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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 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 Admissions Policy working 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 universities 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 campuses 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 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 constituent institutions. Each campus 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 5,628 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/first-year-students
ECU	https://admissions.ecu.edu/apply/freshmen/
ECSU	http://www.ecsu.edu/admissions/admission_requirements/admission_requirements_freshman.html
FSU	https://www.uncfsu.edu/fsu-admissions/undergraduate-admissions/early-college
NCA&T	https://www.ncat.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshmen-admissions/cihs.html
NCCU	http://www.nccu.edu/admissions/early.cfm
NCSU	https://admissions.ncsu.edu/apply/early-college/
UNCA	https://www.unca.edu/admission/apply/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/freshmen/early-college-students/
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 2019 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	305	230	54
East Carolina University	826	732	94
Elizabeth City State University	282	276	6
Fayetteville State University	11	11	0
North Carolina A&T State University	861	859	2
North Carolina Central University	455	426	29
North Carolina State University	81	68	13
University of North Carolina at Asheville	73	73	0
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	645	642	3
University of North Carolina at Charlotte	1,237	1,100	137
University of North Carolina at Greensboro	237	200	37
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	58	51	7
University of North Carolina School of the Arts	11	9	2
University of North Carolina at Wilmington	450	395	55
Western Carolina University	96	50	46
Winston-Salem State University	0	0	0
TOTAL	5,628	5,121	484