



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Community College Presidents

FROM: Robert J. Witchger, Associate Director College Tech Prep, NCCCS
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SUBJECT: NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE TECH PREP 2005 CONFERENCE

**CTP
Conference**

In response to the many requests from North Carolina College Tech Prep educators and business partners, we are continuing the statewide comprehensive annual College Tech Prep conference. Historically this conference has proven to be a valuable asset to participants as they advance their efforts to provide more rigorous and innovative College Tech Prep initiatives. The conference is designed to have broad appeal to a diverse audience. We hope your high school, community college and business partnership will be well represented at this event. The North Carolina College Tech Prep Conference is a joint effort of the State Board of Education, the Department of Public Instruction, the Community College System and the North Carolina New Schools Project (Gates Foundation Initiative). This year we have added special pre-conference concentrated work sessions on Enhancing Learning Communities, Education Leadership Reform and Secondary and Postsecondary Counseling.

**Dates and
Location**

March 22-23, 2005
Sheraton Hotel at Four Seasons, Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC.

Strands

The following conference strands are planned:

- ?? North Carolina New Schools Project Effective Practices
- ?? Innovations in Secondary and Postsecondary College Tech Prep Education Curricula/Programs
- ?? Economic Development/Employment Trends
- ?? Collaborations and Partnership Development
- ?? Career Counseling and Career Pathways
- ?? Articulation/Early and Middle College Opportunities
- ?? Curriculum Integration: Mathematics, Science, Communication Skills and Career-Technical Education

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Target Audience	The program is designed to meet the needs of multiple College Tech Prep providers: ?? Business/Industry Partners ?? Community College Presidents/School Superintendents ?? Deans/Principals ?? Community College Counseling and Student Services Staff ?? School Counselors and Career Development Coordinators ?? Special Populations Coordinators ?? Faculty/Teachers?Mathematics, Science, Communication Skills and Career-Technical Education ?? Career-Technical Education Administrators
Conference Registration	Registration is online at http://www.ctenc.org . Registration forms and the fee of \$125 per person should be mailed to: NCDPI-Cash Collections 6336 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-6336 Cash Collections must receive the early registration fee on or before March 5, 2005.
Late and Onsite Fee	Registrations received after March 5, 2005, and onsite registration will be \$150 per person.
Hotel Reservations	A block of rooms is being held at the Sheraton Hotel at Four Seasons, Joseph Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC. A rate of \$110 plus tax for a single or double room is being offered for conference participants who make reservations on or before February 18, 2005. Make your reservation online at http://www.sheratongreensboro.com . Select Make Reservations, then scroll down and select Groups. Type CTC20A in the space provided for Attendee Code and follow the instructions provided to complete your reservation. You will receive an email confirmation of your reservation. You can also make hotel reservations by calling 1-800-242-6556 and asking for the College Tech Prep Conference reservation. Reservations made after February 18, 2005 are subject to availability of rooms and/or a higher rate.
Additional Information	For more information concerning the conference contact: Ken Smith, NCDPI Bob Witchger, NCCCS 919-807-3870 919-807-7126 kesmith@dpi.state.nc.us witchgerb@ncccs.cc.nc.us
Tentative Agenda	A tentative agenda for the conference is attached and online at www.ctenc.org . A final agenda will be posted online on March 10.
Conference	Watch the conference website www.ctenc.org for conference updates.

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Attachment

c: Chief Academic Officers
Student Service Deans
College Tech Prep Contacts and Business Partners

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, March 21, 2005

- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Pre-Conference Activities:
- Establishing and Enhancing Learning Communities
(An additional \$35.00 fee will be charged for this workshop)
 - Leadership for Education Reform: Programming for the Future
(An additional \$35.00 fee will be charged for this workshop)
 - Strategies for Counseling College Tech Prep Students
(An additional \$35.00 fee will be charged for this workshop)
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Conference Registration Opens
Conference Exhibits Open

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Conference Registration Opens
- 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Conference Exhibits Open
- 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. North Carolina Business Symposium 2005 (By invitation only)
<http://www.praxisresearch.com/regionalsymposia/index.html>
- 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Opening Luncheon
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Willard Daggett – <http://www.daggett.com>
- 2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. College Tech Prep Networking Reception

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

- 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Grimsley-James-Stogner Awards Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions