

## Advising Information

### **Advising**

Each full time student is assigned an advisor. Please schedule an appointment with your advisor before registering for courses to be sure that you are selecting the correct courses. If you do not have an advisor assigned to you, contact the Advising office at NCC to get one. Part-time students may contact their course instructor or the Advising Office.

### **Transfer Information**

NCC is developing a seamless program-to-program transfer articulation agreement with four year universities. These agreements provide you seamless transfer into a Pre K-Grade 4 Certification Program in Pennsylvania. Qualifications will include a 3.0 or higher GPA at NCC and passing PRAXIS scores in reading, writing, and mathematics.

After you are accepted into a four-year college, you must typically be accepted into the education department. The Pennsylvania Department of Education has established guidelines that all colleges/universities must follow for allowing students to study in, and graduate from, teacher certification programs.

It is crucial that if you expect to transfer you do the following:

- Visit/contact the head of the education department where you will be transferring to ensure that your courses transfer and count toward the BA degree.
- Take the Praxis exams during your third semester at NCC. If you need higher scores there is still time to retake the exam.
- Maintain a 3.0 grade point average at NCC.
- Meet with an NCC ECE Advisor and Transfer Counselor.

### **PRAXIS Examination**

Results from the PRAXIS Exam are required for being accepted into a BA teacher certification program. It is best if you take the exam before the beginning of your third semester at NCC. For more information about the Praxis: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/>

NCC has a one credit Praxis preparation course that could help to increase your score. For more information: [http://www.northampton.edu/Academics/Course-Descriptions/Education-\(EDUC\).htm](http://www.northampton.edu/Academics/Course-Descriptions/Education-(EDUC).htm)

The Praxis exams that you must take are as follows:

Early Childhood Education Certification: If you want a BA degree and certification in Early Childhood Education, the following exams prepare you for PA certification #2840 Early Childhood N-3.

**STUDENTS MUST TAKE THESE CORE BATTERIES:**

**Qualifying Scores**

10710	Pre-Professional Skills Test: Reading (former Communication)	172*
20720	Pre-Professional Skills Test: Writing (former Communication)	173*
10730	Pre-Professional Skills Test: Mathematics (former Gen Knowledge)	173*

Elementary Education Certification: If you want a BA degree and certification in Elementary Education the following exams prepare you for PA certification #2810 Elementary K-6.

**STUDENTS MUST TAKE THESE CORE BATTERIES:**

**Qualifying Scores**

10710	Pre-Professional Skills Test: Reading (former Communication)	172*
20720	Pre-Professional Skills Test: Writing (former Communication)	173*
10730	Pre-Professional Skills Test: Mathematics (former Gen Knowledge)	173*
10014	Elementary School: Content Knowledge (former Gen Knowledge)	142*