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CAROLINA ADMISSION POLICY REPORT TO THE JOINT  
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**HOUSE BILL 97: 2015 Appropriations Act, Sec. 11.16: Early College Graduates/The University of North Carolina Admission Policy**

Sec. 11.16 of S.L. 2015-241 directs the Board of Governors (BOG) of The University of North Carolina to adopt a policy to require each constituent institution to offer to any student who graduated from a cooperative innovative high school program with an associate degree and who applies for admission to a constituent institution the option of being considered for admission as a freshman or as a transfer student. The constituent institution must provide relevant information regarding each option to the student.

Beginning March 1, 2017, the BOG must report annually to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee regarding the number of students who graduated from a cooperative innovative high school program with an associate degree and which option was chosen by those students when applying to a constituent institution.

This section became effective July 1, 2015, and applies to the 2016-2017 academic year and each subsequent academic year.

**Implementation of House Bill 97 Section 11.16**

On April 1, 2016 the Early College/UNC Admissions Policy work group was convened at UNC General Administration to review House Bill 97 Section 11.16 and develop regulations for implementation and assessment. The following campuses were represented on the working group: Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Charlotte, UNC Greensboro, UNC Wilmington, and Western Carolina University. Additionally, representatives from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina Community College System served on the working group.

From this working group, UNC Policy 700.1.1/Minimum Requirements for First-time Undergraduate Admissions Minimum Course Requirements was revised to include the following requirements, which were approved by the UNC Board of Governors on July 29, 2016.

*IV. Graduates of Cooperative Innovative High Schools (Early College)*

*Beginning with the 2016-2017 admissions application cycle for enrollment in the 2017-2018 academic year, each UNC constituent institution must offer to any student who graduated from a cooperative innovative high school program with an associate degree and who applies for admission to a constituent institution the option of being considered for admission as a freshman or as a transfer student.*

*The constituent institution shall also provide written information to the student regarding the consequences that accompany each option and any other relevant information that may be helpful to the student when considering which option to select.*

*Beginning March 1, 2017, the Board of Governors shall report annually regarding the number of students who graduated from a cooperative innovative high school program with an associate degree and which option was chosen by those students when applying for admission to a constituent institution.*

Following the approval of these revisions, all campuses posted relevant information outlining the policy update to campus websites no later than November 22, 2016 (see Appendix A). The College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) updated the common application to include a question specifically for cooperative innovative high schools graduates to ascertain how applicants wanted to be reviewed in the admissions process. On November 14, 2016 the revised application went live in conjunction with the kick-off for the statewide College Application Week. The fourteen UNC campuses that utilize the CFNC.org admissions application were able to customize the question to best meet enrollment functions (see Appendix B).

As the admission cycle for 2017-2018 had already commenced at the time of UNC Board of Governors approval, campuses who utilize third party vendors for applications (i.e. Common Application, Coalition Application, and Admission Pro) were unable to make application changes. In order to obtain the applicant's preference on admission status and to ensure applicants understood the policy, campuses directly contacted applicants, either through phone or email, to explain both options. After providing this additional outreach, campuses provided applicants a defined time period to submit a decision on admissions status.

At this time accurate admissions data cannot be reported as campuses are in the middle of the Fall 2017 admissions cycle. Applications are still being reviewed through June on some campuses. We will submit a supplementary report with data reflective of admissions decisions and enrollment after the Fall 2017 class has been finalized.

