

# CHARLOTTE

## A Partnership in Higher Education

**THE FIRST INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING** south of Virginia was established in Charlotte in 1771.

Today, higher education is as important in the affairs of the Charlotte Metro Region as business and government. This is especially apparent in the partnership between the city's colleges and universities and the rest of the community.

The Charlotte Area Educational Consortium, formed in 1969, provides a means for students to pursue courses at any of the member institutions for full credit. It lists 24 regular member colleges and universities.

More than 220,000 students are enrolled in degree, college-transfer or continuing education programs at the 43 colleges, universities, community colleges and technical institutes located within the 13 county Charlotte-Gastonia-Salisbury CSA.

### National and International Distinction

Many of the colleges and universities in the Carolinas and the region have been recognized for their excellence both nationally and internationally.

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NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED  
LEVEL OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

U.S. News & World Report's "Survey of America's Best Colleges" continually cites numerous North Carolina schools in their rankings.

### Unmatched Diversity and Excellence

Within the region:

- ▶ Twenty-two public and private secondary institutions offer a wide range of baccalaureate degrees.
- ▶ Thirteen schools offer graduate opportunities — master or doctoral programs — in a variety of disciplines.
- ▶ Eighteen junior colleges, community colleges and technical institutes confer two-year associate degrees.

Excellence abounds among the institutions, which offer students a variety of learning environments from large, diverse campuses to small, denominational settings. Tuition for four-year degree programs ranges from \$3,637 annually for a North Carolina resident living off campus at a public school to \$49,723 for a private college student living on campus.

### Respected Colleges and Universities Central Piedmont Community College:

CPCC is the largest of the 58 colleges in the North Carolina Community College System and serves more than 60,000 students each year. The college's vision is to "become the national leader in workforce development." In response to its innovative educational and training strategies designed



to meet the workforce and technology needs of the community, Central Piedmont Community College has been selected as Community College of the Year by the National Alliance of Business. Its six area campuses and online Virtual Campus make the college very accessible to students and employers.

The college offers two-year associate's degrees and short-term diploma and certificate programs in over 100 technical specialties. CPCC is home to the only American Culinary Federation accredited culinary program in the Charlotte area. Corporate and Continuing Education training programs serve over 46,000 individuals and over 550 existing, expanding and new companies each year.

An articulation agreement with the institutions of the University of North Carolina facilitates transfer of credit for CPCC students seeking bachelor's degrees. Pre-college programs such as adult basic education, adult high school, general education development, compensatory education, and limited English proficiency serve the education and training needs of all adult students.

High school students can get a head start on a college education through the College Experience Program with courses that fulfill both high school and college requirements.

Students can participate in Cooperative Education Programs to integrate practical learning into their academic programs. The college also operates several apprenticeship





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## OVER 100 DIFFERENT TECHNICAL PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED AT CPCC.

programs in cooperation with private industry and the Department of Labor. In all, CPCC has over 600 collaborative partnerships with business, industry, government and sister educational institutions. [www.cpcc.edu](http://www.cpcc.edu)

### Davidson College

Davidson College exemplifies the dynamic nature of the liberal arts, educating leaders and training creative minds to think critically. Founded in 1837 by ministers of the Concord Presbytery, Davidson now meets the challenges of a technology-driven, interdependent global community. Davidson College was ranked as the nation's fifth best value Liberal Arts College by Kiplinger and the nation's eleventh best Liberal Arts College by U.S. News and World Report.

Davidson's 1,700 students come to the historic, picturesque campus from almost every state in the nation and many foreign countries. The highly selective admissions process means that students are already proven scholars and leaders when they arrive on campus.

About 85 percent rank in the top 10 percent of their high school classes, and most have an outstanding record of extracurricular leadership and community service.

At Davidson, students find the opportunity to work in close collaboration with professors with a student-faculty ratio of 10:1.

Davidson offers a sound liberal arts education in industry, banking, management, politics, government service, social science and the arts.

Davidson is particularly strong in laying an educational base for further study in the professions of medicine, law, international affairs, education, business and the ministry.

