

DAVIDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Students

ADMISSIONS

POLICY 5.1.1

The College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, age, national origin, disability, political affiliation, sexual orientation, genetic information or military/veteran status in any of its activities or operations.

Open Door Admissions

Except as otherwise specified herein, the College maintains an open-door admission policy to all applicants who are legal residents of the United States and who are high school graduates or are at least eighteen (18) years of age. The College shall not solicit or use information regarding the accreditation of a secondary school located in North Carolina that a person attended as a factor affecting admission to the College or to any program of study, loans, scholarships or other educational activity at the College unless the accreditation was not conducted by a State agency. For purposes of this Policy, the term “accreditation” shall include certification or any other similar approval process. Student admission processing and placement determination shall be performed by College officials. Admission requirements for an emancipated minor shall be the same as for an applicant who is eighteen (18) years old or older. Non-emancipated minors may be admitted and allowed to attend the College pursuant to 1D SBCCC 200.95.

The open-door policy does not mean there are no restrictions on admission into specific College programs. Students may be admitted into specific College programs when they demonstrate aptitude for these programs. Criteria such as academic background, placement assessment and personal interviews may be used in this determination.

For more specific information regarding certain admissions criteria, see Procedure 5.1.1.1.

Admissions Denials

Basis for Denials

- 1.** Suspension/Expulsion from another Educational Entity.

If the College suspends or expels a student for non-academic disciplinary purposes, the College shall record the suspension or expulsion in the student's educational record. Upon receipt of a written request signed by

the student and subject to all applicable privacy laws, the College shall, in accordance with the student's request, inform other colleges and universities of the term and circumstances of the student's non-academic disciplinary suspension or expulsion, if any. The College reserves the right to refuse admission to any applicant during any period of time that the applicant is under a period of suspension or expulsion from another educational entity for non-academic disciplinary reasons.

2. Safety Concern.

The College reserves the right to refuse admission to any applicant if it is necessary to protect the safety of the applicant or other individuals. When making a safety determination, the College may refuse admission to an applicant when there is an articulable, imminent and significant threat to the applicant or other individuals. When refusing admission based on safety concerns, the Student Conduct Officer shall document:

- a. Detailed facts supporting the rationale for denying admission;
- b. The time period within which the refusal to admit shall be applicable and the supporting rationale for the designated time period; and
- c. The conditions upon which the application that is refused would be reconsidered.
- d. The process for appeal.

3. Residency for Distance Learning.

The College is not authorized to provide distance learning courses outside of North Carolina unless state authorization has been granted from the state in which the applicant resides. State authorization requires colleges to seek and secure authorization to offer instruction in that state.

Admission of applicants residing outside of North Carolina to an on-line degree, diploma, certificate program or individual on-line courses offered by the College is dependent on the College's ability to secure authorization from the applicant's state of residence.

State authorization does not affect the cost of attending the College. Tuition requirements, including those for out-of-state students, still apply. This requirement does not apply to non-credit continuing education courses.

4. Undocumented Immigrants.

An undocumented immigrant is any immigrant who is not lawfully present in the United States. The College shall not admit undocumented immigrants into college-level curriculum courses unless all of the following conditions apply:

- a. The undocumented immigrant attended and graduated from a United States public high school, private high school or home school that operates in compliance with State or local law.
- b. The undocumented immigrant must comply with all federal and state laws concerning financial aid.
- c. The individual shall not be considered a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes and must be charged out-of-state tuition regardless of whether the individual resides in North Carolina. In instances where the individual is sponsored by an employer, in-state tuition is charged.
- d. When considering whether to admit the individual into a specific program of study, the College may take into account federal laws.
- e. Students lawfully present in the United States may have priority over any undocumented immigrant in any class or program of study when capacity limitations exist.

5. Unsettled Financial Obligations.

The College reserves the right to refuse admission or readmission to a former student who has unsettled financial obligations.

6. Criminal Justice Education and Training Sponsorship.

The College requires students enrolled in courses mandated under N.C.G.S. § 17C and 17E, the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission or the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission to be sponsored by law enforcement agencies until completion of the program. The student must be sponsored by a law enforcement agency to be admitted into the program. Failure to have such sponsorship shall result in an admission's denial.

7. Non-Criminal Justice Education and Training Firearm Courses.

Except for courses governed by Criminal Justice Education and Training, if the College has a program that requires students to possess a firearm, prior to admission, the student must provide proof of eligibility to possess firearms. For purposes of this Policy, “firearm” means a handgun, shotgun or rifle that expels a projectile by action of an explosion; “proof of eligibility” means: i) a current, valid State-issued permit to purchase a firearm; ii) a current, valid State-issued concealed carry permit from North Carolina; iii) a current, valid State-issued concealed carry permit from a state with a reciprocal concealed carry agreement with North Carolina; iv) proof of an exemption from permit requirements pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 14-415.25; or v) a background check to determine whether the applicant can lawfully possess a firearm in North Carolina pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§ 14-269.8; -404(c); -415.1; -415.3; and -415.25.

Appeal for Admissions Denials

If an applicant is denied admissions to the College for any of the reasons specified in Section II(A)(1)-(7), within five (5) calendar days following the receipt of the reasons specifying the denial, the applicant may file a written appeal with the Appropriate Vice President for a reconsideration. The written appeal shall contain the applicant’s reasons why he/she should be admitted and shall include any supporting documentation. The Vice President will communicate with the applicant and provide the applicant an opportunity to respond. Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the applicant’s written appeal, the Vice President shall make his/her determination and provide the applicant with a written response. The Vice President’s decision is final.

Adopted: April, 2020

Legal Reference: 1D SBCCC 200.95 and 400.2; NC Community College Written Memoranda CC10-026 (issued 7/12/10)