To help our growing international student population succeed, we’ve created an International Services office to help you through the process of making CPCC your “home away from home.” If you’re an international student who needs assistance with immigration related issues, locating resources at the College, or learning more about the Charlotte community, the International Services office is committed to supporting the academic and personal growth of the College’s international student body. We invite you to discover CPCC and look forward to having you as a student.

Tony Zeiss

DID YOU KNOW?

**CPCC** serves more than 70,000 students and offers more than 10,000 different classes each year.

**CPCC** is a member of the prestigious League for Innovation in the Community College, a consortium of the nation’s finest two-year colleges.

**CPCC** is the largest community college in North Carolina, offering more than 200 degree, diploma and certificate programs.

**CPCC** is affordable and is a fraction of the cost of attending a four-year school.

**CPCC** has six accessible campuses around Mecklenburg County.

**CPCC** is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees, diplomas and certificates.
WHY ATTEND CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE?
With more than 200 degree, diploma and certificate programs, CPCC has something for you. With programs including Culinary Technology, International Business, Simulation and Game Development, and Architectural Technology you’ll have exciting choices ahead of you at CPCC. Whether you want to study English, earn a degree or transfer to continue your education, our staff can help you every step of the way. We offer excellent instruction from highly qualified faculty in our state-of-the-art classrooms that cover six campuses. With tuition at a fraction of the cost of four-year institutions, CPCC is the smart choice for a quality education.

DISCOVER OUR PROGRAMS
You’ll be able to choose the degree and area which most closely represents your area of interest.

Associate Degree Programs
Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree Programs
These programs are designed for employment. However, some programs may be accepted by senior institutions toward specific degree programs. See program counselor for details.

Accounting
Advertising + Graphic Design
Air Conditioning
Heating and Refrigeration Technology
Architectural Technology
Automotive Systems Technology
Baking and Pastry Arts
Business Administration
Human Resources Management Conc.
International Business Conc.
Marketing and Retailing Conc.
Cardiovascular Technology

Civil Engineering Technology
Computer Engineering Technology
Computer Information Technology
Computer Technology Integration
Construction Management Technology
Criminal Justice Technology
Culinary Technology
Dental Hygiene
Early Childhood Education
Electrical/Electronics Technology
Electrical Engineering Technology
Electronics Engineering Technology
Fire Protection Technology
Geospatial Technology
Graphic Arts and Imaging Technology
Flexography Concentration
Health Information Technology
Heavy Equipment & Transport Tech.
Horticulture Technology
Hotel and Restaurant Management
Human Services Technology
Development Disabilities Conc.
Substance Abuse Concentration
Interior Design
Interpreter Education
Machining Technology
Manufacturing Technology
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Mechatronics Engineering Technology
Medical Assisting
Medical Laboratory Technology
Medical Office Administration
Networking Technology
Non-Destructive Examination Technology
Nursing, Associate Degree
Office Administration
Legal Concentration
Paralegal Technology
Physical Therapist Assistant
Respiratory Therapy
Simulation and Game Development
Surgical Technology
Surveying Technology
Turfgrass Management Technology
Web Technologies
Welding Technology
**Associate Degree Programs**

Accounting  
Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Technology  
Auto Body Repair  
Automation  
Automotive Systems Technology  
Basics Of Manufacturing  
Communications  
Computer Hardware  
Concepts Of Manufacturing  
Concepts Of Mechanical Design  
Cyber Crime & Digital Forensics  
Dental Assisting  
Electrical/Electronics Technology  
Electrical Design  
Geographic Information Science  
Geography  
Geomatics  
Heavy Equipment & Transport Technology  
Horticulture Technology  
Hotel Management  
Information Technology  
Instrumentation And Control  
Java Software Development  
Machining Technology  
Medical Assisting  
Net Software Development  
Nuclear Plant Inspection  
Office Administration General Clerical Skills  
Word Processing Operator  
Oracle Administration  
Paralegal Technology  
Power Systems And Alternative Energy  
Pre-Architecture Diploma  
Programming Diploma  
Residential Interior Decoration  
Restaurant Mangement  
Sql Server Administration  
Turfgrass Management Technology  
Welding Technology

**Certificate Programs**

In addition to the following certificate programs, CPCC offers a specific series of technical/vocational skill courses which usually can be completed in one year or less. See CPCC Catalog for details.

