

NC EMPT Advisory Board Meeting The UNC System Updates

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16 Universities | 6 Historically Minority-Serving Institutions | 1 Residential High School



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Preliminary Fall 2025 Enrollment Updates

Fall 2025 System Enrollment

- 3.4% year-over-year increase
- 15 campuses saw an increase.
- This is the first time our system has had more than a quarter of a million students enrolled simultaneously.

New First Time

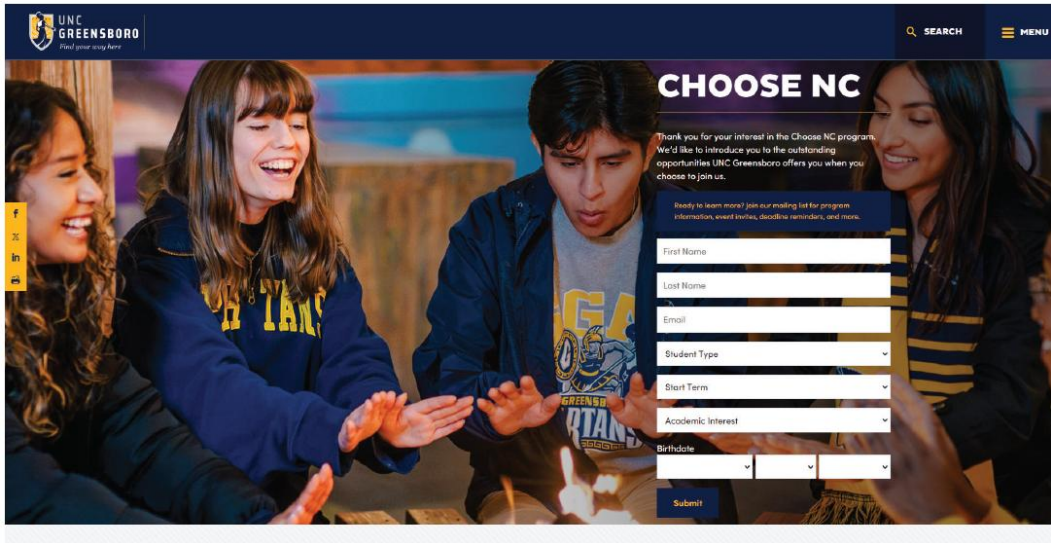
- Strong 3.7% increase in Fall 2025 relative to last fall.
- Record high with an incoming first-time cohort larger than 40k.

New Student Transfer

- **Up 8.2% Year-over-Year**
Strongest increase in new transfer enrollment compared to last year.
- **Record-Breaking Enrollment**
 - Previous record: **Fall 2018**, just under **18,000** new transfer students.
 - **Fall 2025** surpassed that record — marking a historic high.
- **Full Post-COVID Recovery**
Enrollment levels have **fully rebounded** from the dip experienced during the pandemic years.

New Pathways





- The **Choose NC Program** allows students who are not admitted to UNC-Chapel Hill and NC State to automatically apply to other University of North Carolina System schools through the Common Application.
- It's fast, simple, and opens the door to more opportunities. We know the right school for students is out there, and this program is here to help them find it.
- **Participating schools** include Elizabeth City State University, UNC Asheville, UNC Greensboro, UNC Pembroke, Winston Salem State University, and Western Carolina University.

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NC College Connect Toolkit Guide

Resources to Share With
Your Students, Networks
& Communities



UNC System Transfer Innovations



Agreements to meet workforce demands, including improving AAS Transfer pathways



A new statewide transfer advisory and coordinating structure (all higher ed partners)



Improve transfer experiences for adult-learners, military and veteran personnel, and dual enrollment students



We Promise

MAKING COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE



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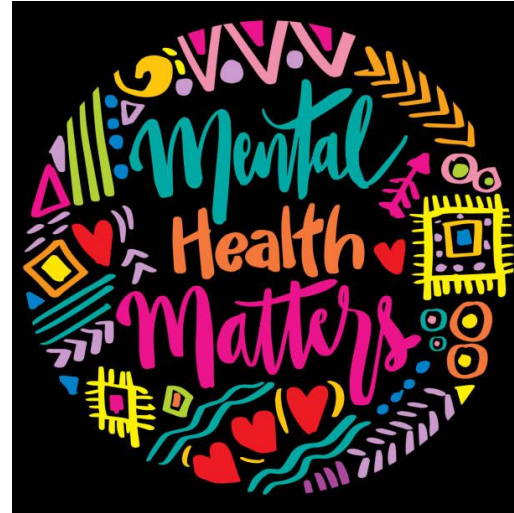
UNC System Student Affairs

Continued investment in improving student mental health System-wide:

- After-hours counseling and crisis response available at every UNC System institution.
- System-wide Student Mental Health Support Critical Incident Expansion Protocol launched August 2025.
- Suicide prevention efforts: QPR Instructor Training.
- Investment in mental health K-12 pipeline to college:

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Teen Mental Health First Aid Training



Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Students Entering in Fall 2026

High School GPA:

A minimum weighted GPA of 2.5.

Standardized Test Scores:

Students with a weighted High School GPA greater than or equal to 2.50 and less than 2.80 are required to submit a standardized test score of a 17 or higher on the ACT or a 930 or higher on the SAT.



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UPDATED
MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS

NEW UPDATES

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING IN THE SPRING 2025 SEMESTER:

- ✔ A Minimum Weighted GPA of 2.5
OR
- ✔ A Composite ACT score of 19, or Combined SAT(Math and Reading) Score of 1010

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING IN THE FALL 2025 OR SPRING 2026 SEMESTERS:

- ✔ A Weighted GPA greater than or equal to 2.50 and less than 2.80
- ✔ A SAT/ACT Test Score

FALL 2026 SEMESTER & BEYOND

- ✔ Students with a Weighted GPA of 2.50-2.79 **will be required** to submit a 17 or higher on the ACT or a 930 or higher on the SAT.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- ✔ Two additional academic courses from English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, or Computer Science.
- ✔ Foreign Language Courses are no longer required for admission consideration, but are still encouraged.

IMPORTANT NOTE
While these are the minimum requirements for consideration, they **DO NOT guarantee acceptance.**

UNC System 2025 Virtual Open House



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