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Student Spotlight:

Rebecca Anderson, Harnett Central High School



Pathway: College Transfer

Future Plans:

Rebecca plans to enter the health science field as a neonatal nurse practitioner. She plans to pursue her undergraduate in nursing at East Carolina University or Campbell University in the fall of 2019. Upon completing her

bachelor's degree she plans to attend ECU for graduate school. Rebecca will graduate from Harnett Central High school in June with 53 college credits from Central Carolina Community College.

CCP Advisor: What do you believe has made you so successful in the CCP Program?

Student: By applying myself to learn the material in each of my courses and managing my time efficiently, I have been successful in the program. This program has taught me time management skills needed to be successful especially when taking multiple classes in one period. Taking multiple classes in one period has proven to be a challenge. However, I have learned to not procrastinate and to get my assignments completed early.

CCP Advisor: What advice would you give future CCP students?

I would tell future students to take as many classes as possible. This program has given me the opportunity to complete most of my prerequisite courses needed for my bachelor's degree. Since I have been able to complete so many courses, I am planning apply to the school of nursing earlier than anticipated, which will hopefully allow me to graduate with my bachelor's degree sooner. This program has not only saved me a lot of time, but has also saved me a lot of money.

CTE Pathway Offering:

This semester many new pathways are available to better serve our surrounding service areas. The Medical Assisting Pathway allows high school students the opportunity to get an early start on becoming certified medical assistant. Medical Terminology I, Medical Terminology II and Medical Law & Ethics are a few examples of the courses that students can take. Students who have the desire to become a medical assistant can work in a hospital, medical doctor's office, or an urgent care facility. On average, medical assistants earn \$21,000-\$29,000 in an entry level position.

The Medical Assisting Pathway allows students to begin their career quicker or they are able to use the certification as a stepping stone into the medical field. For example, if a student has the desire to become a doctor, working as a medical assistant would allow a student to earn patient/clinical hours which is desired experience for medical school applicants. Being able to begin this pathway as a high school student creates many opportunities for future success in the medical field.

Visit the [Medical Assisting Program](#) page on CCCC's website for more information.

Resources for Students Ready for Work: Networking Strategies (CFNC)

Getting ready to enter the work force after you have completed your college degree does not and should not begin once you leave the college quad. Networking with prospective companies in your chosen career field can and should begin while you are in the last stretch of college.

There are many things that can be done to assist in gaining employment with the organization in which you are interested. Some of the best ways to solidify employment begin with simply conducting informational interviews. These interviews are all about gathering information for your job search and adding valuable contacts to your network - contacts who are invested in your success because they've gotten to know you through an interview that you've initiated.

Next, cultivate your network contacts. Brainstorm everyone from your college life who could be a member of your network. Your college peers/classmates as well as very recent alumni are among the best contacts for college students because they are in touch with current hiring needs and are going through the same process that you are - or they went through it recently. Then think about all the prospective network contacts in the circle of your college life and beyond such as: professors, advisors, administrators, guest speakers at the college you have made connections with, coaches, or any one else who has ties to the school to include alumni. Don't forget to make a list of everyone you might approach to solicit advice and referrals for your job search. Also consider attending trade shows in your field and events specifically intended for networking such as Chamber of Commerce functions in your hometown or in the city in which you want to work after graduation.

A third great way to stand out to potential employers is to create networking cards. As a college student you probably don't have a business card to leave with the people with whom you network. But you can still hand your network contacts something to remember you by - a networking card with contact data and information about your skills and what you want to do with those skills after graduation. You can have these cards printed inexpensively or create them yourself on your computer.

In today's technology age social media is a fantastic way to network while attending college. Online social media should not be used at the expense of face to face networking, however. It should be used to enhance your face to face connections. It's important in today's job search to maintain a positive online presence so employers and recruiters can find you. Just don't spend all your time networking online because mingling with warm bodies is far more effective. Consider implementing Hansen's Online Social-Media Formula:

- Your own Website with your name as its domain name or a LinkedIn profile
- Facebook profile

- Twitter presence
- LinkedIn profile (if you don't already have one as a substitute for your own Web site)
- a presence on up to three more social-media venues, such as niche networking sites related to your profession and online discussion boards or e-mail groups about common professional interests.

Be sure also to avoid "digital dirt" - risque photos, status updates that involve sex, substance use, politics, and other dicey topics.

These are some great tricks and tips to help you navigate and finally nab your awesome job after graduation. Don't be afraid to put yourself out there and let potential employers know who you are and what you can bring to their table! Happy Job Hunting!

College Transfer at a Glance: Western Carolina University



Western Carolina University is part of the UNC college system. It is located in Cullowhee, NC and started as a teacher's college in 1889. It has grown to service more than 10,000 students in both undergraduate and graduate programs. There are over 120 degree programs available. Western Carolina works hard to incorporate teaching, research, service, and engagement throughout their campus to give students a well rounded experience. Western Carolina is also a part of the NC Promise program, which provides a drastically reduced admissions cost to help students of all backgrounds to attend college.

At a glance:

- 9,400+ undergraduate students
- 57% female students, 43% male students
- 57% of classes are 30 students or less
- 16:1 student:faculty ratio
- Active Greek life
- 83% of students receive financial aid
- NC Promise program participant
- Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

Reference: www.wcu.edu 9/19/2018

Resources for Students Going to College: College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC)



College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) is a free service of the State of North Carolina provided by a collaboration of a variety of state education stakeholders.

CFNC promotes access to North Carolina higher education and assists students with education planning, career planning, and applying and paying for college.

CFNC.org offers help with career and college planning for all age groups - from elementary school students to adults. Here you can investigate future careers, open a college savings account, plan courses that lead to college, explore college choices, figure out how to pay for your education, complete college applications online, and even have your high school transcripts sent to colleges automatically.

Senior high school students especially should create an account to help traverse the college search, application and decision process. Additionally, for students applying to any college

within the UNC System, verification of state residency is required and the Residency Determination System (RDS) is also managed by CFNC. Go to www.cfnc.org to set up an account today.

Reference: www.cfnc.org 8/9/2018