

CLASS OF
2023

Preparing for Senior Year

June 2, 2022

Ms. Sharpe

Dean of Students

Graduation Requirements for Class of 2023



- ❖ 4 English Courses
 - English I, II, III, IV
- ❖ 4 Math Courses
 - Math I, II, III, IV or Pre-Calculus Honors
- ❖ 3 Science Course
 - Earth/Environmental Science, Biology, a Physical Science (Physical Science, Chemistry or AP Physics I)
- ❖ 4 Social Studies Courses
 - World History,
 - American History I and American History II, **or** American History II and a SS elective, **or** American History I and a SS elective **or** AP US History and A Social Studies Elective,
 - Civics & Economics
- ❖ 1 Healthful Living Course
- ❖ 10 Elective Courses
 - To include 2 years of a World Language if planning to attend a 4-year university

Total Minimum Credits Required to Graduate= 26

What are your plans after graduating from Crossroads FLEX?

- Attending a 4 year college/university
- Attending a 2 year college
- Continuing pursuit area
- Enlist in Military
- Join the workforce



Considering Mid-Year Graduation or Early Graduation next year?

If you are considering Mid-Year graduation you must schedule a meeting with Ms. Sharpe to:

1. Review your credits needed for graduation
2. Gain access to Mid-Year Graduation form for both you and your parents/guardians to read, and sign



Post- Secondary Options



Continue in Your Pursuit Full-Time

If you plan to continue in your pursuit full-time and decide to take classes part-time either at a 2-year college or 4-year university later on, email Ms. Sharpe and I will be happy to assist you in completing the application and direct you on how to have your transcript submitted.



2 Year Colleges



NC Community College System:

- One of the largest systems of higher education in the nation with 58 comprehensive community colleges serving all 100 NC counties.
- One within a 30-minute drive of all NC residents.
- Lowest tuition in the Southeast Region – one of the lowest in the nation!
- You may apply to the community college of your choice, regardless of your county of residence.
- You may complete the first 2 years of a 4-year degree through the College Transfer Program OR enroll in a 2-year Associate's Degree program.
- Gives you time to improve on academic skills and complete college minimum admissions requirements or focus on a specialized area of study.

NC Community Colleges: <http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/>

Wake Tech Offers...



2-year associate degree programs



2-year college transfer program



More than 180 associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates in science, applied science, the arts, and general education.



A wide range of continuing education (non-credit) classes for professional and personal enrichment, conveniently offered at multiple Wake Tech campus locations and community sites throughout Wake County.

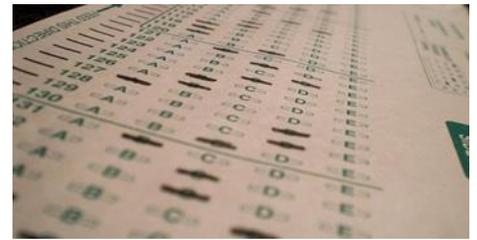
Standardized Test; SAT and ACT

Decision Making



- Research the schools on your list to see if they are planning to be “test optional” for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Test Optional means colleges will not require SAT and/or ACT test scores on a student's application.
- But what if I have taken the SAT and/or ACT, should I send my scores in? If you have taken the SAT and/or the ACT and the score you earned is at or above the average for that particular school, then feel free to send it in. Colleges and universities will only use a test score if it “enhances” your application.

UNC System Schools Test Optional



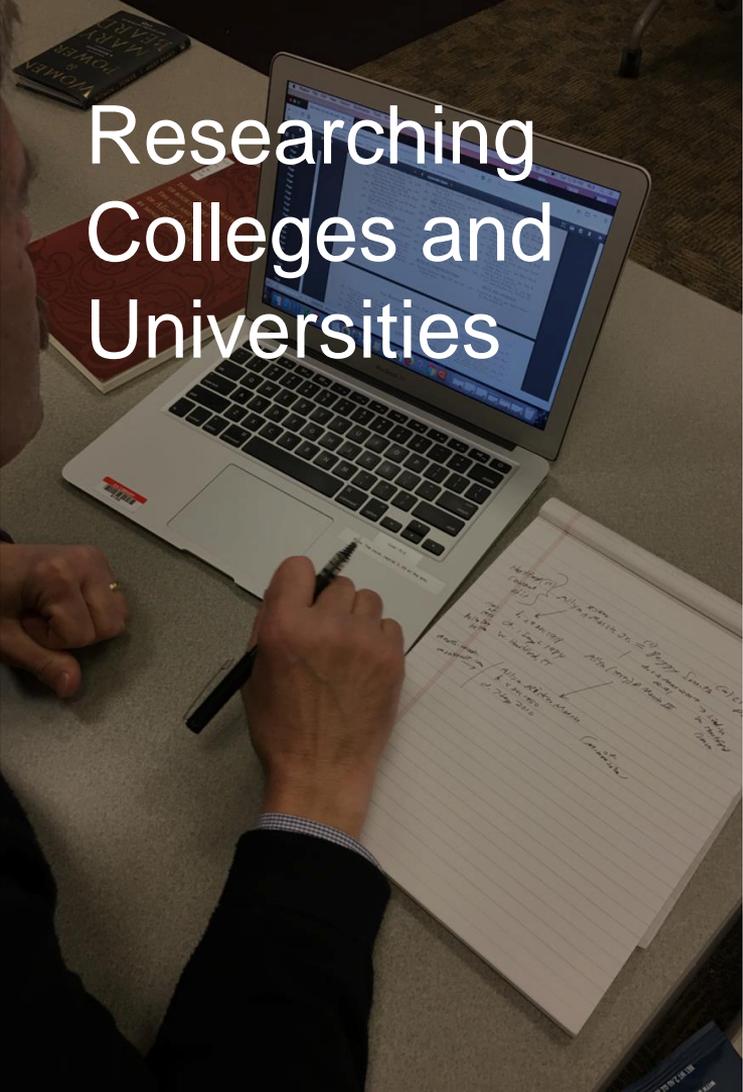
- The UNC System has extended its waiver of the SAT or ACT requirement for students applying for fall 2023 and fall 2024 admission. This waiver means that students may apply whether they've taken either test and they may choose whether to share their scores and have us consider them.
- Students should submit standardized test score only if it will **enhance** their application.
- Regardless of whether students choose to share their test scores each university will continue to consider each student and review applications carefully and comprehensively.

