Welcome To Fall Semester

Degree Works is LIVE!

Why use Degree Works?
Degree Works allows students and their advisors access to the students’ plan of study and the ability to track students’ progress. It will reduce errors by automating much of the manual clearance process and speed up the graduation process. Candidacy forms will no longer be required.

How do students access Degree Works?
Students can access Degree Works through https://my.uncc.edu. A link to Degree Works can be found under the Academic Resources heading.

Who do I contact if I have questions?
Please see the DegreeWorks FAQ page for answers to commonly asked questions or email degreeworks@uncc.edu.
**Program Director**

Patti Wilkins is a Clinical Associate Professor of Instructional Systems Technology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with over 30 years of teaching experience. Wilkins’ research focuses on the importance of both the school administrator’s role in establishing and providing an appropriate school climate as well as the teachers’

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“Hello everyone, it is great to be working in the role of Program Director for the Ed.D. programs. I am beginning my 9th year as a faculty member in the Educational Leadership Department. I began my role as Graduate Program Director on July 1st. This summer, I worked to improve the EDD website. I hope that you will visit the site and let me know if you have ideas for additional information that may be helpful for current and/or prospective students.

This year Drs. Rebecca Shore, Mark D’Amico and Jim Bird are coordinating efforts within Curriculum and Supervision, Higher Education, and Superintendent concentrations respectively."

Have a great semester!
~Dr. Patti Wilkins

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Dr. Rebecca Shore is an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership. She teaches in the Master of School Administration program, the Aspiring High School Principal program and the Doctorate in Educational Leadership program. She is coordinator of the Curriculum & Supervision concentration of the Ed.D. Prior to coming to UNCC, Dr. Shore worked in schools for 28 years in California, Louisiana, and North Carolina; 13 years of teaching and 15 years in administration.

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Mark D’Amico is Associate Professor of Educational Leadership (Higher Education) and former director of the doctoral program in Educational Leadership at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Since joining the academic ranks in 2009, Mark’s research has focused on community college student success and the community college role in workforce development, and he has had articles published in Research in Higher Education, Community College Review, Community College.

Dr. Jim Bird
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James J. Bird, PhD, is an associate professor on the faculty of educational leadership at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is beginning his 11th year at the university. His previous departmental responsibilities included being the graduate program director and department chair. He teaches Fundamentals of Leadership and the Principalship courses to Master’s level students; School Finance and Organizational Theory and Behavior courses.

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Informing Research & Policy In Intercollegiate Athletics
Pre-Conference Session, ASHE Annual Conference
November 10, 2016, 8:30am-12:00pm
Columbus, OH

The 2016 ASHE & Athletics Pre-Conference will be held at the ASHE Annual Conference in Columbus, OH. Dr. Dan Merson, Consultant & Project Administrator for the Student-Athlete Climate Study (SACS), will lead the pre-conference session focusing on integrating multiple sources of research to inform policy and practice for the public good.

This workshop is open anyone interested in integrating their scholarship on student-athlete experiences with others who engage in the discourse on higher education. In this interactive session, participants will participate in discussions about how scholars can pursue research that crosses boundaries beyond intercollegiate athletics and how they can integrate their scholarship into public discourses in higher education and our broader communities. Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of how to collaborate to advance student-athlete research with a focus on networking connections and practical resources to assist in their work. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring laptop computers to this interactive pre-conference session.

Registration & Fees:
To register, visit the ASHE Pre-Conference Registration web page http://www.ashe.ws/conference

- ASHE Member Faculty: $20
- ASHE Member Graduate Student: $10
- Non-Member: $30

Questions?
Contact the Center for Leadership in Athletics: claresch@uw.edu

The 2016 ASHE & Athletics Pre-Conference Session is hosted by the University of Washington's Center for Leadership in Athletics

IRBIS Online IRB protocol submission

The Office of Research Compliance IRBIS online IRB protocol submission system went live on September 6, 2016.

All new IRB protocol applications must be submitted using IRBIS. Submissions using the current protocol application form will no longer be accepted.

Visit the Compliance Office IRBIS website for user manuals and available training sessions. Space is limited in each training session. Contact the Office of Research Compliance at uncc-irb@uncc.edu to sign-up for a training session or with any questions.
The call for proposals is open for school districts to present at the October 21, 2016 conference "After the Diploma: Bridging the Gap between K-12 and the Real World". Deadline for proposals is September 23, 2016.

NCASCD is a long established, well organized association and is the premier organization which cuts across job titles in enlisting all categories of educators in the improvement of educational opportunities for children. The resulting synergy ignites a common goal - the best interest of students everywhere. This vantage point is the foundation for NCASCD’s long standing reputation as a prime source for critical thinking and unbiased information about education. We serve educators all across NC and our Regional Presidents help us lead across the state.

NCASCD is an independent state unit affiliated with International ASCD through a compatible constitution and participation in the governance of ASCD through membership on its Board of Directors. Since its inception in 1943, ASCD has faced the challenge, unique among major education groups, of a membership base with an extensive variety of concerns and interests.

The educational professional and students who comprise the ASCD family often have compelling needs and perspectives. Yet, ASCD’s multi-million budget enables the association to provide quality service to all its members despite the continual expansion of that base. ASCD’s overarching belief that all students can succeed in a challenging, well-planned educational program is shared by nearly 200,000 members worldwide.
EDD Connections

In lieu of fall doctoral dinner this semester we will have two drop-in Pizza Dates!

