pursue a bachelor’s degree in business administration/marketing starting next fall,” said Kolby, adding he received a “significant” scholarship toward his studies. “I also am going to be living and working in Phoenix, Arizona for 3 months this summer, where I will be interning for a startup that specializes in ad tech and digital marketing for publishers.”

NCC Experience: Kolby first experienced NCC through the Early College program while a student at Mascenic Regional High School in New Ipswich, NH. After high school, he was unsure what to do, and enrolled at NCC “on a whim.”

“It felt like the right decision to make as I was not real confident with what I wanted to pursue, but I knew I wanted to study business.” He first considered majoring in accounting to break into finance and possibly become a financial analyst or advisor, but found a better fit with marketing. “I felt as though it better catered to my analytical-creative personality.”

Now with an associate degree behind him, and a path mapped out for his bachelor’s degree, Kolby said NCC was the right choice, “I could not be happier with that spontaneous decision.”

During his time at NCC, Kolby said the small class atmosphere and rapport with faculty stood out. “Being able to get to know my professors personally and have them aide me, not only in the classroom, but outside of it as well with career and continuing education advice has been my favorite part.”

“The business program has amazing professors that truly care about their students,” he said, and singled out Business professor and department chair, John Carlisle, Professor Patricia DiLorenzo, and Honors Coordinator and Professor Stephen Meidell for their support.

 “[They] are all people who have provided so much guidance, advice, and wisdom and they do not receive enough credit for the value they provide.”

Choosing a Program: “The most challenging part of my program was probably finding the right niche and career within my major that I wanted to pursue.” He hasn’t selected a concrete career path, but said he’s eager to explore his options, “I think NCC has certainly prepared me for not only my bachelor’s program, but my future employment as well.”

Transferring to The University of Tampa: Kolby began connecting with transfer advisors at NCC and potential four-year institutions early so he could plan ahead – and it paid off. “I talked to a lot of academic and business school advisors both at other universities and NCC and they were all very willing to help with course equivalencies, requirements, financial aid, and any other questions I had.”

“People want to help, do not be afraid to just ask. Start early, ask lots of questions, do your research, and be open to new and different ideas and pathways.”
From Merrimack High School, Tayla Schipilliti chose Nashua Community College as a starting point toward a Bachelor’s degree. She earned her Associate Degree in Liberal Arts from NCC in 2017, before transferring to Bryant University and launching her career in Digital Marketing.

“NCC was a great fit for me because of the convenient location and ability to create a flexible schedule,” said Tayla, a Merrimack High School graduate. “I was initially interested in NCC because it provided an opportunity to earn credits at a lower tuition that could be transferred through the dual admission program.”

After graduating high school, Tayla was unsure of what direction to go for her future career and wanted to try a variety of classes to explore her interests. “The Liberal Arts program at NCC allowed me to do this and it is how I discovered that I really enjoy marketing!”

While at NCC, she said the small class sizes and diverse student population benefited her overall experience. “I think that taking classes with students of varying education levels and work experience enhanced the program by allowing different perspectives, therefore creating a richer learning environment.”

Transfer Experience - NCC to Bryant University: “After graduating from NCC, I transferred to Bryant University where I pursued my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in marketing and a minor in communication. During my time at Bryant University I became involved in campus life by joining the Big Brothers Big Sisters club, Bryant Marketing Association club, Digital Marketing Team, and was a member of the Mu Kappa Tau Marketing Honor Society.”

Career Pathway - Digital Marketing: Following her graduation from Bryant University, Tayla started her career in Digital Marketing as a Digital Advertising Associate at Carnegie Dartlet. “In my time here, I have learned so much about digital marketing and moved on to become a Digital Advertising Specialist where I work to help clients develop and implement their overall digital marketing strategy.”

Advice for Future College Students: “If I could give any advice to prospective NCC students, it would be to dive in and take full advantage of the resources and network that NCC has to offer and to never pass up an opportunity to learn, grow, and get involved,” said Tayla, adding that everyone is on their own educational journey, and students don’t need to take a traditional path to succeed.

“I would have never known to look for the best marketing programs in the area or be able to afford my degree at Bryant University if I hadn’t started my journey at NCC.”
NCC Innovation Team

NCC’s student team is among 12 finalists selected in the national Community College Innovation Challenge. CCIC is sponsored by the U.S. National Science Foundation, in partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges. Finalists will compete in a virtual innovation boot camp in mid-June.

The program “seeks to strengthen entrepreneurial thinking among community college students by challenging them to develop innovative solutions to real-world problems,” according to a CCIC news release. It also enables students to discover and demonstrate their capacity to use STEM to make a difference in the world and to translate that knowledge into action.

The NCC Team was selected for their work to develop the “EnviroMask,” an environmentally friendly, fully biodegradable face mask using cotton with bioplastic & non-woven bamboo fiber.