Colleges & Universities

When considering your college/university choices:

1. Make a list of what's most important to have for you to feel comfortable
2. Research admissions requirements
3. Consider whether or not the college/university has your intended major
4. Consider the type and size of the college/university:
 - a. Large vs Small
 - b. Rural vs Urban
 - c. Location
 - i. Close to home (to do laundry weekly and go home for meals)
 - ii. Far enough away that parents won't just 'drop by'
 - d. Academic and Professional opportunities
 - i. Study abroad
 - ii. Internships
 - e. Campus Life
 - i. Sports, arts, greek life





Researching Colleges and Universities

Search Colleges in North Carolina

[College Foundation of North Carolina](#)

Search Colleges Out of State

[BigFuture College Board](#)

The University of North Carolina System
Website

[The University of North Carolina System](#)



When will I apply to colleges/universities

Most **applications** will open on August 1 for students **applying** for Fall **2023** enrollment.

College deadlines most often fall between November and February. Students may choose to apply for Early Admissions, Early Decision or Regular Decision.

Applying to Colleges/Universities



Select at least 3 schools to apply to. You can apply to more but no less than three is recommended so that you will have options.

When applying considering applying to:

Safety School – you have above the average student GPA and test score (almost certainly be admitted)

Target School – you meet the average student GPA and test score (test scores, GPA are similar to those of the recent entering class)

Reach School – you do not meet the GPA and test requirements but you have an excellent activity resume and well written essays (may not have the qualifications of most first year students)

Applying to College

THE COMMON
APPLICATION

Common App

- You can apply to over 900 colleges and universities around the world via Common App
- Create your account and get started
- Be sure to enter in my name and email address as your ‘counselor’ so that I can upload your transcript and complete your recommendation

CFNC

- Click on “Apply to College” and start the process
- You can apply to any North Carolina colleges via CFNC



College Website

- You can go directly to the college/university website to apply

How to Create your Common App Account



Essays



Why do colleges and universities ask you to write essays?

- Because there is more to you than your test scores and grades.
- Essays provide you the opportunity to describe who you are as a person and what your passions are.
- **Always** write the 'optional' essay!

Essays



- Essays should be between 250 to 650 words
- Many colleges may also ask you to complete supplemental essay questions that are tailored to their schools.
- A small number of colleges do not require essays but may require shorter writing supplements.

Common App Essay Prompts



Below is the full set of essay prompts for the 2022-2023 application period. You may select the prompt(s) you wish to respond to.

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?

Common App Essay Prompts Continued...

5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.
8. COVID-19 has affected students in dramatically different ways. If you need it, the COVID-19 and natural disaster question in the Additional Information section is a place for you to describe the impact of these events. The question is not intended to be an extra essay. There's also no need to describe how your school responded to these events. Your counselor will have an opportunity to discuss impacts like closures, online instruction, and grading policies. Instead, consider how these events may have impacted you, your family, and your learning environment. Examples might include:
 - Illness or loss within your family or support network
 - Employment or housing disruptions within your family
 - Food insecurity
 - Toll on mental and emotional health
 - New obligations such as part-time work or care for siblings or family members
 - Availability of computer or internet access required to continue your studies
 - Access to a safe and quiet study space
 - A new direction for your major or career interests

College Admissions Offices Consider:

- Course Selection
 - Take the most challenging courses you can take and earn A's and B's in
- GPA/Class Rank
 - Your GPA at the end of your junior year is the GPA they will use on their college applications
- Your class rank will be re-calculated in Sept/Oct of *their senior year* and rank will be used reported on college applicatic
- SAT/ACT Scores (Test Optional)
- Essays
- Extracurricular Activities
- Recommendations (*some schools*)
 - Teacher and/or counselor



College Admissions Options



EARLY ACTION: is an admissions procedure to notify students of early admissions to the college. Students do not need to accept the college's offer of admissions but may file other applications (used by UNC, NCSU, Georgetown, Yale, etc.). The process is highly selective therefore, some points to remember are that early action candidates must have superior records candidates can be rejected, and financial awards are made in April.

