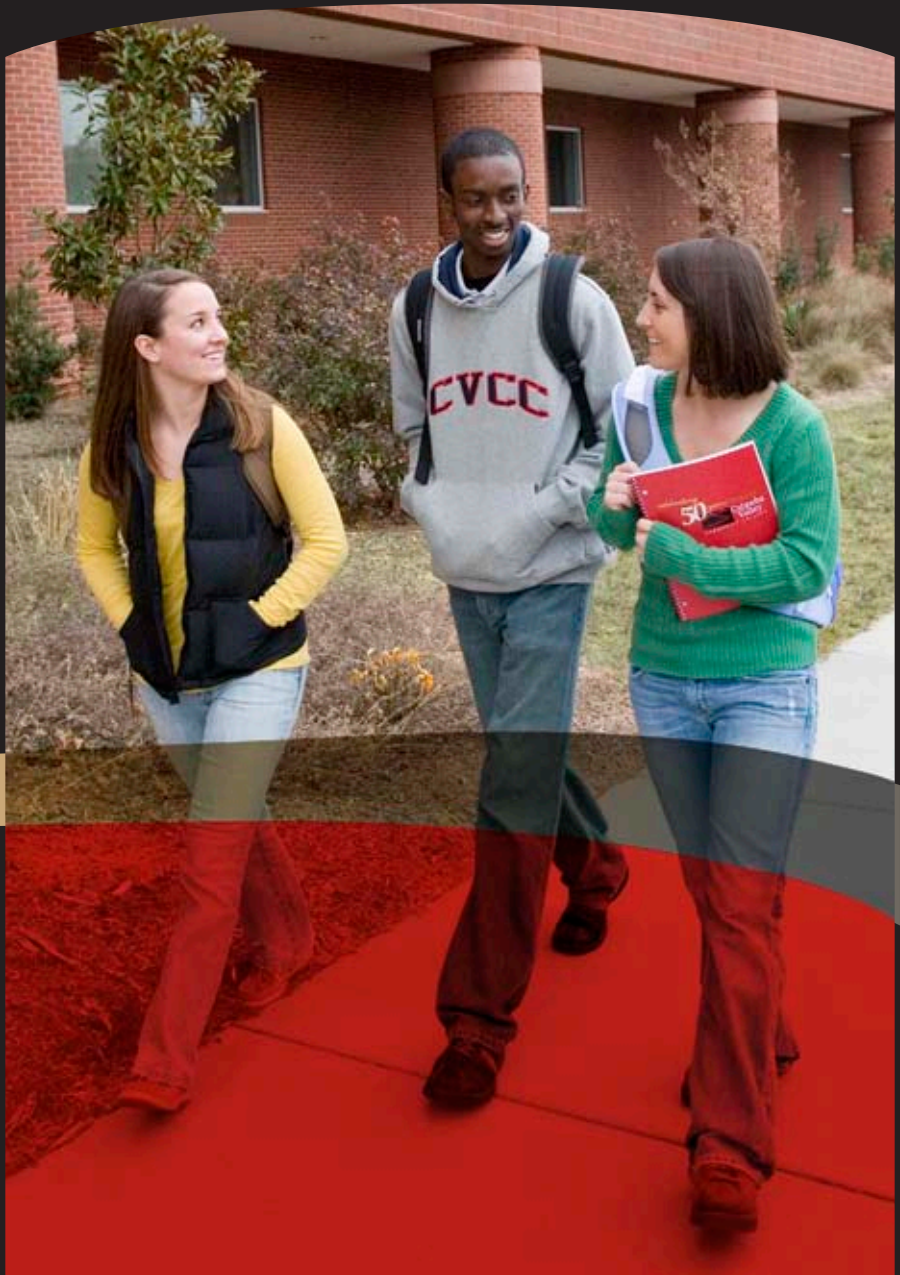




Catawba Valley

COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Believe • Achieve • Succeed

Believe...

“The best investment you will ever make is in yourself.”

Knowledge is POWER! Studies show that the more education you have, the higher your salary will be over your lifetime.* Education is an investment in your future.

At CVCC, the possibilities are endless.

