Innovation & Design Thinking, Specialized Diploma (2025-2026 Catalog)

NORTHAMPTON

AND							
Developmental Education Courses (if required)							
	ACLS050	Introduction to Academic Literacy					
	ENGL027	Writing Skills Workshop					
	MATH020	Pre-Algebra					
	MATH022	Elementary Algebra					

Placement in English and/or Mathematics must first be determined by <u>official</u> transcripts and/or placement testing.

Developmental education courses are only taken if needed based on a student's placement; these courses would be in addition to the courses outlined below. Developmental education courses may extend the timeline to degree completion.

Transferring credits into NCC: Official transcripts are required; awarded credit will appear in Workday's Academic Progress.

	complete	Course #	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites / Corequisites
Semester 1		COLS101	College Success	1	Exempt: COLS150 or 12+ transfer credits & 2.0 GPA
		ENTR101	Entrepreneurial Mindset	3	
		COMM101	Introduction to Communication	3	
			Total Semester Credits:	7	
Semester 2			Discipline Specific Elective*	3	PRE: ENGL101
			Internship or Prior Learning Assessment**	2-6	
			Total Semester Credits:	5-9	
	Total Degree Credits:			12-16	

It is the student's responsibility to be knowledgeable of NCC graduation requirements and, if applicable, to verify transfer requirements with the 4-year institution. Courses listed on the program map are based upon the assumption that prerequisites and courses taken in previous semesters will be successfully completed.

Program Notes:

*Discipline-Specific Electives (select one):

BUSA137 Principles of Selling
BUSA226 Human Resources Management
BUSA232 Principles of Marketing
COMM231 Small Group Communication
DATS101 Principles of Data Science
GLBL130 Intro. to Global Studies
HOSP201 Strategic Leadership in Hospitality
HOSP215 Hospitality Sales & Marketing
HUMA140 Intro. to Women and Gender Studies
HUMA210 Creativity & the Origin of Ideas
POLS202 International Relations

**Internship OR Relevant Prior Learning Assessment

(select one; 2 or more credits)

INTS104 Professional Internship

Internships below have prerequisites:

ARCH200 Professional Internship (Architecture)

CGRT551 Cognitive Retraining Internships

CMTH275 Media Production Internship

CRFT250 Craft Practicum

EARL263G Internship-Early Childhood

HCOA250 Internship (Healthcare Office)

HOSP221G Hospitality Management Practicum

INTS104 Professional Internship

PARL250 Internship (Paralegal)

SPRT250 Sports Management Practicum