EARLY DECISION: is a plan under which you may submit your credentials early to one college, usually by October 15 of your senior year. You are notified of your status by late December early January. As part of an early decision plan, you are required to sign a statement agreeing to accept the college's offer of admission. You must also withdraw your application from other colleges if accepted under Early Decision. (Used by Duke, Elon, Wake Forest, etc.) Points to remember are the same as listed above in Early Action.

REGULAR ADMISSION: candidates apply from November to February, depending on the individual applicant and specific college deadline(s). Check the deadline for each individual school.

ROLLING ADMISSION: candidates apply at their convenience up to a certain date. They typically receive an offer of acceptance or rejection within four to six weeks. (Used often by Community Colleges and some four-year institutions)

Which universities have
Crossroads FLEX graduates
been accepted to?



Air Force Academy	Butler University	Creighton University	Hampton University
Appalachian State University	Campbell University	DePaul University	High Point University
Arizona State University	Cardiff University	Duke University	Hofstra University
Auburn University	Coastal Carolina University	Duquesne University	Hunter College
Averett University	Central Piedmont CC	East Carolina University	Jacksonville University
Barton College	Champlain College	Eastern Michigan University	Johnson C. Smith University
Baylor University	Charleston Southern University	Elon University	Lees McCrae College
Belmont University	Christopher Newport University	Florida Atlantic	Lesley University
Berklee College of Music	Chowan University	Franklin and Marshall	Liberty University
Brunswick Community College	Clemson University	George Mason	LIM

Mary Baldwin University	Pace University	Swarthmore College	U of South Carolina
Marymount Manhattan	Point Park University	Towson State University	U of South Carolina Upstate
Meredith College	Purdue University	U of Alabama	U of Southern California
Montclair State University	Old Dominion University	U of Alabama- Birmingham	U of Tennessee
Montreat College	Ole Miss University	U of Georgia	UNC- Chapel Hill
Nashville Ballet Company	Queens College	U of Kentucky	UNC-Asheville
Newcastle University	Roanoke College	U of Lynchburg	UNC-Charlotte
New York University	Savannah College of Art and Design	U of Maryland	UNC-Greensboro
NC A&T State University	Seton Hall University	U of Pennsylvania	UNC-Pembroke
NC State University	Stetson University	U of San Francisco	UNC School of the Arts

UNC-Wilmington	West Point Academy
University of Mary Washington	West Virginia University
University of Richmond	Western Carolina University
University of Texas	William Peace University
University of Vermont	West Point Academy
Virginia Wesleyan	West Virginia University
Wake Forest University	Western Carolina University
Wake Tech Community College	William Peace University
Warren Wilson College	
Washington and Jefferson College	



Mark Your Calendar



1. August 1, 2022

- Common App opens for the Class of 2023
- Create your [Common App Account](#)

2. September 2022- Senior Meetings

3. **September/October** - Complete the [Residency Determination Service](#) if you plan to attend college in NC

4. October 1, 2022 - [FAFSA opens](#)

Summer to do list...



1. Refine your lists of possible schools; eliminate the ones that do not meet your criteria.
2. Visit those schools. If they are not yet offering in-person tours, take advantage of virtual tours.
3. Finalize your list of colleges or universities.
4. **ATHLETES!** If you intend to participate in college athletics at a Division I or II school, start your NCAA Clearinghouse application at the **END** of the Junior Year and make sure you have listed Crossroads FLEX as your current high school.
5. Attend College fairs. Most are virtual, but you still have the opportunity to chat with admissions counselors and current students.
6. Start outlining your essays for Common App



All Seniors are required to pay a Senior Graduation Fee to help offset costs associated with Graduation. These fees will be applied to the Diploma, Diploma Cover, Graduation Program, Senior Reception recognition certificates, and the Senior Celebration. The fee will be \$40.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Information on how to submit payment will be available through the WCPSS Online Payment link in early July. The school will notify families when the link to submit payment becomes available so, please check your email regularly during the summer as to not miss important information.



Current Juniors: As of 2020, state law mandates that **ALL** rising seniors have a Meningitis vaccination before beginning their senior year.

Please submit a copy of your immunizations, showing the Meningitis vaccination, via email to crossroadsflex@wcpss.net (attn: Ms. Jennifer Wilkerson), or you may also fax it to 919-589-6714.

Proof of vaccination must be received before the first day of the 2022-23 school year. [Link to Meningitis vaccination information](#), [K-12 Health Requirements](#)