## Appendix A: Website Information for Early College Admissions

Campus	Link to Early College Admissions Policy
ASU	<a href="https://admissions.appstate.edu/how-apply">https://admissions.appstate.edu/how-apply</a>
ECU	<a href="http://www.ecu.edu/admissions/freshmen.cfm">http://www.ecu.edu/admissions/freshmen.cfm</a>
ECSU	<a href="http://www.ecsu.edu/admissions/admission_requirements/admission_requirements_freshman.html">http://www.ecsu.edu/admissions/admission_requirements/admission_requirements_freshman.html</a>
FSU	<a href="http://www.uncfsu.edu/admissions/freshmen">http://www.uncfsu.edu/admissions/freshmen</a>
NCA&T	<a href="http://www.ncat.edu/divisions/academic-affairs/bulletin/2016-2017/admissions/criteria-early-middle-college-applicant.html">http://www.ncat.edu/divisions/academic-affairs/bulletin/2016-2017/admissions/criteria-early-middle-college-applicant.html</a>
NCCU	<a href="http://www.nccu.edu/admissions/early.cfm">http://www.nccu.edu/admissions/early.cfm</a>
NCSU	<a href="https://admissions.ncsu.edu/apply/admission-review/">https://admissions.ncsu.edu/apply/admission-review/</a>
UNCA	<a href="https://admissions.unca.edu/other-students">https://admissions.unca.edu/other-students</a>
UNC-CH	<a href="http://admissions.unc.edu/apply/faqs-n-c-cooperative-innovative-high-school-applicants/">http://admissions.unc.edu/apply/faqs-n-c-cooperative-innovative-high-school-applicants/</a>
UNCC	<a href="https://admissions.uncc.edu/freshmen/application-requirements">https://admissions.uncc.edu/freshmen/application-requirements</a>
UNCG	<a href="https://admissions.uncg.edu/apply-early-college.php">https://admissions.uncg.edu/apply-early-college.php</a>
UNCP	<a href="http://www.uncp.edu/admissions-aid/undergraduate-admissions/early-college-students">http://www.uncp.edu/admissions-aid/undergraduate-admissions/early-college-students</a>
UNCW	<a href="http://uncw.edu/admissions/EarlyCollege.html">http://uncw.edu/admissions/EarlyCollege.html</a>
WCU	<a href="https://www.wcu.edu/apply/undergraduate-admissions/first-year-students/early-college.aspx">https://www.wcu.edu/apply/undergraduate-admissions/first-year-students/early-college.aspx</a>
WSSU	<a href="http://www.wssu.edu/admissions/admission-requirements/early-college.aspx?site=full">http://www.wssu.edu/admissions/admission-requirements/early-college.aspx?site=full</a>

## Appendix B: Screenshots of Applications on CFNC.org

- I. The following UNC campuses have the question listed below on their application through the CFNC application portal: ECU, ECSU, FSU, NC A&T, NCCU, UNCA, UNCG, UNCP, UNCSA, and UNCW.

Prior Colleges/Universities Attended

**Attention Applicants: Only answer this question if you are enrolled in a North Carolina Cooperative Innovative High School/Early College high school program.**

Do you expect to have an associate's degree from a North Carolina Early College/Cooperative Innovative High School prior to enrolling in college?

Click here

Yes

No

- II. Appalachian State University has the following question on their CFNC application:

Prior Colleges/Universities Attended

**Have you earned, or will you earn, an Associate's degree (AA/AS) before entering the University? \***

Click here

Yes

No

- III. East Carolina University has the following question on their CFNC application:

Prior Colleges/Universities Attended

**Attention Applicants: Only answer this question if you are enrolled in a North Carolina Cooperative Innovative High School/Early College high school program.**

Do you expect to have an associate's degree from a North Carolina Early College/Cooperative Innovative High School prior to enrolling in college?

Yes

Do you wish to be considered a freshman or a transfer?

Freshman

Transfer

IV. UNC Charlotte has the following question on their CFNC application:

**Prior Colleges/Universities Attended**

Applicants from North Carolina Cooperative Innovative High Schools (CIHS) receive special consideration in the admission review for UNC system universities based on North Carolina law. According to House Bill 97 Section 11.16.(a) "any student who graduated from a cooperative innovative high school program with an associate degree and who applies for admission to the constituent institution has the option of being considered for admission as a freshman or as a transfer student." To see if your early college high school is a CIHS, view the list [here](#).

Are you graduating from a North Carolina Cooperative Innovative High School?

Do you expect to have an associate's degree prior to enrolling in college?

V. Western Carolina University has the following question on their CFNC application:

**Prior Colleges/Universities Attended**

Have you taken or will you attempt any college courses while in high school?

Will you earn a college degree, such as an associate's degree, while in high school?

VI. Winston-Salem State University has the following question on their CFNC application:

**Prior Colleges/Universities Attended**

Are you enrolled in a North Carolina Early College/Cooperative Innovative High School in which you expect to earn an associate's degree prior to entering college?

Select your school: