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Flu Vaccine Attestation Deadline November 15

The University is requiring a [flu vaccine attestation](#) from all employees and students. The attestation deadline is November 15. Failure to complete the form by the deadline will result in the suspension of NinerNET credentials. Everyone who completes the form will be entered into a drawing for a variety of prizes. Any questions can be directed to emergency@uncc.edu.

While the University is not requiring the flu vaccine for employees and students, the University does strongly encourage everyone to receive the vaccine if medically able to do so. Influenza (flu) is a serious respiratory disease that kills an average of 36,000 persons and hospitalizes more than 200,000 persons in the United States each year. Vaccination helps reduce the chances of contracting the virus and significantly lessens symptoms if you do. The influenza vaccine does not prevent COVID-19, but it does help lessen the demands on the healthcare system and the confusion between the two illnesses since they have similar symptoms. All UNC Charlotte students and employees are offered the flu vaccine at no out-of-pocket cost with most major insurance coverage.

Join Chancellor Gaber to Talk About Economic Mobility in Charlotte

Dr. Sharon Gaber will join a panel of experts at the [2021 Schul Forum: Moving the Needle in Charlotte and Beyond](#). The forum will address the challenges facing us and the solutions that can be implemented to help our community. Join the November 18 virtual event with a keynote address by Andre Perry of the Brookings Institution. Other panelists will include Dr. Byron P. White, UNC Charlotte Office of Urban Research and Community Engagement; Laura Clark, United Way of Central Carolinas; Sherri Chisholm, Leading on Opportunity; and W. Teddy McDaniel, III, Urban League of Central Carolinas, Inc.

Crowdfunding Campaigns Continue

A reminder - UNC Charlotte's [crowdfunding campaigns](#) are in full swing. Please help them reach their goals.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops**Examining Active Collaborative Learning in Online Classes**

In this interactive workshop, an interdisciplinary, cross-college team of faculty will model strategies and high-impact practices for facilitating active collaborative learning in online classes. Collaborative learning and student-centered pedagogies can engage students and connect them to the class and University community, but many instructors are reluctant to include collaborative group work in online instruction. We will explore tools and approaches that can be implemented in a range of classes: large or small, asynchronous or synchronous, and introductory undergraduate to advanced graduate courses across various disciplines. Participants will leave the session with classroom-tested ideas that they can easily implement in their online and, potentially, face-to-face classes. Facilitated by: Harini Ramaprasad (Computer Science), Erik Byker (Reading & Elementary Education), Sam Furr-Rogers (Biological Sciences), Tonya Bates (Biological Sciences), and Bryce Van Doren (ADVANCE Faculty Affairs and Diversity Office).

- Tuesday, November 9, 2:30 - 3:30 PM ([Register](#))

Engaging Students with Canvas Quizzing

Giving frequent low-stake quizzes is considered a great student-centered learning technique facilitating students to become accountable for their learning.

- Monday, November 15, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Mobile Hotspot Lending Program

Atkins Library now has Verizon mobile hotspot devices to loan to students. The library was awarded two grants to purchase hotspots to help level the academic playing field for many students, particularly for those for whom internet connectivity is a barrier. Please share this information with any UNC Charlotte student who:

- cannot afford to cover internet service costs on their own,
- does not have broadband internet access in their homes due to where they are geographically located, or
- requires additional options due to internet traffic congestion either in the home or neighborhood driving down connectivity speeds.

Students can borrow a mobile hotspot from the first-floor Information and Research Desk. The loan period is seven days with the option to renew two times.

Area 49 Workshops and Trainings

- [Laser Cutter Training](#)
Wednesday, November 10, 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Thursday, December 2, 1:00 - 2:00 PM
- [Carvey CNC Router Training](#)
Wednesday, November 10, 11:00 - 11:30 AM
Thursday, December 2, 12:30 - 1:00 PM
- [3D Printer Training](#)
Wednesday, November 10, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Thursday, December 2, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- [VisLab Full Orientation](#)
Monday, November 8, 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Wednesday, December 1, 1:00 - 2:00 PM
- [3D Modeling Workshop](#)
Monday, November 8, 12:30 - 1:30 PM
Wednesday, December 1, 2:00 - 3:00 PM.

