

College & Career Readiness State-Wide Call

March 25th, 2026, 2:00-3:00

Presented by the College & Career Readiness team, with guest presenters

Mark Merrick & team, Executive Director, FIRST at Blue Ridge, Inc.

Ellen Steele, HR Business Partner, Atlas Precision

Mr. Dee Crowley, Rehabilitation & Re-Entry Services, NC DAC

Agenda



- Welcome
 - Introduce New Team Staff
- NCTitle2.org Update
- Re-Entry & Second-Chance Employment
- Performance & Accountability
- Professional Development
- High School Equivalency
- Monitoring and Compliance
- Developmental Education
- Rebranding Project
- End-of-Year Success Reports

Welcome to the Team



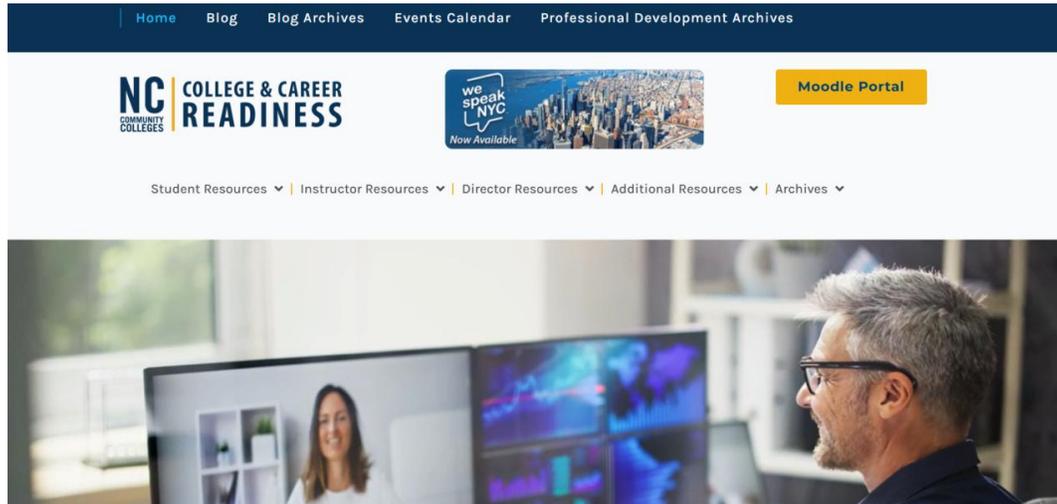
Ashley S. Parrott, M. Ed.

State Director of Developmental Education and College
Readiness

North Carolina Community College System Office

Division/Section: Programs & Student
Services/Academic Programs

Website Announcement



Federal
Programs page
on NCCCS
website

FIRST at Blue Ridge, Inc.

No cost residential therapeutic programs for people with history of substance abuse.

One of several organizations in NC contracted with DAC to provide transitional housing for those released from prison without a home plan.

Long-term program includes job readiness, work assignments & GED-prep opportunity offered in partnership with A-B Tech Community College.

Mark Merrick, Executive Director

www.firstinc.org



Atlas Precision

Inclusive hiring through partnerships, supportive services, and relationship-focused recruiting and Human Resources practices



Ellen Steele, SPHR
HR Business Partner

NC Jobs Exploration in Transition (NC JET)

Mr. Dee Crowley
Rehab & Re-Entry
Services, NC DAC



Secure system where individuals incarcerated in NC DAC facilities can:

- ✓ Create a résumé
- ✓ Explore careers and related occupations
- ✓ Search for jobs
- ✓ Explore labor market data
- ✓ Apply to jobs & communicate with employers
- ✓ Access to NCWorks Online upon release

Performance & Accountability



**WE NEED
STUDENT
INFO!**

The Performance Measures for Student Success Report is the North Carolina Community Colleges System's major accountability document. This annual performance report is based on data compiled during the previous program year and serves to inform colleges and the public on the performance of our 58 community colleges. For further details and disaggregation of the data, please visit the NCCCS Performance Measures dashboards.

