

SDoL Northampton Community College Transition Checklist

Congratulations! We are so proud and excited that you are furthering your education beyond the School District of Lancaster and have committed to Northampton Community College. We know that this is a stressful time and you may have questions. The Future Ready Center team is here to support you through the summer and beyond. You can get support two different ways:

- Sign up for text messaging with the Future Ready Center: www.tinyurl.com/McCaskeytext
- Complete this form to request a meeting: www.tinyurl.com/TornadoRequest

Helpful Tip: If you are struggling with anything that isn't addressed here, you may also want to contact 211. Simply call 211 on your phone or message online with their staff at <http://www.pa211east.org/Lancaster>. All information is confidential, and they can refer you to local service providers who can help with anything including housing, food, and counseling.

NCC has an online admissions checklist where you can access links to everything that newly admitted students need to complete in order to start classes in the fall. The link below guides you to a concise list of next steps that you should make a priority and complete every step as soon as possible.

<https://tinyurl.com/NCCnew-student-checklist>

Financial Aid

- ☐ **Pay Enrollment and Housing Deposit:** Make sure you have paid all deposits to confirm your spot at Northampton. Note that housing is limited so be sure to pay your deposit quickly.
- ☐ **Complete Any Outstanding Financial Aid Verification:** Do you have any outstanding issues with financial aid that need to be addressed? If so, take care of those as soon as possible so you can access your federal aid to pay your bill.
- ☐ **Complete Entrance Counseling for Federal Loans:** This is mandatory to receive federal loans. Failing to do so will leave you unable to use these loans for college. Complete the counseling carefully; this is important information about debt you are taking on.
- ☐ **Pay Tuition Bill:** Pay special attention to when your tuition bill arrives. There will likely be a fairly quick turnaround to submit your payment. To pay for your courses you will need to have all your financial aid finalized and loan counseling completed.

Registration - MU Registrar's Office <https://www.millersville.edu/registrar/index.php>

- ❑ **Send Final High School Transcript:** Contact your counselor to send your final transcript to MU.
- ❑ **Take Placement Tests (if applicable):** You may have to take a test to place into 100-level English and Math. Take the tests seriously and practice beforehand. Your results may impact the types of courses you can sign up for.
- ❑ **Log into College Email Account:** Once you are enrolled, you will begin receiving important information via your college email account. Check this account regularly, at least every other day, to make sure you do not miss any important information.
- ❑ **Log into College Web Portal:** This is where you will receive your tuition bill and other important information. Check this account regularly, at least every other day, to make sure you do not miss any important information.
- ❑ **Register for Classes:** DO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! You probably want to start with your general education requirements. Talk with a college advisor if you need assistance picking your courses or contact the Future Ready Center.
- ❑ **Register for and attend orientation:** Keep checking your email for information about how to sign up for an enrollment session.

Get Campus Ready

- ❑ **Purchase a Laptop and Supplies:** A laptop, while expensive, is extremely necessary for college classes. There are some low cost options, like Chromebooks. You don't need that MacBook pro unless you are in a program that specifically requires it. If you are struggling financially, contact your college, they may have loaner laptops you can borrow for a set period of time. There are also computer labs on campus that you can use almost any time day or night, but your own laptop will make studying much easier. Make sure to purchase whatever supplies you need for your program and anything you need for your dorm if you're living on campus. Here's a list of items you should plan on bringing: www.tinyurl.com/SeniorCollegeList.
- ❑ **Confirm Health Insurance:** MU requires students to have health insurance. If you are on your parents' plan, make sure it will cover you adequately at college. If this is not an option for you, most campuses have to offer a healthcare package by law that you may purchase. Contact the health center to find out more. hservices@millersville.edu
- ❑ **COVID Vaccination:** NCC requires all resident students to be fully vaccinated prior to arriving to campus, unless exempted by medical or religious reasons. For details and how to submit proof of your vaccination status or questions, contact: *NCC Health Center at either 610-861-5365 or* <https://tinyurl.com/NCCHealthcenter>
- ❑ **Get a Meningitis Shot (if living on campus):** All colleges in Pennsylvania require this by state law.
- ❑ **Purchase Textbooks:** Do this as soon as you're signed up for classes. You should get a book list when you register, and the bookstore website should have a list of books you will need for each course. DO NOT purchase your books from the bookstore if you can avoid it. Consider the following cheaper options:

