Academic Enhancement

[Image of a group of people holding a banner that says "AVID National Demonstration Site"]
Success Investments
Nash Community College is committed to student success by meeting students where they are and guiding them to a successful future. The College has implemented the following Success Investments throughout campus. These investments in student success, or demonstrations of “Blue Love”, include wholistic measures available to all students to assist in their academic work and overall wellness with a goal of helping them reach their full potential in obtaining lifelong success.

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Tutoring for Life
Student Drama Productions
Achieve 3000
Spark
Adult High School Education Tutorlogy
Engineering HUB
YouTube Videos
Strength and Conditioning Weight Room
Cardio-fitness room
Nash Online help desk
Early Intervention
Student Wellness Center
The Library

The Library at Nash Community College houses an ever-growing collection of books, newspapers, DVDs, and databases in support of academic enrichment. Our Library is equipped with over 30,000 print and e-books, 33 computers, open and secluded work spaces, the ability to print from the computers and make copies. Computers are sectioned into individual stations for all Nash Community College students. Students may print up to twenty single-sided or ten double-sided pages of school related material for free each day. Additional printouts are $.10 per side and color printouts are available for $.25 per page. A copy machine is available for use given a $.10 per page charge.

Located adjacent to the computer stations, the Library offers a variety of organic, heirloom and commercial seeds stored in repurposed card catalog units. Packets of seed are available for check out to the College’s faculty, staff and students, as well as to members of the community. The learn more about the seed library, visit www.nashcc.edu/library and click on the Nash Community College Seed Library link located in the LibGuides section.

The mezzanine, the loft above the general work area, is a quiet-study area with couches, tables, and chairs away from the hub of activity. Tucked behind the rows of book shelves towards the back of the Library, there is an Early Childhood reading area complete with more couches, tables, and chairs. In the downstairs general study area, the Library has seating capacity for up to 76 people and is a well-lit, comfortable, spacious environment.

Running along the back wall of the general study area are two study rooms. These rooms can be reserved for private study group sessions, individual study, or any other academic activity that requires a distraction-free environment for optimum concentration. To reserve a study room, visit www.nashcc.edu/library and select Book a Library Study Room. Study rooms can be booked up to four weeks in advance and for five half-hour blocks (up to two and a half hours) per reservation.

The library’s website provides 24/7 access to several online resources to enhance and support academic research. The catalog, or iLink, lists books housed at Nash Community College as well as books located at the nearly 50 other community colleges in the consortium. Credo Reference and NC Live serve as portals to professional journals, magazines, newspapers, e-books, audio books, and videos. AtoZ the World features profiles on over 170 countries. NCknows is a live chat room that is accessible 24 hours a day for any questions students may have when the library is closed. Passwords can be obtained by emailing NC-Clibrary@nashcc.edu or calling 252-451-8248.

The NCC Library resources promote research, reading, listening, and cultural enrichment to compliment (and in some cases supplement) classroom instruction. An array of recreational materials, such as bestsellers and DVDs, is also available. By offering a creative space
for both individual and group study and the necessary resources including knowledgeable staff, the library is an important part of the college experience.

**Semester Library hours:**
Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Summer hours:**
Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**A Certified AVID National Demonstration Campus**
Nash Community College is one of only a few certified National Demonstration Sites for Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Higher Education (AHE) in the United States. As such, NCC has developed and implemented a common instructional language, which has established a framework of continuous improvement both in the classroom and across the campus. As an AVID campus, Nash Community College offers research based instructional strategies to engage students and prepare them for success.

**PAL (Peer Assisted Learning) Supplemental Instruction Program**
PAL Supplemental Instruction Program is an academic support program whereby a peer Supplemental Instructor is embedded in select courses to aid students. Supplemental Instruction via the PAL program is targeted to support first year students. PAL Supplemental Instructors are selected on the basis of instructor recommendation, prior exemplary completion of the course, and a preferred current GPA of 3.5. Each week the PAL Supplemental Instructor attends class, where they begin building rapport with students and stay current with course content. In addition, the PAL Supplemental Instructor holds 4-6 hours of outside tutoring and/or Supplemental Instruction sessions.

For more information about the PAL Supplemental Instruction Program contact: Holly Whistler, 252-451-8407.

**PAL (Peer Assisted Learning) Tutor Connection Program**
PAL Tutor Connection Program is an appointment based peer tutoring initiative that connects students who need extra support with Peer Tutors who have demonstrated proficiency in select courses. Students interested in tutoring can fill out a PAL Tutor Connection Request Form online at www.nashcc.edu/resources.

For more information about the PAL Tutor Connection Program contact: Holly Whistler, 252-451-8407.

**Nash Community College English Studio**
The English Studio offers reading and writing assistance to students of all disciplines. Help is available at any stage of the writing process – including brainstorming, researching, drafting, revising, and polishing a final draft. Assistance is also offered for pre-, during-, and post-reading strategies to aid in student comprehension and retention of material.
**Individual Tutorial Assistance**
One-on-one tutorial assistance is available on a drop-in basis during all English Studio hours. All tutors in the studio are AVID trained and provide feedback on writing based on clarity, structure, elaboration, and organization.

**Assessment**
The English Studio provides a quiet, proctored environment for assessment. Students enrolled in fundamental English classes are assessed on their mastery and growth in reading and writing.

