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CCCC News

- CCCC Dental Center opened August 4. The center is a collaboration between CCCC and Lee County Public Health. It will house dental training programs as well as provide dental services to low-income Lee County residents.
- All students from the Class of 2006 of CCCC's Associate Degree Nursing program earned perfect scores on the North Carolina licensure exam. The exam is a six-hour test that covers all areas of patient care.
- A representative of the National Marrow Donor Program's Greater Southeast Area recently visited CCCC. Students and staff signed up to be potential bone marrow donors.

Distance Ed Connections

A Newsletter for CCCC's Distance Students

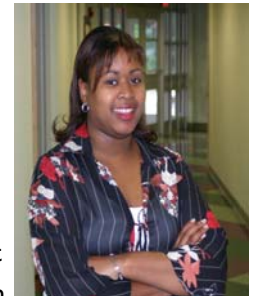
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DE News—Fall 2006

Creating community in journalism education

Mavis Carter is CCCC's lead instructor for the completely distance Community Journalism program. She teaches all eight courses that make up the core of the program's associate degree.

"I truly enjoy working with the students who have chosen to investigate the online culture," she said. "I'm a product of this instructional method, and I'm fortunate to have such a diverse group of learners." She says that the greatest struggle she faces in teaching only distance courses is preventing students from feeling isolated. She works to build a "community" of learners in her online courses.



Community Journalism
Lead Instructor,
Mavis Carter

After serving in the Army, Carter attended Fayetteville Tech Community College where she earned her Associate in Arts. She then earned her Bachelors of Science in Mass Communications at UNC-Pembroke and then her Master of Arts degree in Journalism from Regent University.

Carter began working at CCCC in July 2004. She lives in Fayetteville with her husband, who is still serving in the Army and recently returned from a tour in Iraq, their four children, and two cats. An active member of her church, she volunteers in nursing homes and with Meals on Wheels. In her spare time, which is rare, Carter enjoys traveling and photography.

Distance learning takes on new meaning for student

Scott Hutchings has been a student at CCCC since fall 2006. However, he has never stepped foot on CCCC's campus. In fact, he's been taking courses from locations such as Amman, Jordan and Pristina, Kosovo! Hutchings has found CCCC's distance education delivery convenient. Hutchings says, "CCCC allows me to work anywhere in the world and continue my education." It also allows him to complete his coursework at a time convenient to him, but this is sometimes challenging to Hutchings. He says that it is difficult to maintain a full course load and work full-time.

At present, Hutchings has been living overseas for five years. After completing his Associate in Arts degree, he hopes to work full time with the Federal Foreign Service as a Diplomatic Courier "transporting and monitoring sensitive government material to and from embassies around the world." Hutchings now works as the Section Chief of the Defensive Tactic Unit for the largest police academy in the world in Budingen, Germany. Hutchings and his family love living in Germany because of the beautiful scenery and rich history. "My family and I have enjoyed the opportunity to travel and have been exposed to many different cultures. It's been an experience of a lifetime!"

DE director dedicated to student success

Bianka Stumpf is excited about the role she plays in helping students meet their educational goals. As the Distance Education Director, she likes “working with distance students who are less traditional—the full-time workers who come to CCCC with the drive to excel in their studies without the easiest of circumstances.” Since July 2004, she has been doing just that.



DE director, Bianka Stumpf

After graduating from Catawba College, Stumpf began teaching secondary history courses at Lee County High School. At the conclusion of her graduate program, she welcomed the opportunity to assist a different population of students with which she was less familiar.

Stumpf sees the value in distance education courses because they offer the rigor of college course work but on a more flexible schedule. “Working students can work when it’s best for their busy schedules,” she said. “More traditional students can choose to work at a time of day they feel is their peak of concentration.” Stumpf does caution prospective distance students to be sure that they have the technical and self-directing skills necessary to successfully navigate online courses.

When she is not working for CCCC, Stumpf enjoys the company of her husband, Ty, an English and humanities instructor at the College, and her three Boston Terriers and two cats. An avid reader, she enjoys reading fiction novels and watching live theatre.

DE Calendar & Important Reminders

October 9 & 10 - On-site distance education midterm exams (online exam dates may vary)
9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 24 - Meeting for prospective May 2007 graduates - Harnett Campus

October 26 - Meeting for prospective May 2007 graduates - Lee Campus
1:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

* Chatham graduates - contact Carol Bradford at cbradford@cccc.edu

October 30 - November 9 - Early advisement/student registration for Spring 2007

November 16 - Last day to withdraw without a “WF” for traditional semester
(Mini-mester 1 & 2 dates vary, check website for details)

December 4 & 5 - Distance education final exams (online exam dates may vary)
9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Earn a Medical Transcription Certificate via Distance Ed!

The Medical Transcription Certificate is now available via distance education. The certificate is a two-semester program. The program follows the schedule outlined below:

Fall Semester

OST 141 Medical Terminology I

OST 241 Medical Transcription I

OST 281 Emerging Issues in Med. Office

Spring Semester

OST 142 Medical Terminology I

OST 242 Medical Transcription II

OST 285 Adv. Emerging Issues in Med. Office

For information about this certificate, contact Mildred Whitaker, Medical Office Administration Instructor, by email at mwhitaker@cccc.edu or by phone at (919) 718-7464.

A Note from the Learning Resource Center

Since the spring of 2004, librarians Linda Stone and Janice Pope have been part of the virtual reference service, *NCKnows*. The service allows North Carolina citizens to get help from librarians and use library resources from their computer.

NCKnows is staffed by librarians from academic, public, and specialty libraries statewide. Users can log on to *NCKnows* and chat with a librarian 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The chat service also provides access to information about participating N.C. libraries and their resources.

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Distance Education after CCCC

Criminal Justice, B.S. degree
at Western Carolina

Western Carolina University has been offering a Criminal Justice online program for several semesters. Students who have taken criminal justice courses as electives as part of CCCC’s Associate of Arts degree program will find the Western Carolina degree a good fit for continuing their education.

Additionally, many of CCCC’s criminal justice courses can be transferred toward this degree at WCU. Visit cj.wcu.edu/CJ_courses_CJ-distance.htm for more information.

You can also contact Carlie Merritt at (828) 227-2170.