

As registration period opens, it's a great time to give ECC a look

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Spring registration with Edgecombe Community College begins Monday. As staff works to create the best experience for prospective and returning students, I am sure questions about academic programs, transferability, student organizations and cost prevail. Edgecombe Community College is here to help you maneuver what can seem like such a daunting process.

There are more than 100 programs to choose from at Edgecombe Community College. These include, but are not limited to, nursing, surgical technology,



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agribusiness technology, accounting and more. In fact, the college will begin offering courses in applied engineering technology this spring.

Applied engineering technology is a course of study that allows students to solve issues in the industry by using basic engineering principles and technical skills. Graduates with an associate degree in applied engineering technology can enter the workforce as quality control technicians, robotics/automation technicians or research and development technicians. Some

graduates of the program have started in their job at an annual salary of more than \$50,000.

When you begin your education at Edgecombe Community College, many of the general education courses you take are equivalent to the courses offered at a four-year institution and are transferable. Almost 60 percent of transfer students in the University of North Carolina system transfer from community colleges in the state.

At Edgecombe Community College, in-state tuition for a full-time student is less than \$1,000 per semester, while dually enrolled high school students can take college classes tuition-free. Because there is no tuition for

high school students, they can save a substantial amount of money on classes that also will transfer and count toward a bachelor's degree.

Undoubtedly, student organizations and campus life play a pivotal role in which college students decide to attend. At ECC, students can apply to serve as ambassadors who represent the college at special events. They also receive a scholarship. In October, our Alpha Omega Nu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society, welcomed 28 new members. There's also a nursing honor society, criminal justice club, Student Government Association and a host of other organizations.

Edgecombe Community College is also in the process of renovating its student lounge on the Rocky Mount campus, opening a Student Life and Leadership suite on the Tarboro campus and completing a gaming room for their new esports program.

We hope the stellar programs, transferability options, affordability and student organizations at ECC will encourage you to choose us as your "launchpad for success."

For more information, call (252) 618-6526, or email admissions@edgecombe.edu.

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