Graduate Admissions Migrating to SLATE

Graduate Admissions is transitioning to Slate by Technolutions, a system that will provide the University with a more comprehensive, scalable, integrated and sustainable recruitment and admissions system. The current AdmissionPros system (mygradschool.uncc.edu and eGRAD.uncc.edu) will be brought down on November 16 at 11:59 p.m., and we anticipate going live with Slate on November 21. During that time, the applicant, recommender, and GPD portals will be unavailable. Between November 16-21:

1. data and supporting documents in AdmissionPros will be migrated to Slate;
2. prospective students for 2022 will be emailed new system credentials to access the system;
3. recommendation providers who have not submitted a reference will be provided information to do so in Slate;
4. Graduate Program Directors and admissions committee members will be emailed the link to access Slate.

All current eGRAD users will have access to Slate as soon as the system is live, and training documentation for decision makers and committee members will be provided online. Virtual and face-to-face Slate training will also be available beginning the week of November 22 for anyone who wishes to attend and details will be provided shortly. The Graduate School is excited to launch an admissions management system that is more tailored to the user and positions Charlotte to more effectively recruit the graduate class. For questions or additional information, please contact [Associate Dean Johnna Watson](#).

Save the Dates: Undergraduate Research Conference

Please save the dates for the virtual UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference (URC). The URC 2022 will be a virtual conference using the ForagerOne platform and is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, and Friday, April 22, 2022. Please know that students will submit an abstract as part of the URC 2022 registration. The URC 2022 registration form will open on Monday, January 24 and close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 4. Since this is a virtual conference, students will be recording short 2-3 minute videos for poster presentations and 10-12 minute videos for oral presentations. Thank you in advance for supporting this important component of undergraduate academics at UNC Charlotte.

NinerScholars Portal Open for Student Applications

The NinerScholars Portal is now open for students to apply for scholarships for the 2022-23 academic year. During the current application cycle, only students who have been admitted to the University will be allowed to access NinerScholars to apply for scholarships. All units are asked to review their webpages and print material to ensure scholarship-related information is current and all messaging directs students to access the NinerScholars Portal through the [University Scholarship Office webpage](#). If your college or department has not completed the Scholarship Content Review Process for AY22/23, you'll need to do so before the University Scholarship Office can open your scholarship for student applications. Scholarship funds that currently have a balance insufficient to make an AY22/23 award, but receive necessary funding before January 1, 2022, may still be opened for applications in NinerScholars. Please contact the University Scholarship Office if this situation applies to you. The University Scholarship Office will provide a training resource to all NinerScholars users during the spring semester. Updated user guides and an explanation of new functionality in the Portal will be provided. All new and current scholarship administrators are encouraged to participate. More details will be made available in the new year. If you have questions, please contact the University Scholarship Office by calling 704-687-5871 or by emailing Scholarships@uncc.edu.

UCAE Hiring Peer Tutors & Peer Assisted Learning Leaders

The University Center for Academic Excellence (UCAE) is recruiting Peer Tutors and Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Leaders for Spring 2022. We are looking for academically successful students who are interested in supporting their peers in and out of the classroom. If you know of a student who might be interested in a position with our office, please direct them to the [UCAE website](#) or Hire-A-Niner. We are recruiting PAL leaders for the following courses: BIOL 3111, BIOL 3144, CHEM 1204, CHEM 1251, CHEM 1252, CHEM 2131, CHEM 2132, KNES 2169, ECON 2101, MATH 1100, MATH 1241, MATH 1242, MATH 2164, and PHYS 2101. We are looking for tutors across disciplines, but are particularly interested in students with expertise in the following subjects: Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, all Engineering disciplines, Economics, Finance, Geography, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, and Statistics.

Faculty Council News

Please visit the Faculty Governance website for the latest news from the Faculty Council including:

- [Meeting Schedules](#)
- [Agendas/Minutes](#)
- [Latest News](#)

Dissertation Defenses

The dissertation defense is one of the ways a new scholar demonstrates readiness to join the academy and is an opportunity to share their research widely. [View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

Latest AA News

For up-to-the-minute news from Academic Affairs (faculty awards, research, recognition, initiatives), follow us on [Twitter](#) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

Upcoming Events

This Week:

- Nov-Dec** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Nov-Dec** [Diversity events](#)
- Nov 8** [A Conversation with Caldecott Award winner Gail Haley](#)
- Nov 9** Brown Bag Lunch Session: [Centennial Celebration for the Discovery of Insulin](#)
- Nov 11** [UNC Charlotte Engaged Scholarship Symposium](#)

Next Week:

- Nov 15** [Flu Vaccine Attestation Deadline](#)
- Nov 16** [The 57 Bus Virtual Discussion](#)
- Nov 17** [Charlotte Race and Social Equity 2021 Fall Forum](#)
- Nov 18** [2021 Schul Forum: Moving the Needle in Charlotte and Beyond](#)

Upcoming: provost.charlotte.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events

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