



2015-2016 Academic Calendar

Summer Semester 2015

Ten-Week Session (40 days) May 20–July 30
 Note: Classes are held Monday through Thursday.

The College is closed on Fridays during the summer semester beginning May 15.

May 19..... Last day you may qualify for 100% refund
 May 20..... Registration Day (7:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.)
 Add period begins (75% refund period begins) (7:30 a.m.)
 May 20..... Courses begin (8:00 a.m.)
 May 21..... Add period ends (7:00 p.m.)
 May 25..... Holiday (College Closed)
 May 27..... 10% Point and Last day to drop without a grade;
 and Last day you may qualify for 75% refund*
 June 2..... Last day to apply for Summer graduation
 June 24..... Midterm
 June 25..... 2nd 5-week registration; ends 6:00 p.m.
 June 25..... 2nd 5-week courses begin
 July 2..... Holiday begins (6:00 p.m.)
 July 6..... Holiday (College Closed)
 July 16..... LCC 2015–Freshmen Orientation
 July 20–23..... Early registration for Fall Semester
 (currently enrolled students only)
 July 22–23..... Early registration for Fall Semester
 (open to all students; ends 5:00 p.m. July 23)
 July 27..... Last day to process drop forms
 July 30..... Exams given last day of courses
 July 30..... Semester Ends (11:00 p.m.)
 *75% refund is based on the 10% point of the course

Fall Semester 2015

August 12..... Professional Development Day (No Classes)
 August 13..... Registration Day (8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.)
 August 14..... Registration (8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.)
 Last day you may qualify for 100% refund
 August 17..... Classes begin (8:00 a.m.) (75% refund period begins)
 August 19..... Add period ends at 7:00 p.m.
 August 26..... 10% Point and Last day to drop without a grade;
 and Last day you may qualify for 75% refund*
 September 1..... Holiday (College Closed)
 September 17..... Last day to apply for Fall graduation
 October 12–13..... Semester Break
 (administration and support staff report)
 October 14..... Midterm
 October 15..... 2nd 8-week registration 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
 October 15..... 2nd 8-week classes begin (8:00 a.m.)
 November 9–10..... Early Registration for Spring Semester
 (currently enrolled students only)
 November 11–13..... Early Registration for Spring Semester
 (open to all students; ends 1:00 p.m. November 13)

November 24..... Last day to process drop forms
 November 25..... Holiday begin (5:00 p.m.)
 November 26–27..... Holiday (College Closed)
 December 9..... Follow Monday Schedule
 December 14, 15, 16..... Exams
 December 16..... Semester ends (11:00 p.m.)
 December 17..... No Classes
 December 18..... Semester Break
 December 21–January 1..... Winter holidays (College Closed)
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Spring Semester 2016

January 4..... No Classes
 January 5..... Registration Day until 7:00 p.m.
 Last day you may qualify for 100% refund
 January 6..... Courses begin (75% refund period begins) (8:00 a.m.)
 January 8..... Add period ends at 1:00 p.m.
 January 15..... 10% Point and Last day to drop without a grade;
 and Last day you may qualify for 75% refund*
 January 18..... Holiday (College Closed)
 February 10..... Last day to apply for Spring graduation
 March 2..... Midterm
 March 3..... Professional Development Day (3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
 March 3..... No classes for all students
 March 4..... Semester break for all students
 March 7..... 2nd 8-week registration and
 2nd 8-week classes begin (8:00 a.m.)
 March 28..... Holiday (College Closed)
 March 29–31..... Semester Break (administration and support staff report)
 April 11–15..... Advising Week
 April 18–19..... Early registration for Summer Semester
 (currently enrolled students only)
 April 18–19..... Pre-registration for Fall Semester
 (currently enrolled students only)
 April 20–22..... Early registration for Summer Semester
 (open to all students; ends 1:00 p.m. April 22)
 April 20–22..... Pre-registration for Fall Semester
 (open to all students; ends 1:00 p.m. April 22)
 April 28..... Last day to process drop forms
 May 4..... Follow Monday Schedule
 May 6..... Last day of classes
 May 9, 10, 11..... Exams
 May 11..... Semester Ends (11:00 p.m.)
 May 12..... No Classes
 May 13..... Graduation (7:00 p.m.)
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Graphic Arts program blends creativity and technology

The Graphic Arts and Imaging Technology (GAIT) program at Lenoir Community College is a great example of blending creativity and technology. This is a unique program where students gain experience in the creative aspects as well as extensive training in the technical aspects of product development. The program attracts students who have an interest in art, computers, and hands-on activities.

Students in the program train in a completely digital workflow environment. They gain extensive hands-on training in the design, development, production, and output of full-color images and documents.

“From capturing images with digital cameras and using the latest computer imaging technology for color correction and special effects, to outputting plates on a computer-to-plate system or outputting documents on a digital press, students have access to the latest industry-standard technology being used today,” Program Head Dwight Downie said.

