

New River Community College

ACCE – ACCESS to COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION

ACCE is an economic development public/private partnership, which makes college available debt-free to current year high school, home-schooled, and private school graduates who reside in Giles, Pulaski, Montgomery, and Floyd Counties and Radford City. ACCE will support our youth by making a college education within reach. With the support of ACCE, students will graduate from NRCC prepared to join the workforce or transfer to a four-year university without college debt. ACCE supports as many students as possible **based on available funding**. If interested in ACCE it is highly recommended that you meet with Mrs. Murden, the career coach at your high school.

Students must:

- Have at least a 2.5 GPA to qualify and must maintain a 2.5 GPA while in the program.
- Complete and submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and all FAFSA generated documents to NRCC.
- Qualify for Virginia in-state tuition and reside in the County/City at least one year prior to ACCE application date.
- Complete at least 80 hours of community service annually
- Maintain full-time enrollment of 12 credits minimum.
- Pay tuition and fees for credits over 15 (funds will support up to 15 credits during fall and spring semester).
- Purchase their own textbooks and e-books.
- Enroll in degree/certificate program that is financial aid eligible (ACCE will only pay for courses in student's program of study).
- Take a College Success Skills course during their first NRCC semester.
- Not take online courses during the first semester, except College Success Skills.
- Reimburse the program for any ACCE-sponsored course in which the student is unsuccessful.
- Complete both English and math placement tests (unless exempt – see your high school Career Counselor for more information).
- Students must register for NRCC fall semester classes by June 1 to receive ACCE funding.
- Students must participate in New Student Orientation the summer prior to attending NRCC.
- Upon graduation, participate in NRCC's graduation ceremony.
- Meet all ACCE deadlines.

Oct 1, 2023	ACCE Application opens - nr.edu/acce If not a Dual Enrollment student, complete the NRCC application – nr.edu/admissions
TBA – Fall	Attend, with guardian, an ACCE informational session at your high school. This will be coordinated through your high school Career Coach.
Dec 2023	FAFSA for 2024/2025 Opens Mid-December Attend, with guardian, a Financial Aid Workshop at your high school (more info to follow based on FAFSA opening.)
Feb 1, 2024	ACCE Application Deadline – ACCE application must be received by midnight. The application will close after this and will no longer be accessible.
Feb 15	FAFSA Deadline for ACCE applicants - NRCC code (005223) MUST be listed (financial aid information is only communicated through the NRCC student message center in SIS – see your high school Career Coach if you need assistance accessing your NRCC account). The NRCC Financial Aid office MUST receive your FAFSA.
March 15	FAFSA To-Do List Deadline - All To-Do-List items must be completed and received by NRCC. Proof of Residency (coordinated by Foundation and County/City Schools).
April 1	ACCE Award Notifications – will be sent via emails provided in the ACCE application.
April 10	ACCE Student Acceptance Deadline – Details for acceptance will be outlined in the ACCE award notification email. Final acceptance is contingent upon end of year grades.
Mid-May	Community Service meetings at each high school - Community Service must be served at a non-profit approved location as assigned by the County/City's ACCE Community Service Coordinator.
June 1	ACCE Students must register for fall semester classes to receive ACCE funding. All communication will be through NRCC email from this date forward.
June 15	Submit final high school transcripts to NRCC's Financial Aid Office.
Aug 15, 2024	Deadline to complete 80 hours of community service. <i>It is HIGHLY recommended (or required by some localities) students complete all 80 hours of service by August 15. This allows students more time to focus on fall semester courses.</i>

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