State Performance Measures Report Post-Exit Measures for 2025–2026 Program Year

North Carolina Employment (Second Quarter After Exit)	41.5%
North Carolina Employment (Fourth Quarter After Exit)	41.5%
North Carolina Median Earnings (Second Quarter After Exit)	\$5,100
North Carolina Credential Attainment Rate	31.5%
North Carolina Measurable Skill Gains	44.0%

Performance & Accountability

ContinuED Reminders

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ContinuED New Students

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Student Id	Enrollment Id	Student Name	Program Name	Enrollment Date
123456	835458	John Jackson	Johnston Community College (847)	03/06/2026

- ContinuED is live.
- Individual provider links.
- Please continue to use ContinuED and report any issues or procedural comments via Service Now.
- Join our "Just One Quick Question... About CCR Data" biweekly meetings to learn and discuss all things CCR data. Next meeting **April 2nd at 2:00 PM.**

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Create New Profile

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Preferred Provider*
Johnston Community College

First Name*
John

Middle Name

Street Address*
123 Fake Street

City*
Mount Airy

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John Jackson [123456/654321/-1] Johnston Community College (847)

Personal Information

Student Name
John Jackson

Social Security Number/
Tax Identification Number
R002X8F3G27UXLW



What's Ahead: Meetings, Webinars & the Spring 2026 Professional Development Calendar



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Upcoming Spring 2026 In-Person Events



IET Playbook Workshop

Mountain Region

April 21, 2026



Eastern Region

Professional Development Day

April 24, 2026



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Upcoming Spring 2026 Webinar Schedule

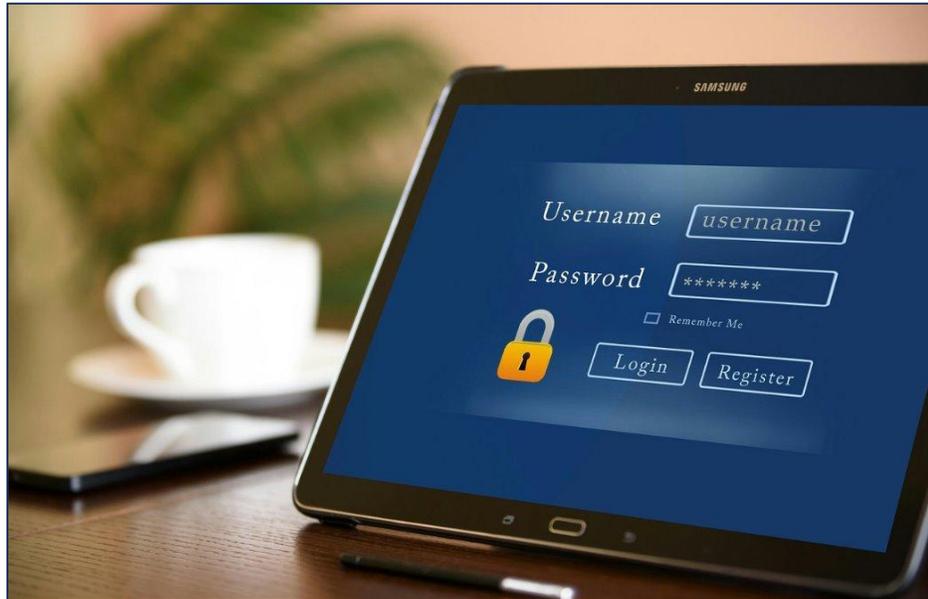
- **04/02/2026:** IET 101 - Building WIOA-Aligned Programs
- **04/22/2026:** IET 101 - Advancing Outcomes
- **04/23/2026:** New Directors' Orientation Session Three - *Performance & Monitoring*
- **04/28/2026:** Workplace Literacy: Opportunity for Growth
- **04/30/2026:** Navigating the State Refugee Office Grant: A Guide for NC Title II Providers
- **05/07/2026:** Assessment Crosswalks: A Resource for Student Readiness
- **05/14/2026:** New Directors' Orientation Session Four – *CCR Programs & Initiatives*
- **06/10/2026:** State-Wide CCR Virtual June Call





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Announcing Our Newly-Launched Boot Camp!!!



**Mastering Live Online
Instruction Boot Camp**

May 4 – June 6, 2026

[Boot Camp Registration](#)



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COABE Conference

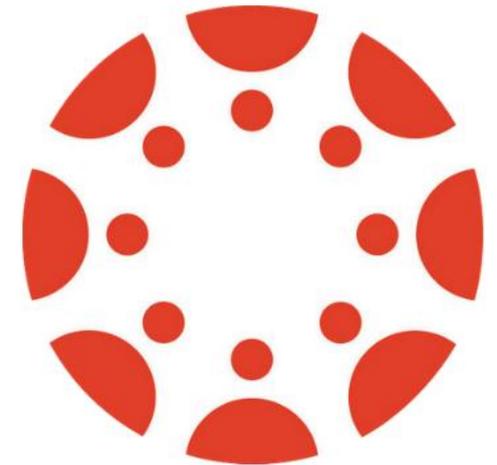


COABE Attendee Survey

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We Speak NYC
Update



Canvas



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NCTitle2.org Call for Field Input

Migration to NCCCS website and NCTitle2 sunset by **July 2026**.

