



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To: Presidents
VP/Deans of Instruction
VP/Deans of Student Development
VP/Deans of Continuing Education
Admissions Officers

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Subject: Admission or Enrollment of Undocumented Immigrant Applicants (Revised)

This memorandum is intended to provide guidance to college administrators concerning admission or enrollment of undocumented immigrant applicants in college level, continuing education and basic skills programs or courses at North Carolina Community Colleges. **The information within this memorandum supersedes CC01-271 issued December 21, 2001 and CC04-164 issued August 10, 2004.**

Based upon further clarification of federal statutes that regulate provision of state or local public benefits to undocumented or illegal aliens, local community colleges have the discretion to implement admissions policies that permit the enrollment of undocumented immigrant applicants to curriculum, continuing education and basic skills programs. Undocumented immigrant applicants do not qualify for in-State residency for tuition and shall be charged at the out-of-state tuition rate for curriculum programs.

Nothing in this memorandum shall be interpreted as **requiring** a community college to admit undocumented immigrant applicants. Undocumented immigrant admissions shall be at the discretion of the local institution as long as the policies and practices are consistent with provisions of federal and state laws and regulations in Title 23 of the North Carolina Administrative Code.

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