**Hours of Operation***
- Monday through Thursday: 8:00am – 8:30pm
- Friday: 8:00am – 4:00pm
*Times may vary from semester to semester

**Nash Community College Math Tank**
The NCC Math Tank (MT) and English Studio (ES) offer the following services free of charge to students currently enrolled in NCC courses. Services available are designed to help students in mathematics. At the beginning of each semester, the MT Coordinator briefly visits each NCC math class to inform students of the following services:

**Individual Tutorial Assistance**
One-on-one tutorial assistance is available on a drop-in basis during all MT hours. Students will find a professional tutor on duty to assist them. Students can drop by for assistance on specific homework problems or concepts, or stay to work on homework in an area where assistance is needed. The MT staff may not assist students with problems from take-home exams, quizzes, or assignments that will be graded by their instructor.

**Computer Access**
The Math Tank offers NCC students access to desktop style computers during operation hours. These computers are loaded with the Basic Math software (Math XL) which is used in all fundamental and several upper level math classes. Printers are available in the MT where students can print documents for math courses. Internet and word processing applications are also available.

**Textbooks and Solution Manuals**
Textbooks and complete solution manuals for most math courses are available for student use. These materials must be used in the Math Tank and may not be removed from the premises.

**CDs**
Students are allowed to check out CDs to watch on computers for most math courses. Students are allowed to hold these resources for a three-day period. If a student wishes to
continue viewing after the three-day period, then the student must return to the Math Tank and renew the CD.

**Assignments**
NCC math instructors can leave make-up assignments or quizzes for students who are absent from a class meeting. MT faculty will supervise any graded assignments left by instructors for their respective students.

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**Math Assessment Center**
The Math Assessment Center provides a quiet, proctored environment for assessment. Students enrolled in fundamental math courses come to the Math Assessment Center to complete end of module assessments. The center also provides make-up assessment for curriculum courses and proctored assessment for other approved institutions.

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The Math Assessment Center normally is not open on holiday weekends and academic break weekends. The center operates on reduced hours during the summer sessions.

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**Nash Community College Child Development Center**
The Nash Community College Child Development Center (CDC) provides early education for 38 children who come from families within the college community and neighboring communities. The primary goal of the CDC is to provide quality early education for children birth to five years of age using the most current practices known to support the development of the child. The Center also serves as a demonstration program through supervised internships, service learning, and as an instructional extension of child development and other related curricula including Nash Community College Early Childhood, Nash Central High School, and East Carolina University. Student interns are cooperatively supervised by Nash Community College faculty, the CDC director, and the CDC teachers. Community childcare providers are encouraged to observe and consult with the CDC staff and the NCC faculty.

The Nash Community College Child Development Center (CDC) is licensed by the Division of Child Development, North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services. Food service is in compliance with the Healthy Food and Nutrition guidelines.
Online Resources

SAS Writing Reviewer
Revision means to look again. The SAS Writing Reviewer helps you see new opportunities for expressing yourself with greater precision and power. You begin by entering an essay into the Writing Reviser. An initial assessment helps you to see your work objectively so it can be revised with the reader in mind. SAS Writing Reviser is a free, self-help resource to assist with writing assignments. In regard to the content development of an essay, the program poses leading questions of the user requiring one to self-evaluate the essay. The program also provides assistance with grammar and mechanics by posing questions and providing additional information on proper use. To access, go to www.nashcc.edu/resources and click “Online Tutoring”.

Student Username: NCCStudent
No password is used for students.

Smarthinking
Smarthinking is an online tutoring service provided for Nash Community College students. Tutoring assistance is provided 24 hours a day 7 days week in the areas of mathematics, writing, business, and science. Students can submit a question and a tutor will reply within 24 hours. Students can submit their writing for any class to the Online Writing Lab and receive feedback from a tutor within 24 hours. Students can connect with an e-structor and interact with a live tutor when they have a question. To access, go to www.nashcc.edu/resources and click “Online Tutoring”.

First time users
Username: nash0405
Password: livetutors

Tutor.com
Tutor.com provides you with the help you need, when you need it. Here you can connect with one of our tutors in math, reading and writing, allowing for very focused review.

Braswell Library is offering Tutor.com. This is a free complete tutoring system offered online for the entire community! The only requirement is that you must be a Braswell Library member (have a library card, which is free to North Carolina residents) to use the service. To access, go to www.nashcc.edu/resources and click “Online Tutoring.”

Toll Free tech support: 1-800-411-1970 (option 3) support.tutor.com

Moodle
Moodle will be used as the course management system and communication tool for all courses taught at Nash Community College. These include face-to-face, online, hybrid, and web-enhanced. Each instructor will use Moodle’s academic tools to post documents,
keep records of grades, post assignments and send announcements to students. The URL for Moodle is http://moodle.nashcc.edu/.

**WebAdvisor**

WebAdvisor is a web interface that allows Nash Community College students the ability to register through the internet for classes, as well as access portions of their academic and financial records. Information available to students includes their personal course schedule, transcripts, financial account information, and their academic program evaluation information. Students may view grades using WebAdvisor (grade reports are not mailed to students). Registration functions include access to semester registration schedules, search for course sections, registration, and payment of fees. The URL is https://wa.nashcc.edu/WebAdvisor.

Username and Password convention for Student Email, Moodle, and WebAdvisor:

**Username for Student Email, Moodle, and WebAdvisor:** Your username is your first initial, middle initial, last name and the last 3 digits of your student ID (all lowercase, no spaces, no punctuation). Example: Name: John Allen Smith Student ID: 2563244 Username: jasmith244

**Password for Email, Moodle, and WebAdvisor:** Your password is Ncc plus your date of birth using 2 digits each for month, day, and year (no spaces, no punctuation). Example: John's Birthday: February 6, 1981 Password: Ncc020681 You will be able to change these passwords after your first successful login.