You can complete the first two years of your bachelor's degree with us, or you can choose from more than 90 different career programs. Some programs can even be completed in a few months. CVCC is organized into four different schools of instruction, and counselors and faculty in each of those schools will help you design the educational path that's best for you: a four-year college degree...your first career...that sought-after job promotion...a totally new career...a second or third career! **The four schools are:**

- **School of Business, Industry, and Technology**
- **School of Health Services**
- **School of Academics, Education, and Fine Arts**
- **School of Public Safety**

At CVCC, the options are endless when you create a class schedule that works for you! With so many different day, evening, distance learning and online classes to choose from, we've practically eliminated all your excuses not to go to college! We even offer mini-semester courses that allow you to cover a full semester's worth of work in nearly half the time.

“I took CVCC classes all during my senior year at Alexander Central High School and some in the summer. I earned 21 college credit hours, got the majority of my core classes finished AND saved my parents a lot of money on tuition! All the classes I took transferred to Lenoir-Rhyne University and now, I will graduate a year early.”

Ashley Campbell
Alexander Central High School, Class of 2006
and dual enrolled student at CVCC

*U.S. Census Bureau data



Achieve...

Start Here...Go Anywhere!

Lots of bachelor's degrees start at CVCC. Most of the University of North Carolina campuses accept an associate degree from CVCC as *completely equal* to the freshman and sophomore years at their schools. Twenty-four private colleges in North Carolina do, too. Transferring your credits is fast and easy.

When you attend CVCC's transfer program, you will:

- Earn the same credits for most majors as you would the first two years at a university.
- Get more one-on-one instruction in smaller classes.
- Do just as well academically as your buddies at a four-year school - maybe even better!
- Be eligible to apply for scholarships and financial aid.
- Save thousands of dollars in tuition.

"Most of my friends went to four-year schools and we have the exact same classes, same books, everything. I am not missing anything by not going off to college. I am saving money and staying close to home!"

Shannon Weaver
CVCC Elementary Education, Class of 2010
Transferring to ASU

Here are some of the colleges where our students transfer:

- Appalachian State University
- UNC-Charlotte
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Gardner-Webb University
- Other universities in the North Carolina State System

Plus, the Hickory Metro Higher Education Center (HMHEC) is located right on the CVCC East Campus. Several state and private universities offer four-year and graduate degrees right here through HMHEC! You don't have to leave town to complete or advance your degree.



Succeed...

At CVCC our goal is to help you reach your goal.

While at CVCC, you will have access to academic and career counseling from your first day of class until after you graduate! In fact, our students rate our mandatory first semester advising as one of our **best support systems at CVCC!** Available through Student Services both day and evening, CVCC counselors will help you decide on a career path and provide guidance throughout your college career and ultimate job search.

Need help with your studies? In surveys, our students rave about the **Learning Assistance Center.** The center provides the help you need to succeed:

- One on one tutoring
- Group tutoring
- Peer mentoring
- Computer labs with Internet access, online class activities and word processing
- The Writing Center: English instructors and tutors help with writing papers



Job Placement and Career Counseling. If you want to work while in school, counselors will help with your resume, job interview skills and applications for full-time or part-time work, or internships.

When you're ready to enter the workforce. Career fairs and job fairs are held on the CVCC campus. At these events, you can meet with area employers and learn about available jobs and career options. Our counselors also have constant contact with local employers and refer hundreds of students and graduates each semester! CVCC career counselors help students and graduates get hired.

It all sounds great, but how do you know you're really getting a quality education at CVCC?

Just ask our students. In recent surveys, our students rated CVCC faculty at well above the national average in:

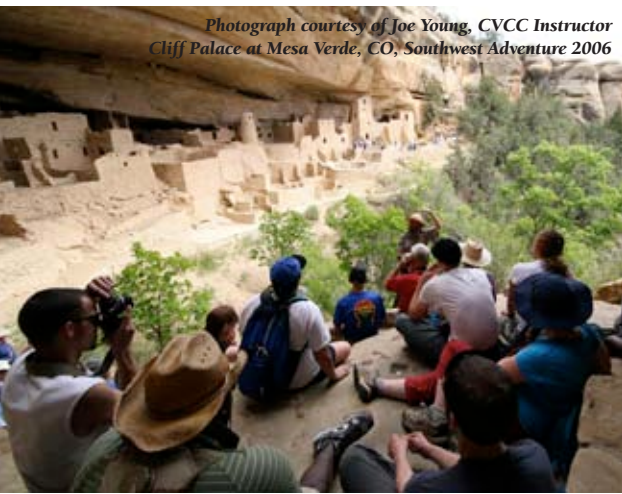
- Knowledge in their fields
- Availability after class time
- Approachability, friendliness & helpfulness

Ask our graduates. 99% of them met their goal to earn a degree or diploma and went to work within a year of graduation or earlier. Check out our graduates' performance on certification exams. Healthcare graduates and other specially trained workers score extremely high on state and national licensing exams.