**Date:** Monday, October 24, 2016  
**Time:** 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**Location:** COED 261  
**RSVP:** [https://goo.gl/forms/2PN02ESyGTIPSDAL2](https://goo.gl/forms/2PN02ESyGTIPSDAL2)

**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016  
**Time:** 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**Location:** COED 261  
**RSVP:** [https://goo.gl/forms/yGyTljrTtZLWeD2r1](https://goo.gl/forms/yGyTljrTtZLWeD2r1)

**Spring Semester Dinner:**  
We are planning to host a *Spring Doctoral Dinner* for current and prospective EDD students. Additional information about it will be in the next Ed.D. Ledger!
Check out the NinerGo App!

Need schedule information or want to check grades? Lost on campus? Download the NinerGo app to find what you need—fast. NinerGo is just getting started, connecting you to the campus information you need, so expect to see more features and updates soon. For details about NinerGo, and other UNC Charlotte apps, check out mobile.uncc.edu today!

BTW, got an idea? Let us know by using the feedback section in the app.

New! Taskstream How-to and Instruction Video

Did you know about Google Scholar?

Search for your professor and get up to date with their research.

Google Scholar provides a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature. From one place, you can search across many disciplines and sources: articles, theses, books, abstracts and court opinions, from academic publishers, professional societies, online repositories, universities and other web sites. Google Scholar helps you find relevant work across the world of scholarly research.
Graduation Process

Check your audit

Effective 1st Summer 2016, DegreeWorks is the definitive record for graduation clearance. Students, faculty, and staff may access DegreeWorks via http://my.uncc.edu. Students are encouraged to routinely check their degree progress in DegreeWorks.

Meet with your advisor

Prior to the final term, all students are encouraged to schedule an appointment to meet with their advisor and/or graduate program director. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that he/she is making satisfactory progress towards graduation, based on the program requirements outlined in DegreeWorks and any additional directions issued by the graduate program.

Enroll

Per academic policy, all students must be enrolled in the term of graduation, even if all degree/certificate requirements have been met.

Apply for Graduation

All students (doctoral, master’s, certificate) must apply for graduation by the published deadline in the final term. Students who fail to apply for graduation by the published deadline will not be evaluated for graduation and will be ineligible to participate in the commencement ceremony.

How do I submit the ‘Online Graduation Application’?

1. Log into my.uncc.edu.
2. Under Academic Resources, select ‘Student Records’.
4. Click “Continue” if this is the first time a graduation application has been submitted or “Create a New Application” if one has been submitted previously.
5. After all sections are complete, click the “Submit” button.

Graduation Process

Commencement

In order to participate or "walk" in the commencement ceremony, a student must have successfully completed all degree requirements and have submitted all required forms by the published deadlines, including the Online Graduation Application (please refer to the Academic Calendar for these deadlines).

All students will be asked to provide a phonetic spelling of their name for their commencement ceremony. Please note that Master’s diplomas and graduate certificates are not distributed at commencement; students should expect to receive the diploma or certificate 6-8 weeks after commencement. Be sure to update your email and mailing address through my.uncc.edu in order to receive important information updates as well as the diploma/certificate.

Detailed instructions on the line-up, procession, and ceremony can be found on the University’s Commencement website.

Graduate caps and gowns are available at the Campus Bookstore several months prior to commencement. UNC Charlotte also offers custom regalia.

Doctoral students receive their diploma and are hooded during the Commencement ceremony. Each doctoral student may choose one faculty member to escort them during the ceremony and to assist in their hooding on stage. Because doctoral students and their faculty escorts are named during the ceremony, it is important that both plan to attend the practice session - generally held the Thursday afternoon prior to the ceremony in the Student Activities Center (SAC).

Graduating doctoral students and their advisors are invited to celebrate at a dinner hosted by the Graduate School which is generally held the Thursday night before Commencement. For additional information on the dinner, please contact Coren O’Hara at ceohara@uncc.edu.
Important dates

- **September 19th**: Deadline for December 2016 graduation
- **October 7th**: Doctoral dissertation formatting deadline
- **October 10th**: Student recess (no classes)
- **October 25th**: Last day to withdraw from classes
- **October 31st**: Registration for Spring 2017 begins
- **November 7th**: Doctoral dissertation defense deadline
- **November 23-26th**: Thanksgiving break – no classes
- **November 24th & 25th**: Thanksgiving break – university closed
- **December 9th -16th**: Final exams
- **December 17th**: Commencement
- **December 23rd**: Winter break – university closed

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Visit our updated website:
[http://edld.uncc.edu/programs/doctor-education-educational-leadership](http://edld.uncc.edu/programs/doctor-education-educational-leadership)

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1789313964637374/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1789313964637374/)

*You must use a UNCC email to get into this group. It is a closed group, so members of the group must request access via the link.*

**Purpose** - Sharing successes (passing Qualifying Exams, Dissertation Proposal, sharing job opportunities, etc;)

Do you have an announcement, news, or information to share?

Newsletter suggestions are always welcome!

Please email Elvita Kondili at [ekondili@uncc.edu](mailto:ekondili@uncc.edu).

Elvita is a third year doctoral student in the Counseling Department. She is responsible for creating the EDD Ledger. Elvita is working with Dr. Wilkins as her graduate assistant in the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.