

CCCC EARLY COLLEGE

Located in Chatham, Harnett, and Lee counties

What is Early College?


Early colleges are public high schools where students have five years to earn both a high school diploma and an associate degree, free of charge. The Early College serves a large number of first generation students. Students apply as 8th graders and enter the early college as freshmen. Many early college students are pursuing associate degrees to allow them to transfer to other colleges and universities while others are completing career and technical programs in their areas of interest. Our early colleges empower students to meet their academic and career goals.



Lee Early College

Lee Main Campus
1105 Kelly Dr. | Sanford, NC
Liaison/advisor: Nick Testa

In May 2020, 52 Lee Early College students graduated. 42 of the LEC graduates earned an associate degree, and all of them earned college credit. Ten early college students earned academic awards with CCCC for the 2019 – 2020 school year! LEC is entering its 14th year.

 **Did you know?**
13 early college students won CCCC academic awards for the 2019 – 2020 school year!

Harnett County Early College

CCCC Dunn Center
660 E. Johnson St. | Dunn, NC
Liaison/advisor: Megan Burgess

Harnett County Early College is entering its 4th year. It just had its first graduating class. 26 students graduated, with 24 of them earning their associate degree. Students spend their first two years at the Dunn Center in a combination of high school and online college courses, and then transition to the Harnett Main Campus to begin seated college coursework and to complete their degrees.

Chatham School of Science and Engineering

Chatham Center for Innovation
501 Martin Luther Jr. Blvd. | Siler City, NC
Liaison/advisor: Fae Goodman

Chatham's early college is called the Chatham School of Science and Engineering. It is entering its 5th year. CSSE also graduated its first class this past May. 8 students graduated, with 7 earning their associate degree. CSSE students spend their first two years at the Siler City Center taking a combination of high school and online college courses, and then transition to the Chatham Main Campus to begin seated college courses and to complete their degrees. CSSE had three students earn CCCC academic awards in the 2019 – 2020 school year!

Career & College Promise (CCP) vs. Early College

CCP is for students that are in traditional high schools. They take a variety of college courses and pathways during their junior and senior year. The goal is to earn some college credit or job training that pertains to their academic/career goals after high school.

Early colleges are their own public institutions. Students begin taking classes their freshman year with the goal of earning both their high school diploma and an associate degree.



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