Basic Law Enforcement Training  
Cytotechnology

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS**

Applying to Central Piedmont Community College is easy. We require that you complete the International Student Application and provide the following:

**Evidence of Financial Support (to be submitted with the International Student Application)**

- Tuition* $6,337  
- Medical insurance $264  
- Living expenses and books $7,199  
- **Total support required:** $13,800

Please add an additional $5,000 for each dependent. We must have a statement from your sponsor’s bank that shows the above amount on deposit. This must be an ORIGINAL DOCUMENT. No copies will be accepted. It is also advisable to keep an original bank letter with your I-20, therefore please obtain two original letters from the bank.

*Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice.

**Evidence of English Competency**

A Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score is not required to apply to CPCC. However, you must meet the TOEFL or IELTS requirement (stated below) OR take and complete the Academic English as a Second Language Program (ESL) prior to entering to enter a college-level program.

- Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (iBT TOEFL).  
  - Reading 17, Listening 17, Speaking 16 and Writing 16. If any single score falls below the minimum, the student is required to take, and complete, the Academic English as a Second Language (ESL) Program.
Academic International English Language Testing System (Academic IELTS).
Reading 6.5, Listening 6.5, Speaking 6.5 and Writing 6.5. If any single score falls below the minimum, the student is required to take, and complete, the Academic English as a Second Language (ESL) Program.

CPCC no longer accepts Paper-based TOEFL (pBT) or Computer-based (cBT) TOEFL.

Official Diploma/Transcripts
Any applicants who wish to pursue a program of academic study must forward a certified copy of their official high school diploma and transcript with an English translation and evaluation. If a student is transferring from another U.S. institution, the student must include a copy of their transcript from that institution, even if only EFL classes were taken. If an applicant wishes to study only English as a Foreign Language (EFL), no high school diploma is necessary. (If the student is younger than 18, a diploma is required for EFL).

Processing Fee
$40 check or money order made payable to CPCC.

Photograph
A passport-size photograph must be attached to the International Student Application. Send all the above documents to:

CPCC, International Student Admissions
P.O. Box 35009
Charlotte, North Carolina 28235-5009, USA
email: dotty.holley@cpcc.edu
fax: 704.330.6130

STUDENT VISA INFORMATION
Qualifying for a Student Visa
The Immigration and Nationality Act is specific with regard to the requirements which must be met by applicants to qualify for the student visa. The consular will determine whether you qualify for the visa. Applicants must demonstrate that they properly meet student visa requirements including:

- Having ties to your home country. You must be able to show reasons for returning to your home country such as residence, job prospects, family, etc.
• Having the intention to depart from the United States upon completion of the course of study; and
• Being in possession of sufficient funds to pursue the proposed course of study.

When Do I Need to Apply for My Student Visa?
• Students are encouraged to apply for a visa at the U.S. embassy or consulate in their home country early to provide ample time for visa processing. Please note that embassies and consulates are able to issue your student visa 120 days or less, in advance of the course of study registration date.

• Students are advised of the Department of Homeland Security regulation which requires that all initial or beginning students enter the U.S. 30 days or less in advance of the course of study start/report date as shown on the Form I-20. Please consider this date carefully when making travel plans to the U.S.

Applying for a Student Visa
As part of the visa application process, an interview at the embassy’s consular section is required for visa applicants. Depending on the country where you reside, the waiting time can vary, so applying early is strongly encouraged. Visit http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/wait/wait_4638.html to see visa wait time estimates for interview appointments and visa processing time information for each U.S. Embassy or Consulate worldwide. Are you ready to schedule an appointment? Visit www.usembassy.gov for the address and phone number of the U.S. Consulate nearest you.

Important Information
• There is no guarantee that you will receive an F1 visa. Please do not make travel arrangements until you have received your visa.

• Possession of a visa does not guarantee your entry to the United States. The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials have authority to permit or deny admission to the United States. You must have your I-20 in your possession each time you enter the U.S. If you are allowed to enter the U.S., the immigration official will determine the length of your visit on the Arrival-Departure Record (Form I-94). Since Form I-94 documents your authorized stay in the U.S., be sure to keep this in your passport.

Preparing for your F1 Visa Interview
This information is for people who plan to enter the U.S. for the first time to study. For information on bringing dependents to the U.S., returning to continue studies, renewing your visa, or details on how to apply for a student visa, refer to the U.S. Department of State website, at http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html.

1. Contact your local U.S. Consulate or Embassy to ask about how to get an F-1 international student visa. A list of Consulates and Embassies can be found at http://usembassy.state.gov.

2. After you receive an I-20 form from CPCC, follow the U.S. Embassy/Consulate’s instructions to schedule an interview for your F-1 student visa. It is important to apply for your student visa as far in advance as possible.

