

CAREER & COLLEGE

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CCP Fall 2020 Orientation

Presented by

The Office of Educational
Partnerships

Important Dates

- ▶ **August 17**-First day of Fall Session.
Courses will not show up in blackboard until August 17.
- ▶ **October**- ADVISING MONTH
- ▶ **November 26-27th**- Thanksgiving
- ▶ **December 9th** - Last day of Fall Session

Registration Guidelines

- ▶ Students cannot register or withdraw themselves, must be registered or withdrawn through EP Office. If you register yourself, you will be dropped from classes.

FERPA

- ▶ FERPA is the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- ▶ <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>

According to this Federal Law, instructors and college personnel cannot give out information to anyone other than the student concerning the student's status at the college. The college can only disclose directory information.

Parents **CANNOT** contact college instructors to ask about grades, attendance, etc.!

High School vs. College

- ▶ High School
 - ▶ Classes: 7 hrs 5 days a week meet all year
 - ▶ Cover 90-100% of work
 - ▶ More assignments/tests
 - ▶ Absent: Required to provide you with missed work
 - ▶ Will initiate contact if they think you need help
- ▶ College
 - ▶ Classes: 2-3x weekly for one semester 5hrs a week.
 - ▶ May only cover up to 50% of work in class (test on more material than covered)
 - ▶ Less assignments/tests
 - ▶ You're Absent: The instructor is not required to provide work you missed
 - ▶ Expect you to let them know if you need help

More Info on Attendance

- ▶ A primary reason high school students struggle with college coursework is ATTENDANCE issues:
 - ▶ Can only miss 5 hours (not days!) in a 3-hour credit course in a semester
 - ▶ No notes from parents; no explanations
 - ▶ Students can be dropped for excessive absences
 - ▶ Do NOT miss class because you want to stay for a pep rally, attend a sports function, etc.
 - ▶ Tardies can add up and be counted as absences, so get to class ON TIME!
 - ▶ Online courses have attendance policies, too!

Student Grades

- ▶ No grades sent via mail
- ▶ All grades posted online at end of semester or upon completion of course
- ▶ No progress reports
- ▶ Student is responsible for checking grades throughout the semester
- ▶ Expect fewer assignments so EVERY GRADE counts and every ZERO HURTS!
- ▶ Must have at least a 2.0 on current courses to qualify
- ▶ Provide new consent form and list of courses each semester
- ▶ Must make progress with current pathway

Calendar Conflicts

- ▶ It is your responsibility to work with the high school and your instructor to address any scheduling issues during exams or testing. Please let our office know if we can assist you in any way.
- ▶ If you have a vacation planned it is your responsibility to reach out to instructors to let them know you will not be in class.
- ▶ We strongly suggest you reach out to instructors prior to the start of the class if you have a vacation planned anytime during the fall session.

TECHLINK, Student Email Accounts, BB

- ▶ You receive a college email once you're registered for classes
- ▶ YOU must set-up your Techlink account via directions (instructions in packet)
- ▶ **Access to all information that goes on around campus**
- ▶ Communicate with Instructors
- ▶ Info about delays, cancellations, etc.
- ▶ **BB (Blackboard)**
 - ▶ Use it to check on grades, schedules, etc.

TECHLINK, Student Email Accounts, BB Bootcamp

- ▶ BOOT CAMP #1 (Covering Blackboard, Collaborate, and Techlink)
- ▶ Format is virtual drop-in, with the ability for students to get assistance setting up or accessing the above technologies. There is not a set agenda other than these are the 3 topics being covered.
- ▶ When will Boot Camp #1 occur?
- ▶ Wednesday, August 5, 2020 (5:30 PM - 6:30 PM)
- ▶ Thursday, August 6, 2020 (5:30 PM - 6:30 PM)
- ▶ <https://us.bbcollab.com/collab/ui/session/guest/49910878b45748e784cc0175179eb44a>
- ▶ BOOT CAMP #2 (Covering Online Resources/Library Resources)
- ▶ Format is virtual drop-in, with the ability for students to get assistance setting up or accessing the above technologies. There is not a set agenda other than these are the 3 topics being covered.
- ▶ When will Boot Camp #2 occur?
- ▶ Wednesday, August 5, 2020 (5:30 PM - 6:30 PM)
- ▶ Thursday, August 6, 2020 (5:30 PM - 6:30 PM)
- ▶ <https://us.bbcollab.com/collab/ui/session/guest/16015b9572714abfa4c2b5cc75c7f367>

Textbooks/Course Materials

- Early College will take care of the cost of books.
- Early College will take care of fee's freshman and sophomore year.

Campus Resources

- ▶ Learning Center
- ▶ Language Lab (Tech building)
- ▶ Student Services (RLS Center)
- ▶ Campus Police
- ▶ Library (Ardmore)
- ▶ Bytes & Beans Coffee Shop with free Wi-Fi
- ▶ College's Grill (Hauser Hall)
- ▶ Barnes and Noble Bookstore
- ▶ Other campus-wide events as posted (ex. bowling, skiing)

Student ID Cards

- ▶ Have one made during first 2 weeks of semester, go to 1st Floor Tech Building Room 124
- ▶ First one free, replacements cost \$5.00
- ▶ Identifies you as a Forsyth Tech student
- ▶ Possible discounts around town

Who to ask

- ▶ Ask your Instructors If they don't know, they will tell you who to see
- ▶ Ask Ed Partnerships Office staff
- ▶ Ask your High School Counselor
- ▶ Look through your “Student Academic Planner and Handbook”

Contact Information

- ▶ **My office: Ardmore 210**

Educational Partnerships:

Phone Numbers:

- ✓ 336.734.7466 (Main Number)

**Located in Snyder Hall, Main Campus
(Suite 6102 and 6101)**

Questions?

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