



*"All students, no matter where they live, must graduate with the skills they need for a career, two- or four-year college or technical training."*

*Gov. Bev Perdue*

## **Gov. Perdue's Career & College Promise**

In today's global economy, successful careers could require a two- or four-year degree, a diploma or a nationally-recognized job credential.

Gov. Bev Perdue's Career & College Promise offers North Carolina high school age students a clear, focused and affordable path to future success. Qualified North Carolina high-school age students can begin their two- or four-year college work, tuition free, while they are in high school allowing them to get a head start on their workplace and college preparation.

The program is free to all students who maintain a "B" average and meet other eligibility requirements.

Career & College Promise provides three pathways to help advance eligible students' post-high school success:

- College Transfer – Earn tuition-free course credits toward a four-year degree through North Carolina's community colleges. Students who complete a 44-hour credit program will be able to transfer all of their credit to all UNC institutions and many of NC's Independent Colleges and Universities.
- Technical Career – Earn tuition-free course credits at an NC Community College toward an entry-level job credential, certificate or diploma in a technical career.
- Innovative High Schools (limited availability) – Begin earning tuition-free college credits as a high-school freshman by attending a Cooperative Innovative High School.

For more information, visit [www.careercollegenc.org](http://www.careercollegenc.org).

## Career & College Promise Pathway Descriptions and Eligibility Requirements

College Transfer Pathway	Career Technical Education Pathway	Cooperative Innovative High School Pathway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Earn college transfer credits that transfer seamlessly to any public or participating private college or university (Students must complete 44 hours to ensure credit transfer).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reduced cost for a two- or four-year degree.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated completion of a diploma, associate degree or four-year degree.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develops skills for success at the next level.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Earn tuition-free course credits at an NC Community College toward an entry-level job credential, certificate or diploma in a technical career.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Includes applied academic skills needed for workplace success.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provides innovative educational opportunities for students in grades 9-12</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emphasis on first-generation college students</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Enables students to complete a high school diploma and two years of college credit in four-to-five years</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepares students for future learning in the workplace or in higher education</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eligibility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be a high school junior or senior as of January 2012 or later.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Enter the program with a weighted 3.0 GPA and maintain a 2.0 on college coursework after completing two courses.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to make progress toward high school graduation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate college readiness I English, reading and mathematics on an approved assessment or placement test (visit <a href="http://careercollegenc.org">careercollegenc.org</a> for details).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Select a program of study.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Eligibility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be a high school junior or senior as of January 2012 or later.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Enter the program with a weighted 3.0 GPA (or have a principal's recommendation) and maintain a 2.0 on college coursework after completing two courses.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to make progress toward high school graduation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate career and college readiness through career pathway prerequisites.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take PLAN assessment while in grade 10.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Select a program of study.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Eligibility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be a high school student in grades 9 to 12 with access to a cooperative innovative high school approved by the State Board of Education.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Meet the eligibility requirements established by the local board of education and higher education partner as required in GS Chapter 115C-238.50</li> </ul>