

## SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Office of International Programs was established at the University of North Carolina Wilmington to represent its commitment to international education. International education has been identified as a priority by the Office of the President of the University of North Carolina. The office has responsibility for coordinating study abroad programs, faculty and student exchange programs, and other international activities at the university. Its goal is to expand and strengthen international ties among individuals, offices, and programs on campus and to encourage the exchange and flow of ideas and information so crucial for the development of global knowledge and awareness. Further information can be obtained by contacting the assistant provost for International Programs in Westside Hall.

### NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE (NSE)

National Student Exchange (NSE) is a domestic student exchange program that offers UNCW students the opportunity to attend one of approximately 177 member institutions across the United States and its territories. With member institutions offering tuition reciprocity, and students continuing their eligibility for financial aid at UNCW, NSE represents one of the most cost-effective ways to travel and experience life in a new environment. Since NSE's founding in 1967-68, more than 90,000 students have been placed in life-challenging and life-changing experiences. For participating students, the semester or year on exchange is usually the most profitable and enjoyable time of their college career. Students experience a diversity of educational settings, course offerings, and philosophies. In addition, there is an increased awareness of the cultural and geographical differences within the U.S. The NSE application deadline is February 1 for placements in the following academic year. For more information, contact the Office of Housing and Residence Life or visit UNCW's NSE website at [www.uncw.edu/NSE](http://www.uncw.edu/NSE).

### EXTENSION COURSES

The Division of Academic Affairs administers the university's extension (academic) program. The university operates the following upper division undergraduate and graduate degree completion programs at the Jacksonville/Onslow County program site:

#### Undergraduate Programs

- business administration
- clinical research
- social work
- elementary education
- nursing (RN-Access)
- criminal justice

#### Graduate Programs

- Master of Arts in liberal studies
- Master of Education in elementary education
- Master of Science in chemistry

Courses are scheduled on the Coastal Carolina Community College campus, the Marine Corps Base at Camp Lejeune, and online. Licensure courses are also offered for several teaching areas. Application for admission to Onslow County programs are received by the extension site admissions adviser located at 444 Western Boulevard, Jacksonville, North Carolina 28546, telephone (910) 455-2310.

Additional extension offerings also include undergraduate and graduate courses at select off-campus sites. Application for admission to extension programs are received by the Admissions Office; requests for transcripts should be made to the Registrar of the University of North Carolina Wilmington. Graduate extension applications are received by the Graduate School.

Information concerning all extension programs and courses may be obtained by contacting the Division of Academic Affairs at UNCW, 601 South College Road, Wilmington, NC 28403-5900; phone (910) 962-3876.

### SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION CENTER

(<http://uncw.edu/smec>)

The Science and Mathematics Education Center (SMEC) at UNCW is a member of the University of North Carolina Mathematics and Science Education Network (NC-MSEN). SMEC is committed to regional service and endeavors to stimulate teachers' intellectual curiosity and increase exposure to current technology. The center is responsible for the identification, development, delivery, and evaluation of K-12 professional development programming in science and mathematics. SMEC applies the resources of UNC Wilmington to improve the teaching and learning of science and mathematics in the K-12 schools of southeastern North Carolina. The center, working with faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Watson School of Education, offers a wide range of professional development programs in the areas of mathematics, science, and technology for in-service elementary-, middle-, and high- school teachers. Through center sponsored seminars, workshops, and courses, teachers can renew licensure in science, mathematics, and technology.

SMEC includes Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics (SVSM), a cost-free, state-funded program for academically talented high-school students who may pursue careers based in science and mathematics. The program brings rising juniors and seniors together in residential settings for four weeks of intensive study on a UNC system campus. Students are invited to the program after a competitive application process at the state level. University faculty and master high school teachers provide the instruction and support for individual student research projects.

Information concerning programs may be obtained by contacting the Science and Mathematics Education Center.