The GAIT program has provided quality comprehensive graphic arts training for students for more than 35 years. The program is one of three of its kind in the North Carolina Community College System. It is the only program east of the Piedmont Triad region of Winston-Salem, Greensboro, and High Point.

“As you can imagine, the program and the industry have changed tremendously over the past 30 years,” Downie said. “I’ve seen the techniques



GAIT student Melvin Mills of Greenville outputs a project on the wide-format printer.

from traditional cut and paste methods and the equipment used to prepare and produce printed products transition into a totally digital, computer-driven workflow. Training and jobs used to be much more segmented than they are today as now fewer steps are required to produce the printed product. That’s not to say that the training the program offers is any less demanding, but the students now have to be much more detail-oriented and technically savvy than previous generations of students; he said. “Almost every

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1... Holiday (College Closed)

September 17 Last day to apply for Fall graduation

September 26 14th Annual LCC Golf Classic

step in the process now involves sophisticated software and computer-controlled devices where students have to be more cross-trained than ever. Even the latest printing presses are now computer-controlled.”

The associate degree curriculum provides students with knowledge and skills necessary for employment in the printing, publishing, packaging, and related industries.

“Our students receive hands-on training in computer publishing, graphic design, digital photography, imaging technology, digital printing, offset lithography, screen printing, wide-format printing, web site design and development, and e-document publishing,” Downie said.

The program currently houses two computer labs with 40 Apple computers installed with the latest industry-standard software. Completing the labs are scanners, platesetting equipment, multi-color offset presses and duplicators, digital color presses, a six-color screen printing press, and a wide-format inkjet printer. “We are very excited

Graphic Arts (continued inside)

14th Annual LCC Golf Classic to be held in September



Don’t miss your chance to participate in the 14th Annual LCC Golf Classic, scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2015. This tournament takes place every year at The Kinston Country Club and is one of the largest golf tournaments in Lenoir County. The Golf Classic has aided the LCC Foundation in raising more than \$430,000 since its inception, and this year alone, more than 150 golfers are expected to play in the tournament. LCC invites you to play in this year’s tournament, featuring

several fantastic prizes, including a hole-in-one new car giveaway.

“This event has been vital to the success of many students who would be unable to receive a college education, if not for the funds provided to them through the generous donors who participate each year”, said LCC Director of Institutional Advancement Jeanne Kennedy.

LCC thanks its many donors, including Piggly Wiggly Fresh Buy, Massey Toyota, Chick-fil-A, The

Golf Classic (continued inside)

Lenoir Community College and University of Mount Olive partner to enhance college transfer

According to the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics, 15 percent of community college students who transfer lose nearly all of their credits in the process, costing them precious time and money. Another third lose a significant proportion of their credits. In all, students who transfer from any kind of college or university to another lose an average of 13 credits when they do, and nearly 40 percent get no credit for the work they've already completed. That is exactly what a recent agreement between the University of Mount Olive (UMO) and Lenoir Community College (LCC) plans to guard against.

UMO and LCC have reached a partnership agreement that will enhance and expand options for community college students. Through the partnership agreement LCC students who have earned an associate of applied science degree can transfer seamlessly into an array of programs at UMO.

In the partnership, the University of Mount Olive and LCC will enhance and expand the University of Mount Olive's participation as a signatory institution in the North Carolina Community College System Independent Colleges and Universities Universal General Education Transfer Component Agreement (UGETC). This agreement honors the transfer of associate of arts and associate of science graduates' programs of study. It also allows LCC students to be eligible to apply for all state and federal financial aid.

To make it even easier, the UMO will have an admission representative on site at LCC with regular hours for advising students interested in transferring to UMO. UMO will provide current LCC students and recent graduates guaranteed admission and acceptance of appropriate transfer hours, up to 64 credits from specified AAS programs with a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. LCC graduates will be eligible for consideration of the full range of academic programs at the University of Mount Olive locations.

The partnership between UMO and LCC is what Dr. Philip P. Kerstetter, president of the University of Mount Olive, says will create an excellent opportunity for community college students to continue their education and prepare them for the future.

Lenoir Community College, a member of the North Carolina Community



Pictured left to right, are University of Mount Olive Executive Vice President Dr. Carol G. Carrere, and Lenoir Community College President Dr. Brantley Briley.

College System, is a comprehensive two-year public institution. The College offers associate degrees, diplomas, or certificates through educational programs in college transfer, business, industry, public services, health sciences, and continuing education for the intellectual, economic, social, and cultural development of students and the community. Programs and support services are accessible through traditional and distance learning options.