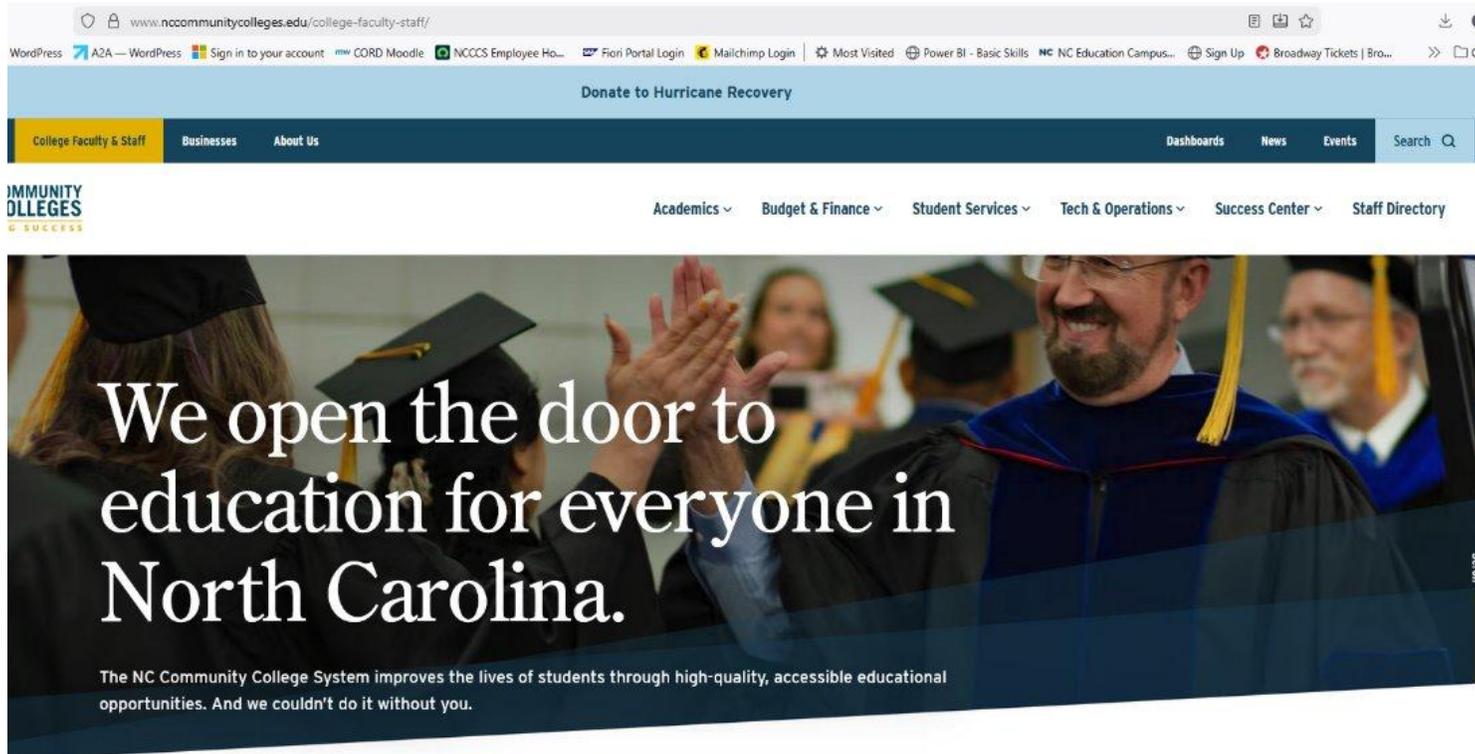
PROJECT GOALS

1. Reduce duplication
2. Improve navigation
3. Ensure content remains accurate, compliant, and ADA accessible

Call for field audit: ***Friday May 1st***

Email to program directors following virtual call

System Office Events Calendar



System Office Professional Development Calendar

High School Equivalency

- HiSET Pricing Update
 - Effective April 1
 - \$3/section price increase
 - \$15/section to \$18/section
 - Applicable to CBT, PBT, and At-Home testing
 - New At-Home Proctoring Fee: \$23 (added to test fee)
 - Testers still have 2 complimentary retakes for each section



