

Expenses (Tuition & Fees)

Asheboro and Randolph County area Curriculum students who commute to Randolph Community College may expect to spend an average of \$2,500 per year for tuition, books, and supplies, depending on the major selected. Books and supplies will be more costly in majors like Advertising & Graphic Design, Associate Degree Nursing, Interior Design, and Photographic Technology. Transportation is an additional expense. Certain students must consider off-campus room and board and personal expenses in addition to the above. Students in this category could expect a substantial difference in expense. Students are advised to contact the Admissions Office for specific College expenses.

Tuition & Activity Fees for Curriculum Programs

The College reserves the right to modify, revoke, and add to tuition and fees at any time as defined under North Carolina Community College System, State Board of Community Colleges guidelines.

Semester Hours

In-State	1 through 15	\$39.50/Credit Hour
	16 and up	\$632.00/Semester
Out-of-State	1 through 15	\$219.50/Credit Hour
	16 and up	\$3,512.00/Semester

*Activity Fee – \$1.00 per credit hour (\$16.00 maximum per semester)

*Technology Fee – \$1.00 per credit hour (\$16.00 maximum per semester)

*All full-time and part-time regular students will pay an activity fee by the semester on an academic year basis. Activity fees for the summer session will be one half the normal charge, up to 12 credit hours (\$6 maximum). Activity fees are used for items and activities that directly benefits students. Examples include accident insurance, parking stickers, spring and fall flings, and student identification cards.

N.C. residents 65 years or older are exempt from registration fees.

Fees for Continuing Education Programs

Registration fees for Continuing Education courses vary according to the type of course and are set by the College according to the State Board of Community Colleges regulations.

Fees are as follows:

Adult Basic Education – No fee

Community Service – The majority of these courses are self-supporting. Fees are determined by course length and total cost.

Compensatory Education – No fee

English as a Second Language – No fee

General Educational Development (classroom) – Cost of text only

Human Resources Development – Free to those who are unemployed, have been notified of impending layoff, or meet eligibility requirements.

Small Business Center Seminars – Small fee to cover course costs.

Occupational Extension – (including Hosiery Technology Center and Small Business Center classes) – Fees are determined by course length according to the following schedule. A fee for materials may be charged in addition to the registration fee.

\$50 0-10 hours

\$55 11-30 hours

\$60 31-100 hours

\$65 101 or more hours

Occupational Extension – Fee supported

In unique situations, it may be beneficial for all parties involved for the College to conduct training on a fee-supported basis. The College reserves the right to make that determination.

If the decision is made to conduct training using this option, the fee is established according to actual costs incurred by the College in providing training.

The College reserves the right to revise Continuing Education fees on a course-by-course basis, depending upon total instructional and support costs.

North Carolina residents 65 years or older are exempt from registration fees, except in self-supporting courses.

■ Course Repeat Policy

Students who take a Continuing Education Occupational Extension course (the same course title) more than twice within a five-year period are required to pay a fee more in line with the actual cost of providing instruction. An example of the difference in pricing is as follows: For a 33-hour course, the fee for a person who is taking the same course for the third time would be \$183.15 (\$5.55 per hour of scheduled instruction) rather than the current \$60 registration.

Institutional Refund Policy

■ Curriculum

A 75 percent tuition refund may be made upon the request of the student if the student officially withdraws from the class prior to or on the official 10 percent point of the semester. Activity fees are nonrefundable except when a course fails to materialize. The student should initiate the withdrawal process by contacting the Director of Admissions/Registrar. You may receive a full refund if you officially withdraw from a class before the first day of classes for the semester or if a class is canceled by the College.

No refunds will be made after the 10 percent point, even though the student may not have attended classes up to that point. **Exception:** A statutory refund calculation is required if the student received student financial aid funds and the student withdrew on or before the 60 percent point of the enrollment period for which he/she was charged.

