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| NCC/New Community College  |
| ARE YOU ASTUDENT WHO…? | **PROGRAM OVERVIEW** |
| Designed to be a new kind of community college, what makes going to NCC a unique experience are first year “learning communities” and lots of integrated student support.**Learning communities:*** Students, organized into cohorts of 25, **take all first-year courses together** and **share a Student Support Advocate** (SSA/advisor).
* Students meet with SSAs at least 3x/semester individually, 1x/week as a cohort.
* Each cohort has a **peer mentor**, an upperclassman at one of the 4 year CUNYs, to share essential study skills and advice on how to be successful that first year.
* The majority of coursework is **problem-based** (you work out the solution to a social, environmental, mathematical, etc. problem) **within groups**. Often assignments combine work for more than one course.

 **Integrated student support:*** **No remedials**. All students take content-rich, credit-based courses no matter what they scored on the CUNY placement test.
* Professors’ and SSAs’ offices are organized together by cohort for one-stop advising.
* Professors and SSA meet weekly to **track student progress**. Students are alerted early if they are in danger of failing or academic probation.
* **Flexible scheduling** either helps students take their time to graduate, or increases the likelihood of graduating in 2-3 years.
* Each semester is divided into Part 1 and Part 2. Students in danger of failing classes in Part 1 make credits up in Part 2. Students in good academic standing can earn credits in Part 2 to fast track their graduation.
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| Might need that extra push the first year of college?Appreciates working in groups and will help build a supportive campus community?Is interested in these majors?:* Business Administration
* Health Information Technology
* Human Services
* Liberal Arts and Sciences
* Urban Studies

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| ADMISSIONS/ELIGIBILITY |
| 74.1 GPAApply to CUNY – list NCCAttend info sessionAttend 1 on 1 interview*No previously college experience* |
| APPLICATION TIMELINE  | **KEY INSIDER INFORMATION**  |
| NCC opened in Fall 2012 and offers a small, supportive community. NCC admits very few students: **300 students/year.**1. Make sure NCC is the **right fit for you** (though be **open minded**)…* NCC’s first year experience has a **strong focus on group work – more projects are assigned as group work than individual work.**
* Faculty, SSAs, & peer mentors offer a high level of individual support.
* Cohorts are expected to support their members.

2. Be **on top of your game** to get in…* The NCC application process has two more steps in addition to the normal CUNY process (MANDATORY information session and MANDATORY 1 on 1 interview).
* Complete all steps BY WINTER BREAK for the best chance of getting in.
* NCC will email you and invite you to an info session RIGHT AFTER CUNY central receives your app fee. Put a valid email address and cell phone number on your CUNY app. NCC contacts students by email and text.
* Bring your calendar to the info session to sign up for the interview on the spot.
* Ask questions at the info session and interview - make sure NCC knows you.
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| IDEAL: Steps 1-6 by winter breakCUNY APPDEADLINES: Feb. 1 for fall Sept 15 for spring1. Apply to CUNY.
2. Submit application fee.
3. Receive NCC email to create profile/RSVP for info session.
4. Attend info session.
5. Sign up for 1 on 1 interview at info session (rec.) or online.
6. Attend 1 on 1 interview.
7. Take CUNY placement test.
8. Receive acceptance & formally accept offer.
9. Immunization paperwork.
10. Attend orientation.
11. Submit commitment deposit.
12. Complete Summer Bridge.
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| LINKS | **FAQs** |
| HOME:<http://ncc.cuny.edu/index.html>ADMISSIONS: http://www.ncc.cuny.edu/admissions.htmlINFO SESSION REGISTRATION:<https://cunyncc.askadmissions.net/Portal/EI/GroupUrl?gid=530459a8fceee84e174b2f8a09828288ebd8dd>SUMMER BRIDGE VIDEO:<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMbpr9TWShg&list=UUqxVTVharDQQVjV_L2dUC9Q&index=1&feature=plcp>FIRST YEAR INFO:http://www.ncc.cuny.edu/academics/firstyearoverview.html | 1. **How do I know if NCC is right for me?**
* Do your research online, ask questions at the info session and your interview, and don’t be afraid to follow up with admissions later if you still have questions.
* You should really want to be at NCC. They are trying to build a different kind of two-year college and believe in strong community.
1. **What makes NCC new and different from other 2-year colleges?**
* NCC is based on research that says first year students do better in learning communities and with group assignements.
* NCC builds student support into pretty much every aspect of campus life. This is to overcome the drastically low graduation rates of community college students at CUNY – just 11% graduate in 3 years.
1. **Why aren’t there more majors? What if NCC doesn’t have my major?**
* Research finds that less options actually builds more structure and leads to students being more focused and accomplished in their chosen major.
* Call admissions if you don’t see “your major”. So many students change their mind. NCC is a great opportunity worth checking into more deeply.
1. How do I stay on top of the application steps and deadlines?
* Put a valid email address on your CUNY app and check it closely.
* After submitting your application fee, NCC will contact you to set up an online profile and RSVP for an info session.
* Create an NCC profile - they will assign you a username and password that you can change to your CUNY Portal username and password. Include a cell number.
* NCC will send you and email and text reminder just before your info session date.
* You can sign up for the 1 on 1 interview at the info session. Or, NCC will email you the next day if you need time to think and talk to your family.
1. NCC does not have a testing center yet, where should I take my placement test?
* Hunter.
1. Why do I have to take the placement test if there are no remedials?
* NCC offers different math classes depending on how students score, but all are for credit and count towards your major.
1. What is Summer Bridge like?
* 12 days: Aug 19-Sept 4. Metrocards provided, $300 stipend, and $8/day for lunch.
* Hands-on group projects using the city as a classroom that incorporate skills every college student needs to master!
1. NCC is supposed to contact me but I haven’t heard anything, what should I do?
* Check your spam folder – sometimes college emails go there.
* You should get an email two days after CUNY central receives your application fee. If you have not heard from NCC contact them!
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