The NCC team is:

- **Anthony (Tony) Gravell** of Townsend, MA, North Middlesex Regional HS grad
- **Lucas Scovil** of Hudson, NH and graduate of Alvirne High School
- **Nathan Post**, Nashua High School North graduate
- **Natalie Brown** of Hollis, NH, graduate of Hollis Brookline High School
- **Professor Betsy Gamrat**, Team Mentor

“We need to inspire new generations across all communities to explore the wonders of science and engineering, and CCIC is an exciting opportunity for students to start thinking about STEM careers,” said Karen Marrongelle, assistant director for NSF’s Education and Human Resources Directorate. “I look forward to learning more about their projects and the contributions these students will make to America’s STEM future.”

CCIC Teams consist of two to four students and a faculty or administrator team mentor. Finalists attend a virtual innovation boot camp June 14-17, where they interact with entrepreneurs and experts in business planning, stakeholder engagement, strategic communication and marketplace dynamics. The boot camp ends in a student innovation showcase with STEM leaders and congressional stakeholders and a pitch presentation to determine the first, second and third-place teams.

“The students competing in this challenge are leaders in innovation, and their use of STEM solutions to benefit society are not only highly significant, but necessary in helping to secure a strong future,” said Walter G. Bumphus, president and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges.

“Our post-pandemic world will need fresh, innovative minds to design creative solutions to help those that need it most, and we are excited to help facilitate the process.”
Career Training
& Accelerated Learning

Students can get career-ready with fast-paced career training such as the Microelectronics Boot Camp & Coding Boot Camps

**Microelectronics Boot Camp**
The 10-week, noncredit Boot Camp prepares students for entry-level ribbon/wire bonding and manual epoxy dispense and die attach positions at local companies. Grads are guaranteed an interview with the boot camp’s founding partner, BAE Systems. Since its founding more than 4 years ago, the hiring rate has stayed close to 95 percent. **Contact: Jon Mason, jmason@ccsnh.edu**

**Coding Boot Camp: Learn to be a Front or Back End Web Developer in 18 weeks**

**Front End Software Development:** students take 3 courses to learn the skills and technologies necessary to enter the industry as a Front End Software Developer: Introduction to JavaScript, Front End Technologies, and Web App Design with React.

**Back End Software Development:** students take 3 courses to learn the skills and technologies necessary to enter the industry as a Back End Software Developer: Introduction to Java, Relational Databases with MySQL, and Web API Design with Spring Boot.

**How it works:** Students meet online once a week. In addition to the weekly class meeting, students meet once a week for a remote, 30-minute one-on-one with a mentor. Students start each academic week on Sunday and are required to watch all videos and start working on assignments/projects before their meeting online to be prepared. **All Coding Boot Camp grads are guaranteed an interview with Minim in Manchester.**

**Interested in both pathways?** The Front and Back End Coding Boot Camp sessions are scheduled consecutively, and returning students get a discount.

**Contact Kim Eckenrode, keckenrode@ccsnh.edu**
Virtual Info Sessions
Industry & Transportation, Nursing, & General Information - [RSVP online](#)

**General Info Sessions**
Starts at 5:00 PM

- Monday, July 12
- Monday, August 16
- Monday, September 13
- Monday, October 18
- Monday, November 15
- Monday, December 13
- Monday, January 10, 2022
- Monday, January 24, 2022
- Monday, February 14, 2022
- Monday, March 14, 2022
- Monday, April 18, 2022

See if the program is the right fit, plus:
- Learn how to Apply
- Explore future career options
- Get info on internships and paid coops
- Learn about financial aid & transfer options

**Industry & Transportation**
Honda • Auto • Collision Repair • Aviation

Starts at 5:00 PM

- Tuesday, June 8
- Tuesday, June 22
- Tuesday, July 6
- Tuesday, July 20
- Tuesday, August 3
- Tuesday, August 17
- Tuesday, Sept. 7
- Tuesday, Oct. 5
- Tuesday, Nov. 2
- Tuesday, Dec. 7
- Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022
- Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022
- Tuesday, March 8, 2022

**Nursing Info Sessions**
Starts at 3:00 PM

- Thursday, June 10
- Thursday, June 24
- Thursday, July 8
- Thursday, July 22
- Thursday, Aug. 5
- Thursday, Sept. 9
- Thursday, Sept. 23
- Thursday, Oct. 7
- Thursday, Oct. 21
- Thursday, Nov. 3
- Thursday, Dec. 9
- Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022
- Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022
- Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022
- Thursday, March 10, 2022
- Thursday, March 24, 2022
- Thursday, April 21, 2022
- Thursday, May 12, 2022
Interested in having NCC visit your high school?

Nashua Community College can prepare a virtual presentation for your school, like express application days, financial aid reviews, program overviews with faculty guests, “undecided nights,” & more!

Admissions and Dual Enrollment staff work with high school partners to best meet the needs of each school. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions!

ADMISSIONS OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday, 8AM - 6PM
Friday 8AM-4:30PM

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
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Thank you for reading our Spring Newsletter! Stay tuned for more news from NCC!

“Nashua Community College provides quality, academically rigorous, higher-education programs, focused on the diverse needs of the student and the community”
- NCC Mission Statement