3. Complete the following forms*:
   • DS-160 Online Non-immigrant Visa Application
   • DS-156 Non-immigrant Visa Application Form
   • DS-158 Contact Information and Walk History for Non-immigrant Visa Applicant
   • If a male between the ages of 16 and 45, DS-157 Supplemental Non-immigrant Visa Application

   *Check the requirements of the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country regarding the required forms.

4. Pay the visa application fee by following instructions on your local U.S. embassy or consulate’s website.
5. **Pay the applicable SEVIS fee.**

- Find the Form I-901 at www.FMJfee.com.
- Complete the form online and supply the necessary payment information.
- Print a copy of the online receipt.
- Be sure to make copies of your receipt and keep it with your other important immigration documents. You must bring the receipt of fee payment with you to the interview. If you have lost the receipt, the Visa Officer should be able to view your payment history in the database.

**NOTE:** If you are transferring schools, extending your program, applying for an F-2 dependent visa, or have paid this fee and been denied a visa within the last 12 months, you do not need to pay the SEVIS fee.

6. Prepare and bring to your visa interview the following:

- A passport valid for at least six months
- Form I-20 (sign the form under item 11)
- School admission letter (Included with your I-20)
- Completed visa applications (DS-160 or DS-156, DS-158, and, if applicable, DS-157)
- Two 2"x2" photographs in the prescribed format http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/frvi_3888.html
- A receipt for the visa application fee
- A receipt for the SEVIS fee. If you have not received an official receipt in the mail showing payment and you paid the fee electronically, the consulate will accept the temporary receipt you printed from your computer. If you do not have a receipt, the consulate may be able to see your payment electronically if your fee payment was processed at least three business days before your interview. www.FMJfee.com
- Financial evidence that shows you have sufficient funds to cover your tuition and living expenses during the period you intend to study. (The total amount from #7 on I-20)
- Any information that proves that you will return to your home country after finishing your studies in the U.S. This may include proof of property, family, or other ties to your community.

7. Remain calm and answer all the Visa Officer’s questions openly and honestly.

**Note:** It is important to use the I-20 from the institution that you will attend. Once your visa is issued, it will have the name of your institution you will be attending listed. You may not enter the United States on an I-20 from an institution other than what is listed on your visa.

You may be refused entry into the United States if you attempt to arrive more than 30 days before the program start date listed on #5 of your SEVIS I-20 form.

If you have any questions, please contact International Programs and Services at 704.330.6838.
TRAVELLING TO CHARLOTTE

New students are required to arrive no later than the date noted on line #5 of your I-20. Please note the orientation dates that were sent along with your I-20. Attending the international student orientation is important to your success at CPCC.

I-94

An I-94 is your Arrival/Departure Record, which will be distributed by your flight crew prior to landing. Complete the form accurately ensuring your name, date of birth and citizenship matches what is typed in your passport. In some instances, the I-94 will be distributed by immigration personnel when you enter the United States. The I-94 card is stapled to your passport and stamps the departure date and the date by which you must exit the United States. The I-94 must be turned in to a CBP officer or airline representative when you exit the U.S. If it is not turned in to a CBP officer or airline representative, you will be considered an “overstay” and you may be denied entry when you attempt to reenter the United States in the future.

Documents to Carry With you During Travel

- Passport
- I-20
- Payment receipt of SEVIS fee
- Evidence of financial support
- Name and contact information of Designated School Official or representative at CPCC:
  - Elizabeth A. Cooper, Director of International Services, 704.330.6931
  - Dotty Holley, International Advisor, 704.330.6456
  - Yvonne Hammond, 704.330.6484

ARRIVAL AT CPCC

Upon your arrival, you are required to check in at the:

International Programs and Services Office
Central Campus
1201 Elizabeth Avenue, Central High Building, room 101
Charlotte, NC
704.330.6838

You are strongly encouraged to attend the new student orientation. It is important that you check in so that we can get a copy of your passport, I-94 and stamped I-20. Once you check in we will be able to register you with immigration. If you enter the United States and do not contact the International Programs and Services office by that date, you will be in violation of your student visa status.

Placement Testing

To determine the appropriate classes for you, you will need to complete the placement test.

No TOEFL? No problem. You will be able take our EFL placement test to measure your English proficiency. Students looking to earn a degree or certificate must complete the EFL program prior to starting college level courses.