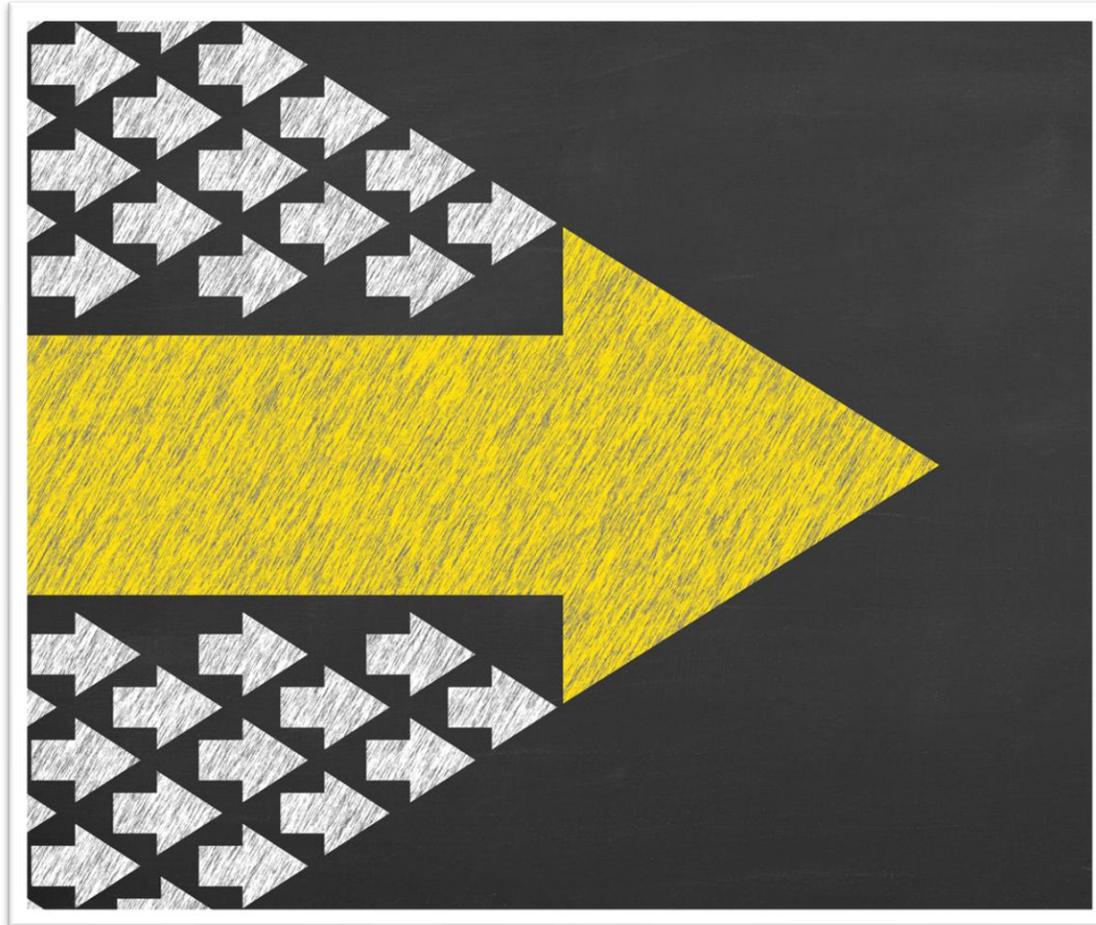
Monitoring and Compliance Updates

- 10 out of 14 virtual and on-site comprehensive visits are complete. Remaining 4 will be completed by end of April.
- [NC Adult Education Standards](#)
- One-stop partner roles and responsibilities
 - Provide Title II representation from program on an up-to-date Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Infrastructure Funding Agreement (IFA)
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
 - [FERPA 101](#) and [FERPA 201](#)



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Rebranding Project Update



- Excellent initial progress
- Currently on hold as System Office awaits new strategic plan and president
- Awaiting updates in 2026-2027

End-of-Year Report

- Qualitative
- Emphasis on student and program success
- Request to come out by 4/27, due by 5/22
- Highlights shared during final CCR State-Wide Call on June 10th



Questions