An active honor code sets the tone for the academic and social life on campus, where self-scheduled examinations, unproctored tests and open library stacks are the norm. [www.davidson.edu](http://www.davidson.edu)

### Johnson and Wales University

After consolidating two campuses here in 2004, Johnson & Wales is growing rapidly with over 2,600 full-time students enrolled for the 2010-2011 year. The Charlotte campus offers three colleges: the College of Business, the College of Culinary Arts and the Hospitality College. Students can pursue associate or bachelor's degrees. Before graduation, students work ten hours of community service with local nonprofit partner organizations. Additionally, the office of Experiential Education and Career Services encourages students to take personal responsibility for developing job search competencies and career decisions through participation in Career Workshops, Career Events, Career Capstone and Experiential Education Programs.

Johnson & Wales also offers Charlotte residents a unique opportunity to learn culinary skills and artistry from some of the best chefs in the industry. Chef's Choice® is an innovative program featuring a hands-on culinary experience that provides a great introduction to the culinary arts. The classes appeal to all culinary skill levels and take a creative approach in which participants actually prepare and sample the foods as they learn. [www.jwu.edu](http://www.jwu.edu)

### Johnson C. Smith University

Johnson C. Smith University is a private, four-year liberal arts institution located on a 100-acre campus within blocks of Uptown Charlotte.

The University offers approximately 1,500 students academically progressive programs in nearly 30 fields of study, which lead to a

Bachelor of Science, a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Social Work degree. A student to faculty ratio of 11:1 assures students receive individual attention.

JCSU is known as one of the oldest and strongest African-American institutions in the country and is noted for its nationally acclaimed technology initiative where every student receives an IBM laptop computer and has complete access to the campus-wide network and Internet services. [www.jcsu.edu](http://www.jcsu.edu)

### Pfeiffer University

Pfeiffer University's main campus is located in Misenheimer, N.C., and is home to the institution's Undergraduate College (a residential program with about 730 students located 40 minutes northeast of Charlotte).

Pfeiffer's Charlotte campus offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees and consists of three academic divisions: the Undergraduate College, the Graduate School and the School of Adult Studies.

Pfeiffer's total enrollment is 2,020 and includes over 1,000 graduate students. Their online program continues to grow and constitutes approximately 15 percent of all courses.

The largest majors are in business administration, education and criminal justice, but programs are offered for all traditional areas of study. [www.pfeiffer.edu](http://www.pfeiffer.edu)

### Queens University of Charlotte

Founded in 1857, Queens University of Charlotte is a private liberal arts university, with close ties to the Presbyterian Church. The University is located near uptown Charlotte in Myers Park, a beautiful, historic residential area. Queens has approximately 2,500 students enrolled in its College of Arts & Sciences, Knight School of Communication, Cato School of Education, Blair College of Health, Presbyterian School of Nursing, Hayworth College for Adult Studies and McColl School of Business.

Degree-seeking students in the College of Arts and Sciences are exposed to an interdisciplinary curriculum. The College's innovative interactive approach in the liberal arts, after winning praise from the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves as a model

for other colleges and universities nationwide. Additionally, nearly 90 percent of full-time undergraduate students take advantage of the opportunity to travel and study abroad as part of their tuition through the John Belk International Program. The College also offers an internship program with over 325 sites across Charlotte and abroad.

The Hayworth College for Adult Studies includes programs for graduate, undergraduate, and continuing education students. The undergraduate program is designed for working students who wish to pursue an undergraduate degree in one of a variety of majors by attending evening, weekend or online classes. For students seeking advanced degrees, Hayworth College also offers master's degree programs in nursing, teaching and organizational communication.

The McColl School of Business offers a Professional MBA and an Executive MBA as well as non-degree executive leadership training programs. [www.queens.edu](http://www.queens.edu)

### The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

With more than 25,000 students, UNC Charlotte is the fourth largest of the 16 member institutions of the University of North Carolina. The university offers a broad array of 92 programs leading to bachelor's degrees, 59 leading to master's degrees and 19 leading to doctoral degrees. A research university, UNC Charlotte comprises seven colleges — Arts and Architecture, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Education, Computing and Informatics, Health and Human Services — and a School of Nursing. A university-wide graduate school serves 5,300 students.