The University of Mount Olive is a private institution rooted in the liberal arts tradition with defining Christian values. The University, sponsored by the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, has locations in Mount Olive, New Bern, Wilmington, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Research Triangle Park, Washington, Jacksonville, and in Smithfield at Johnston Community College. For more information, visit www.umo.edu.

Graphic Arts (continued from front)

about our newer digital color output devices as this is definitely where the industry is headed. There is an increasing demand for short-run, variable-data, full-color pieces, and digital devices are getting better and better at handling these types of jobs," Downie stated.

Downie said the wide-format printer capable of printing on a variety of media including vinyl, paper, canvas, and fabric provides students the opportunity to gain valuable experience in the production of banners, posters, stickers, and contour-cut decals. "The device has the ability to print up to 64 inches wide and can produce materials for vehicle wraps and graphics for automotive customizing," he said.

Like all programs at LCC, the GAIT program has an advisory committee made up of people in the printing industry who provide valuable input on the changing environment. "We have an active advisory committee that has been very instrumental in the building of the GAIT program over the past 24 years. We lean on our advisory committee to help guide the program and provide the vision needed to assure that we are providing the most up-to-date training possible," Downie said.

Students have found employment in numerous areas of the field. "Our graduates are employed across the state as graphic artists, graphic designers, digital photography and imaging specialists, electronic prepress technicians, sheet-fed and web press operators, bindery technicians, screen printers, web site designers and developers, and in-plant printing managers," he said. "Some have gone on to open their own businesses."

Students also have the opportunity to continue their education at universities to earn higher degrees in the major.

"When speaking with prospective students, I always say that there is a place for everyone in this industry as it requires a multitude of skills and talents and we are here to provide the training to advance you into this exciting industry. If you are creative, like computers, and enjoy hands-on training, then this is the program for you," Downie stated.

For more information about GAIT and the unique program opportunities, contact Downie at (252) 527-6223, ext. 604, or visit lenoircc.edu.



GAIT student Laura Cox of Pink Hill manipulates an image in preparation for digital output.

Golf Classic (continued from front)

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Free Press, and numerous other local businesses who are proud sponsors of this year's event.

New this year – Mother Earth Brewing will be hosting a social the evening prior to the tournament at the brewery. The social is scheduled for



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September 25, at 6:30 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend. All golfers and sponsors of the tournament will receive two complimentary beverages during the social, and a 50/50 raffle will take place at the event.

For information, or to sponsor a future LCC Foundation event, please contact Timothy Maddox, Special Events Coordinator for the LCC Foundation, at (252) 233-6843 or email at tdmaddox07@lenoircc.edu.

Massage your future at Lenoir Community College



Pictured left to right are LCC Therapeutic Massage students Emilee Contreras of Kinston, Tanisha Childs of Beulaville, and Miranda Goulet of Goldsboro.

Therapeutic Massage is one of the few careers that allows you to make a difference in your own life and the lives of others every day.

"I believe that most of the diseases we have in our society today are stress related, helping people, reducing stress levels in society, and making people feel better, what better job is there," says Lenoir Community College Therapeutic Massage Program Chair Dr. Steven Koehler.

The Therapeutic Massage program is designed to prepare graduates for work in direct client care settings to provide manipulation, methodical pressure, friction and kneading of the body for maintaining wellness or treating alterations in

wellness throughout a person's lifespan.

"Massage is one of the fastest growing medically related careers and the outlook is great. I receive calls every week from businesses looking for qualified massage therapists, Koehler says. Massage Therapists earn an average of \$53 per hour as stated by the "American Massage Therapy Association, from its 2014 Industry Fact Sheet, which is published each year. All of our graduates from LCC, that become licensed, have found employment and many are very successful."

Job opportunities available to graduates are varied. Employment in spas, day spas, salons, physical therapist, and chiropractor's offices, hospitals, long term care facilities and wellness centers are all looking for good massage thera-

pists. Also, the prospect of owning your own business is a much sought after option as well.

A good massage therapy student should possess the desire to help others, and the ability to put into practice what they learn. Taking care of themselves both physically and dietary are essential to promote the concept of wellness to themselves and their future clients.

"Coming into the program, good study habits are also essential; studying in depth musculature, anatomy and physiology together with the massage applications is like learning a foreign language, Koehler says. If you don't practice it all the time, it will be very difficult for you to learn."

The curriculum includes content in normal human anatomy and physiology, therapeutic massage, ethical/legal issues, business practices, nutrition and psychology. Graduates are eligible to take the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam.

Koehler says the spring clinic, which starts in mid January, has been very successful over the past couple of years. The students have been providing massages to 10 to 14 people each week at a cost to the individual of \$40 per massage. It is open to the public and clients can call after the first of January. It is scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.

LCC may offer the program at night with classes being held three nights a week and on Saturdays.

For more information, contact Koehler at (252) 527-6223, ext. 810 or email at sdkoehler00@lenoircc.edu.