Finally, ask the companies who hire our graduates. The overwhelming majority are pleased with the skills of the graduates they put to work.



Photograph courtesy of Richard Eller, CVCC Instructor
Gettysburg, VA, Hands on History 2008



Photograph courtesy of Joe Young, CVCC Instructor
Cliff Palace at Mesa Verde, CO, Southwest Adventure 2006



Photograph courtesy of Justin Smith, CVCC student
La Mancha, Spain, Foreign Language Travel Study 2007

Get a real college experience!

Travel...

the USA and visit other countries as part of your studies!

At CVCC you can explore the ancient Indian tribal grounds in the Southwest US with the *Southwest Adventure*, tour battleground sites across the country in Hands on History classes, travel to Europe and more. These are just a few of the opportunities you can take part in as a CVCC student.

“The ‘Hands On History’ program offers students a more in-depth study of history. Traveling to battlefields allows a real opportunity for even more concentrated research and creates a whole new understanding of war and the key battles upon which they turn.”

Richard Eller,
CVCC Social Sciences Department Head & History Instructor

Photograph courtesy of Christina Hankovszky, CVCC Student
Canyon de Chelly, AZ, Southwest Adventure 2008

Get Involved...

Think you'll miss out on "real college life" if you choose a community college?

Think again. Getting involved is the key to a successful college experience. At CVCC, you'll have lots of choices.

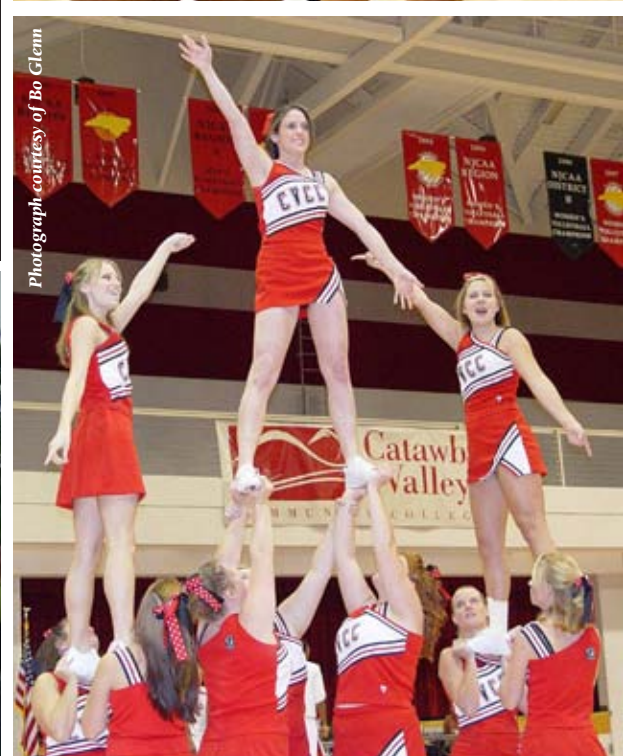
- Student Government
- Student clubs: Circle K, Phi Theta Kappa, Outing, Rotaract, professional clubs, cultural clubs and many more!
- Athletics: Buccaneers Men's and Women's Basketball, Women's Volleyball and Men's Baseball

Meet friends to cheer on the Buccaneers at the game, work out in the weight room or play a game of tennis. Attend cultural events and activities around the area either free or at a discounted rate with your CVCC Student ID card.

"I played volleyball in high school and I was really glad to play on the CVCC team. The athletic program really motivates me to do well in my studies. I am thankful that CVCC helps me save money, arrange a class schedule that works for my family and gives me the chance to be successful."

Samantha Lo
Maiden High School, Class of 2007
CVCC Early Childhood Education and Lady Buccaneers Volleyball
Transferring to ASU

Arts and music your style? Join the Theater Arts club or satisfy your performance desire by taking classes in the music program and auditioning for one of the performance choirs. Hundreds of students in the Catawba Valley area chose CVCC to prepare for their musical career. Our music alumni are now teaching in the community and public schools, and working in local churches. Many are working in the recording industry and still others perform professionally with gospel and country music groups, musical theater and opera companies all across the United States.



Tuition Impossible?

Not if you explore all the options. And there are lots and lots of financial aid options at CVCC. In fact, more than one-third of the student body receives some type of financial assistance. Our financial aid counselors can show you how to get started.

More than \$5 million, from state and federal financial assistance programs, is awarded each year to CVCC students. *In addition, the CVCC Foundation, Inc. funds more than 100 scholarships each year to enrich students' educational experiences.*



Financial aid options for CVCC students include:

- Scholarships, both public & private
- State grants & loans
- Work study
- Federal grants & loans
- Targeted populations grants
- CVCC Foundation, Inc. Scholarships

"After I was laid off from my furniture job of 15 years, I wanted to come back to school. I didn't qualify for any financial help the first year. The CVCC financial aid counselor worked and worked to get it for me my second year. Now I have the financial aid I need to finish school. I really appreciate how hard they worked for me."

Tosha Brown
CVCC Graphic Arts & Imaging Technology
Class of 2009



Need a fast track to a new career?

CVCC offers short-term training programs in dozens of fields. Today's competitive workplace involves updating and expanding your knowledge and job skills often. At CVCC you can advance your training for your current career or start a new one! The programs range from earning a two-year technical degree to a diploma or a certificate. Many of the programs take a year or even less.

Check out our offerings in:

- Business
- Education
- Healthcare
- Public Service
- Computer Technology
- Environmental Life Science

"I went to a university right out of high school and it was not for me. I came home, worked in landscaping and knew some people who had gone to CVCC so I enrolled in the two-year Turfgrass Management program. Now I work part-time for the Washington Redskins and full time for Game Day, Inc. a field maintenance company."

Justin Fulbright, CVCC Turfgrass Management, Class of 2008

Get started today!

Get started on your college career at CVCC today. Follow these simple steps:

Step 1: Apply

Call or drop by Student Services to get your enrollment process started.

Step 2: Get Ready

Make an appointment with a financial aid counselor who can help you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), scholarship applications and all other financial aid forms.

Step 3: Choose

Check out the online course listing to plan your schedule. Visit www.cvcc.edu/Schedules/ for the complete lineup of classes.

Step 4: Register

Meet with your faculty advisor to lock in a class schedule that suits your life plan.

Step 5: Start!

Get your college career off to a great start at one of the New Student Orientations offered every semester.



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Student Services
828-327-7000, ext. 4216

Areas of Study

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, and TECHNOLOGY




Accounting
Air Conditioning, Heating and
Refrigeration Technology
Architectural Technology
Automotive Systems Technology
Biotechnology*
Business Administration
Computer Engineering Technology
Computer Information Technology
Computer Programming
Cosmetology
Electrical/Electronics Technology
Electronics Engineering Technology
Funeral Service Education*
General Occupational Technology
Horticulture Technology
Industrial Systems Technology
Information Systems Security
Machining Technology
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Networking Technology
Office Administration Technology
Truck Driver Training*
Turfgrass Management Technology
Upholstery
Web Technologies
Welding Technology

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SAFETY


Basic Law Enforcement Training
Criminal Justice Technology
Cyber Crime Technology
Emergency Medical Science
Fire Protection Technology
Paralegal Technology*

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SERVICES



Dental Hygiene
Electroneurodiagnostic Technology
Health Information Technology
Healthcare Management Technology
Medical Transcription
Nursing
Polysomnography
Radiography
Respiratory Therapy
Speech Language Pathology Assistant*
Surgical Technology

SCHOOL OF ACADEMICS, EDUCATION, and FINE ARTS



Advertising and Graphic Design
Associate in General Education
College Transfer Program
Associate in Arts
Associate in Fine Arts
Associate in Science
Early Childhood Associate
Graphic Arts & Imaging Technology
Photographic Technology

For a complete listing of degree, certificate and diploma programs, consult the CVCC General Catalog.

**Cooperative program with another institution.*



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