Refunds on behalf of student financial aid recipients must be distributed in the following order*:

1. Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
2. Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan
3. Federal PLUS Loan
4. Unsubsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loan
5. Subsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loan
6. Federal Direct PLUS Loan
7. Federal Perkins Loan
8. Federal Pell Grant
9. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
10. Other student financial aid programs
11. Other Federal, State, private, or institutional sources of aid
12. The student

*RCC does not offer all forms of financial aid listed.

■ **Continuing Education - Occupational Extension**

A student who officially withdraws from an extension class prior to the first class meeting will be eligible for a 100 percent refund. Also, a student is eligible for a 100 percent refund if an applicable class fails to “make” due to insufficient enrollment. After the class begins, a 75 percent refund shall be made upon the request of the student if the student officially withdraws from the class prior to or on the 10 percent point of the scheduled hours of the class. Students should see their instructor for further details.

No refunds will be made after the 10 percent point, even though the student may not have attended all classes up to that point.

■ **Continuing Education - Self-Supporting & Community Service**

No refunds shall be made for self-supporting or community service classes.

■ **Continuing Education - Online Courses**

Refunds do not apply to publisher access codes or course material fees.

Residency for Tuition Purposes

North Carolina law (G.S. 116-143.1) requires that to qualify as an in-state student for tuition purposes, a person must have established legal residency (domicile) in North Carolina and maintained that legal residence for at least 12 months immediately prior to his/her classification as a N.C. resident. Every applicant for admission shall be required to make a statement as to his/her length of residence in the state.

To be eligible for classification as a resident for tuition purposes, a person must establish that his/her position in the state currently is, and during the requisite 12-month qualifying period was, for purposes of maintaining a bona fide domicile rather than of maintaining a mere temporary residence or abode incident to enrollment in an institution of higher education.

When a student initially completes an application for admission to the College, he/she will acclaim his/her residency status by responding to specific questions. Should the College need additional information in order to determine residency status for tuition purposes, additional documentation may be requested.

The burden of establishing facts which justify classification of a student as a resident entitled to in-state tuition rates is placed on the applicant for such classification.

■ **Institutional Appeal Procedure Relative to Residency Classifications for Tuition Purposes**

Students who have been initially classified as nonresident for tuition purposes have the right to appeal to the institutional residency committee for a change in classification to that of resident. A student wishing to appeal the initial decision shall file written notice which must contain a simple declaration of intention of process and appeal before the campus residency committee and must be personally signed by the student.

All appeals are to be in writing, directed to the Dean of Student Services, and received by the institution no later than 10 working days after the initial residency determination of status.

The Dean of Student Services shall, upon receipt of notice of appeal, prepare and transmit to the campus residency committee the complete institutional record with a letter acknowledging receipt of the petitioner’s notice of appeal.

The campus residency committee, composed of the Dean of Student Services as chairman, one staff member, and one faculty member, shall meet as needed to consider appeals. The student may be present

and speak to clarify any statements in the record. The student may have a staff or faculty advisor present. No other individuals including attorneys may attend this appeal. Only the student will be allowed to address the committee. In the event new substantive evidence is brought, reclassification may be made by the committee after due consideration.

Decisions of the campus residency committee shall be forwarded in writing to the student within 10 working days of the date of decision.

■ Regulations

Regulations concerning the classification of students for residential purposes are set forth in detail in *A Manual to Assist the Public Higher Education Institutions of North Carolina in the Matter of Student Residence Classification for Tuition Purposes*. Each student considering enrollment should review the *Manual* if he/she has any questions. Copies of the *Manual* are available for review at the Randolph Community College library or from the Dean of Student Services.

Debts to the College

Students are not permitted to default in the payment of fees, fines, loans, or other financial obligations due the College. All tuition and fees must be paid at the time of registration. Students having checks returned for insufficient funds may be required to make payments on a cash basis. There is a \$25 fee for all checks returned due to insufficient funds. Students with unpaid financial obligations to the school and/or incomplete admission applications will not be permitted to register for the upcoming semester until all obligations are met. Grades, transcripts, and diplomas will not be released until all obligations are met.