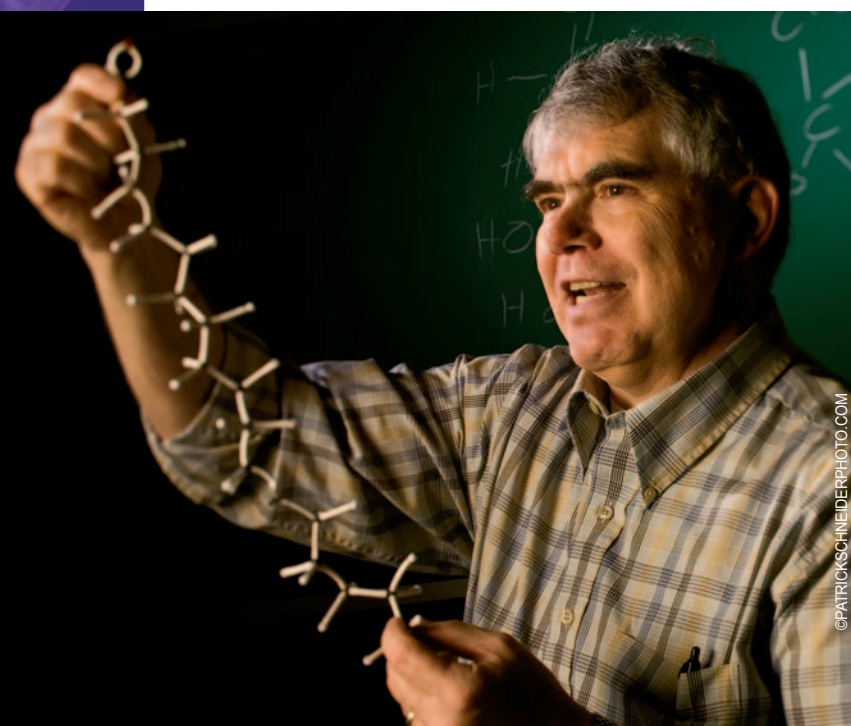
For its largely residential undergraduate student body, freshman learning communities and freshman seminars integrate students into college life. The institution also offers an Honors College for undergraduate students, as well as disciplinary honors programs in most majors to engage students in research and service with the faculty. The Office of Adult Students and Evening Services meets the needs of nontraditional students.

UNC Charlotte focuses on teaching with a strong emphasis on applied research and public service. The university serves the community, state and nation through:

- ▶ The Ben Craig Center, a business incubator.
- ▶ The Charlotte Research Institute's centers for optics, e-business technology, precision metrology and bioinformatics.
- ▶ The Urban Institute's community research and planning, the Global Institute for Energy and Environmental Systems, the N.C. Motorsports and Automotive Engineering Research Center, the Center for Bioengineering Systems, the Center for Real Estate, the Institute for Social Capital's research on education and social services, the Charlotte Community Design Studio and other centers and institutes.

In response to Charlotte's global business outlook, programs are offered in International Studies, Latin American Studies and International Business. The Office of International Programs facilitates study abroad and student and faculty exchange programs. UNC Charlotte enrolls students from about 80 foreign countries and has working relationships with colleges and universities throughout the world.

Each year, UNC Charlotte grants about 4,800 degrees and now has more than 80,000 alumni. [www.uncc.edu](http://www.uncc.edu)



## Wingate University

Wingate University ranks among the top Southern regional universities, and U.S. News and World Report has consistently listed it as one of the nation's best small colleges. In fact, Wingate ranks eighth in Best Value among Southern regional universities.

Wingate University offers its 2,373 students the option of 34 majors at the undergraduate level as well as pre-professional programs and graduate programs in business, education, accounting and pharmacy. Adults may complete their bachelor's degrees at Wingate University's convenient Metro College location in Matthews.

The Wingate University School of Pharmacy, one of three schools of pharmacy in North Carolina, takes an innovative approach to learning by incorporating advanced technology as well as classes in medical Spanish, geriatrics, pediatrics and herbal solutions. [www.wingate.edu](http://www.wingate.edu)

## Winthrop University

Founded in 1886, Winthrop is a national-caliber, comprehensive learning university with a distinctive mission to offer challenging academic programs to a high achieving, culturally diverse and socially responsible student body.

41 undergraduate and 25 graduate degree programs are available in the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, and Visual and Performing Arts — all of which are supported by Winthrop's newest academic division, University College.

