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HOUSE BILL 97: 2015 Appropriations Act, Sec. 11.16: Early College Graduates/The University of North Carolina System Admission Policy

Sec. 11.16 of S.L. 2015-241 directs the Board of Governors (BOG) of The University of North Carolina System to adopt a policy to require each constituent institution to offer 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 September 30, 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 applied 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 System Admissions Policy work group was convened at the UNC System Office to review House Bill 97 Section 11.16 and develop regulations for implementation and assessment. The following institutions 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, section 700.1.1 of the UNC Policy Manual (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 institutions posted relevant information outlining the policy update to campus websites by November 22, 2016 and have continued to update these links (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 System institutions that utilize the CFNC.org admissions application customized the question to best meet enrollment functions.

The table in Appendix B reports the number of students who self-identified they would graduate from a cooperative innovative high school program with an associate degree and which option was chosen by those students when applying for admission to one of the 16 UNC System constituent institutions. Each institution submitted this information to the UNC System Office and collected this information either directly from the student's application or through follow-up communications with the student. UNC institutions received 5,396 applications from this cohort of students.

Appendix A: Website Information for Early College Admissions

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

Appendix B: Fall 2018 ECHS Application Information

UNC Institutions	Total Number of Applicants who Self-Identified They Would Graduate from a Cooperative Innovative High School Program with an Associate Degree	Applicants Requested to be Reviewed as Freshman	Applicants Requested to be Reviewed as Transfer
Appalachian State University*	397	253	58
East Carolina University	549	496	53
Elizabeth City State University	140	139	1
Fayetteville State University	328	321	7
North Carolina A&T State University**	580	383	3
North Carolina Central University	412	381	31
North Carolina State University	364	313	51
University of North Carolina at Asheville	75	73	2
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	346	303	43
University of North Carolina at Charlotte	950	816	134
University of North Carolina at Greensboro	514	499	15
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	146	135	11
University of North Carolina School of the Arts	0	0	0
University of North Carolina at Wilmington	501	441	60
Western Carolina University	93	73	20
Winston-Salem State University	1	0	1
TOTAL	5,396	4,626	490

*Eighty-six students did not select an applicant status before admission's decision. Applications were reviewed according to the status that was most conducive for admissibility.

**As of August 8, 2018 one hundred and ninety-four students have in-progress or incomplete applications and have not been reviewed for an admission's decision.