TOEFL or IELTS scores: If your scores meet the minimum requirement, you will be allowed to take the Accuplacer test to determine your placement in English and math classes. During your check-in, we will provide you with the appropriate test permissions. Once you have your scores, the International Programs and Services office will help you with class selection and registration.

Your CPCC Login

To access the College’s online services, you will need to set up your CPCC Login. Your username and password will give you access to your academic profile including grades, test summary, educational plan, class schedule, account information and registration services through MyCollege. Follow the CPCC Login link on www.cpcc.edu to get started!
Registering for Classes
New international students are required to register in person in the International Programs and Services Office located on the Central Campus in Central High 101.

CPCC Student ID Card
Upon your arrival at CPCC, you will need to visit one of our six campuses to have your student ID card made. You will need your CPCC ID to check out materials from the library and use the testing and fitness centers at the College.

Paying for Classes
Be sure to pay for your classes by the due date to avoid your classes being dropped. For payment due dates, visit CPCC Cashiering online at www.cpcc.edu/cashiering. You can pay for your classes at any CPCC campus or online by logging into MyCollege. A tuition bill will not be mailed to you. You can log into MyCollege to view your tuition bill.

Fall and Spring Semesters
CPCC offers a tuition payment plan at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters for your convenience. Visit www.cpcc.edu for more information.

Student Parking
If you will have a vehicle on campus, you will be required to display a parking sticker. Upon payment of your tuition, you can obtain a parking sticker from Cashiering to display in your vehicle.

CPCC Bookstore
Once you have registered for classes, visit the CPCC Bookstore to purchase your textbooks. Print your schedule and bring it with you so that the bookstore staff can assist you in finding the right textbooks.
Housing
CPCC does not offer student housing on campus. However, there are many online resources available to help you find housing in Charlotte including rent.com, apartmentguide.com and many more. International students at CPCC who are looking for roommates can post information in our office.

YOUR LEGAL IMMIGRATION OBLIGATIONS
As an F1 student, it is important that you understand your responsibilities and legal obligations while in the United States. The International Programs and Services Office is available to advise you on these requirements and responsibilities at any time.

• You must have a valid I-20 from Central Piedmont Community College. While in the United States, be sure that the date listed on your I-20 does not expire. If your date is close to the expiration date, please visit our office so that we can assist you.
• F1 students are required to register for a full course load of studies (12 credit hours) each fall and spring semester. If you are not able to register for a full course load, it is your responsibility to contact us prior to the start of the semester.
• F1 students are allowed to work 20 hours or fewer on campus only with the proper work authorization. Please visit the International Programs and Services Office.
• Report any changes to your name or contact information to the International Programs and Services Office immediately.

GETTING INVOLVED AT CPCC
Student Activities
A great education not only involves academics but also peer and community involvement. CPCC currently has more than 40 registered clubs and organizations that you may be interested in joining. Student Life at CPCC helps students connect with each other through community service, leadership activities, and college events. Whether you want to run for Student Government office or play soccer on our intramural team, we have something for you. CPCC has an active International Student Club with students from around the globe. The International Club works to promote both social and community events and is a great group for students interested in getting to know other students studying in the United States.

Please note that all clubs are not listed and may not be active each semester
American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS)
AIGA (Graphic Arts Student Organization)
American Welding Society (AWS)
African Student Association
Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
Association for General Contractors (AGC)
Baking & Pastry Arts Club (BPA)
Black & Tans (Welding)
Cardiovascular Technology Student Association
Chess Knights Club
Clay Bodies
CPCC Car Club
Criminal Justice Club (Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Delta Rho Delta Chapter)
Culinary Club
Cytotechnology Student Association (CSA)
Dental Assisting Student Association (DASA)
Dental Hygiene Club (Freshman & Senior)
Early Childhood Club
Flexography Student Organization
Future Respiratory Therapists
Geospatial Technology Association (GTA)
Horticulture Club
Human Services Technology Club International Student Club
International Student Association
International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP)
Interpreter Training Club (ITC)
Latin American Student Organization (LASO)
Metal Arts Club
Model UN (MUN)
National Technical Honor Society
North Carolina Student Section of the American Society for NonDestructive Testing (NDE Club)
Phi Lambda, Phi Theta Kappa
Psi Beta
Reach Out (Levine Campus)
Service Club
Skills USA - Automotive
Sociology/Psychology Association (SPA)
Stage Door Set (Drama Club)
Student Veterans Association (SVA)
Students For Sustainability
Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)
Study Abroad Club
TRiO ClubTurf
Grass Management
Visual Arts Club