Winthrop's 100-acre central campus, complemented by its east campus' 325-acre athletics and recreational area, provides a setting of exceptional beauty in Rock Hill, S.C. [www.winthrop.edu](http://www.winthrop.edu)

## Additional Graduate Opportunities

Opened in January 2012, the uptown campus of Northeastern University, Charlotte is the first satellite location of the Boston-based university. The Charlotte location offers eight master's programs in health care, finance, and sports management. Also located uptown is Wake Forest's Babcock Graduate School of Management, whose MBA program is the top ranked program of its kind in NC and ranked in the top 10 percent nationally by U.S. News and World Report. Charlotte is also home to the Charlotte School of Law, which has an enrollment of over 800 students. Furthermore, Carolinas Medical Center, one of five teaching hospitals in N.C., is now home to the Charlotte campus of the UNC School of Medicine. CMC plans to increase enrollment by adding several dozen third and fourth year residency slots.

[www.northeastern.edu/charlotte](http://www.northeastern.edu/charlotte), [www.mba.wfu.edu](http://www.mba.wfu.edu),  
[www.charlottelaw.org](http://www.charlottelaw.org), [www.unc.edu](http://www.unc.edu)

## Additional Area Institutions

Art Institute of Charlotte, Charlotte [www.artinstitutes.edu/charlotte](http://www.artinstitutes.edu/charlotte)

Barber Scotia College, Concord [www.b-sc.edu](http://www.b-sc.edu)

Belmont Abbey College, Belmont

[www.belmontabbeycollege.edu](http://www.belmontabbeycollege.edu)

Brookstone College of Business, Charlotte [www.brookstone.edu](http://www.brookstone.edu)

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, Concord

[www.cabarruscollege.edu](http://www.cabarruscollege.edu)

Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute, Hudson

[www.caldwell.cc.nc.us](http://www.caldwell.cc.nc.us)

Carolinas College of Health Sciences, Charlotte

[www.carolinascollege.edu](http://www.carolinascollege.edu)

Catawba College, Salisbury [www.catawba.edu](http://www.catawba.edu)

Catawba Valley Community College, Hickory [www.cvcc.edu](http://www.cvcc.edu)

Cleveland Community College, Shelby [www.cleveland.cc.nc.us](http://www.cleveland.cc.nc.us)

Clinton Junior College, Rock Hill [www.clintonjuniorcollege.edu](http://www.clintonjuniorcollege.edu)

DeVry University/Keller Graduate School of

Management, Charlotte [www.devry.edu](http://www.devry.edu)

ECPI College of Technology, Charlotte [www.ecpi.edu](http://www.ecpi.edu)

Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs

[www.gardner-webb.edu](http://www.gardner-webb.edu)

Gaston College, Dallas [www.gaston.edu](http://www.gaston.edu)

ITT Technical Institute, Charlotte [www.itt-tech.edu](http://www.itt-tech.edu)

Kaplan College, Charlotte [www.kaplancollege.com](http://www.kaplancollege.com)

King's College, Charlotte [www.kingscollegecharlotte.edu](http://www.kingscollegecharlotte.edu)

Lee University, Charlotte [www.leeuniversity.edu/](http://www.leeuniversity.edu/)

[charlotte-center](http://charlotte-center)

Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory [www.lrc.edu](http://www.lrc.edu)

Livingstone College, Salisbury [www.livingstone.edu](http://www.livingstone.edu)

Mercy School of Nursing, Charlotte [www.cmc-mercy.org](http://www.cmc-mercy.org)

Mitchell Community College, Statesville [www.mitchellcc.edu](http://www.mitchellcc.edu)

Montreat College, Charlotte [www.montreat.edu](http://www.montreat.edu)

Mountain State University, Mooresville

[www.mountainstate.edu](http://www.mountainstate.edu)

NASCAR Technical Institute, Mooresville, [www.uti.edu](http://www.uti.edu)

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Salisbury

& Concord [www.rowancabarrus.edu](http://www.rowancabarrus.edu)

South Piedmont Community College, Polkton

[www.spcc.edu](http://www.spcc.edu)

Southeastern Institute, Charlotte

[www.southeasterninstitute.edu](http://www.southeasterninstitute.edu)

Stanly Community College, Albemarle [www.stanly.edu](http://www.stanly.edu)

Strayer University, Charlotte & Huntersville [www.strayer.edu](http://www.strayer.edu)

TechSkills Charlotte, Charlotte [www.techskills.edu](http://www.techskills.edu)

University of Phoenix at Charlotte, Charlotte

[www.phoenix.edu](http://www.phoenix.edu)

University of South Carolina at Lancaster, SC

[usclanaster.sc.edu](http://usclanaster.sc.edu)

York Technical College, Rock Hill, SC [www.yorktech.com](http://www.yorktech.com)

