

Luthier Program FAQs

What is required to attend?

- ✓ You first need to submit an application for review
- ✓ Age (must be over the age of 18) and proof of Identification
- ✓ English language/comprehension
- ✓ Ability to sit/stand for multiple hours at a time

How do I apply for the NCC Luthier Program?

1. Visit www.northampton.edu/luthier and click the orange Apply Now button to be redirected to the Application Website.
2. Click the blue Apply Button in the upper right-hand corner. After creating an account, answer the application questions and click the blue Submit button. Your application will be reviewed. Accepted applicants will receive a notification via email to set up a Zoom Interview as part of the second round interview process. Any additional candidates will be notified that the program has reached capacity and will be placed on the waitlist.

Where is the class located?

All classes are located in the Martin Guitar Luthier Lab at Northampton Community College, Fowler Campus. The address is 511 E. 3rd Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015

What is included in the Room & Board Package?

Room and Board is available at an additional cost. Housing is in the NCC College Apartments located at the NCC Main Campus, 3835 Green Pond Rd, Bethlehem, Pa 18020 - short 15-minute drive to the Fowler Campus. Uber Transportation to and from class is included in the Room and Board package. Part of your Room and Board Package is a 14 Swipe Meal plan with a \$200 Flex option. A 'Swipe' includes any entry into the dining hall for breakfast, lunch or dinner (including weekends). Meals are offered in a buffet style, so the student can eat as much or as little as they would like. Swipes do not roll over from week to week. Flex dollars is a declining balance that can be used in the College Center Food Court, the Den (late night snack bar located in the Residence Hall Commons) or Zime (the Café at the Fowler Campus) for use of purchasing snacks or grab-n-go items.

Will I have a roommate?

Yes. Each apartment has two private bedrooms and bathrooms; therefore, you will be paired with another Luthier Student. The apartment also includes a full kitchen (refrigerator, oven, stove, microwave, sink, cabinets), dining room/living room (love seat, two chairs, coffee table, TV stand/bookshelf, dining room table with four chairs).

Do I need to stay on campus? No, staying in a college apartment is optional. However, if you choose not to stay on campus, meals and transportation to and from class is your responsibility.

How much is the program and how do I pay?

Tuition is \$19,578. Room, Board and Transportation is \$6,422. A down payment of \$3,000 is due at enrollment. Payment is full is due 45 business day prior to the start of class. We offer several different ways to pay for the Luthier Program:

- Credit Card (in full or utilizing the payment plan option)
- Check (in full or utilizing the payment plan option)
- Wire Transfer
- Private Educational Loan
- GI Bill
- Additional Questions? Email luthier@northampton.edu

Are Scholarships available? Yes! Through the generous support from the Martin Guitar Charitable Foundation, individuals who are accepted to the Luthier Program will be sent information about the Scholarship Application process. Scholarships will range from \$1,000 - \$5,000 depending on eligibility.

Is Financial Aid Available? No, not at this time.

I am a US Veteran. Can I use my GI Bill for tuition assistance? Yes! The Luthier program is approved for GI Funding. Email veterans@northampton.edu for more information

What is the refund policy? Students enrolled in the NCC Luthier Program who wish to withdraw must submit a written request. The amount of refund granted is dependent on the date on which the written request is received. Refund tiers are as follows:

- 100% Refund – if the written request to withdraw is received more than 45 business days before the first day of class, less \$250 administration fee. Refunds will be issued to the student within 30 days of receiving the withdrawal notice.
- 0% Refund – if the written request to withdraw is received less than 45 business days before the first day of class.
 - If a student from the waitlist can fill the vacancy, the withdrawing student will receive a 100% refund, less the \$250 administrative fee.
 - The 45-day period allows time for NCC to fill the vacancy.
 - Refunds will be contingent on filling the vacancy.
 - If a refund is granted, funds will be issued to the student within 30 days of filling the vacancy.

After acceptance into the Luthier Program, students will receive a Refund Policy via email, in which they must sign and return to complete the enrollment process. Enrollment in the program is contingent upon the receipt of the signed Refund Policy by the Luthier Program Administrator(s).

What is the closest airport? Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) is the closest to Bethlehem and very easy to navigate. Larger airports in the area include Newark (EWR) and Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). They are about an hour and a half from Bethlehem. Transportation to and from airport is your responsibility.

I am bringing my own car; do I get a discount since I do not need transportation to and from class? Housing, Transportation and Meals is included as a package. Parking is free at both the Main Campus and Fowler Campus.

Do I receive a diploma/degree? At this time, the Luthier Program is not accredited; therefore, you will receive a certificate of completion with an official transcript.

Can International students apply for the Program? Yes! International Students can apply. Please email luthier@northampton.edu for more information.

Is there a waitlist? Yes! If your desired program is full, your application will be placed on a waiting list and if a student withdraws you will be notified.

Do I need woodworking experience to attend the school? No, we have designed the program to accommodate all levels of craftsmanship.



Do I have to buy any tools? No, all materials and tools are included in your tuition, including all PPE (dust mask, ear plugs, safety glasses). You may wish to purchase a binder, notebook, pens, USB and pencils for taking notes.

Can I tour the school? Yes! Email Luthier@northampton.edu to set up a private tour of the lab.