- **Rentals:** Great if you need them for a general education course not in your field of interest. www.Bookscouter.com allows you to see the cheapest rentals across all the largest textbook websites. Just make sure you return your books in time and in good condition, you don't want to get charged extra for them.
- **Purchase Used:** Use www.Bookscouter.com to find the cheapest textbooks available. Simply put in your ISBN code and it will show the prices for that textbook across all the largest used textbook websites, so you can quickly compare and save money. You can then use Bookscouter again at the end of the semester to sell those same books back to those same companies.

Once You Get to College

- **Get to Know Your Campus Resources:** NCC has a several resources available to you. Visit this link for information about student affairs, student activities, student center, sexual misconduct and counseling center services:
<https://tinyurl.com/NCCstudent-affairs>
- **Learning Center:** This facility should be your first stop when you are struggling in class or if you want help to turn in your very best work. This facility has adults and upperclassmen students who can tutor you in any academic area. All services are free and this is a fantastic way to receive help. <https://tinyurl.com/NCClearning-center>
- **Bursar's Office:** The Bursar's Office assists students with tuition billing, fees, housing and other college-related charges. The Bursar's Office also handles all student loan funds and student refunds, meal plans and flex accounts, and tax reporting.
<https://tinyurl.com/NCCbursar>
- **Center for Career Development:** This center not only helps you prepare for life after college, but they also help you determine your concentration of studies while in college. Make sure you make multiple appointments annually, to ensure that you are on the right track. Your career adviser should help you choose a major, explore careers, navigate the job search process and prepare for the world of work.
<https://tinyurl.com/NCCcareer-center>
- **Financial Aid:** Even though you already filled out the FAFSA once, you will need to fill it out every year to receive financial aid. Use this link to access help with financial aid forms or if you have any questions about your aid package.
<https://tinyurl.com/NCCfinancial-aid>
- **Housing & Residence Life:** If you need help with a housing or dormitory situation, check out this office. This is also important if you have roommate issues or something in the residency is unsatisfactory. <https://tinyurl.com/NCC-housing>
- **Library:** Don't be afraid of the library! Not only is it your #1 source for books when you have research papers to write, but it also has a ton of technology at your disposal (computers, printers, scanners, copiers, etc!) The library also has a variety of spaces for individual and group study so you have options to choose from. Colleges now have an online database so you can access millions of articles for your papers.
<https://tinyurl.com/NCC-library>

- **Mail Services:** Each resident will receive a mailbox number when they arrive on campus. Mail is delivered to the residence hall, Monday through Friday each week, during the fall and spring semesters. Students that receive packages will receive an email to their student email indicating they need to stop by the College Mail Room, located in College Center building, to pick up their package.
- **Campus Safety/Police:** Familiarize yourself with your campus security so that you can feel safe and secure walking around on campus. 76 page guide details everything there is to know about safety on and around campus. <https://tinyurl.com/NCC-safety>
- **Campus Life:** In need of something to do after classes or on the weekends? Check out this site that details everything there is to know about campus life and how to find out all about the events happening on campus. <https://tinyurl.com/NCCcampus-life>
- **Study Abroad:** Interested in going abroad? Visit this Study Abroad site to get details. It is important to head to this office a year before you want to leave for your country of choice so that you have plenty of time to prepare. <https://tinyurl.com/NCCstudy-abroad>

Don't forget: You are brilliant! You are your own best advocate. Best of luck with your future endeavors, we are so proud of you. Don't forget to stay in touch!

Congratulations

Class of 2022!