

## WELCOME TO NORTH SEATTLE COLLEGE!



Dear Students,

Welcome to the 2016–17 academic year at North Seattle College! We are happy you are here and have chosen North to begin or further your education and career. At North, you will find a passionate community of life-long learners who are committed to helping you achieve your dreams. As a student, you'll receive direct access to our nearly 300 faculty and your choice of more than 33 associate and bachelor degree programs. You'll also benefit from:

- Small class sizes for more personal attention
- Access to state-of-the-art labs and equipment
- Free tutoring, advising, career counseling and disability services
- Hands-on research opportunities and internships

Outlined in these pages, we offer a wide variety of resources that can ease your journey.

Please make yourself at home, get to know your classmates and North employees and become familiar with our campus.

Thank you for choosing North and good luck on a successful academic year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warren J. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Warren J. Brown, Ed.D.

President, North Seattle College

<https://people.northseattle.edu/users/wbrown>

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**PLOT YOUR COURSE FOR SUCCESS**

**About North Seattle College**

*northseattle.edu*

North Seattle College is a comprehensive two-year, public-funded state college offering transfer degrees and over 60 career training programs. The College provides learning opportunities for a diverse group of approximately 16,000 students annually, including those pursuing college preparatory, English-as-a-second-language and continuing education. International students from 50 countries add to the multicultural experience.

Located in the Northgate neighborhood, five miles north of downtown, the friendly campus occupies 62 acres including a preserved wetland area and a P-patch. The campus originally consisted of 654,000 square feet of instructional and student services buildings designed in an award-winning Brutalistic architectural style. The Opportunity Center for Employment and Education Building provides 45,100 additional square feet, devoted to employment, educational and social services. With the completion of the Health Sciences and Student Resources renovation of the old Technology Building, campus facilities have expanded another 27,001 square feet. The new building houses a human biology and science center, a learning center, new food services, and gathering space for students.

Known for the quality of its faculty and instruction, including strong e-Learning and Integrated Studies programs, North is the starting point for many students who go on to colleges and universities around the country, including Cornell, Dartmouth, UC Berkley, Penn State, NYU, UW, EWU, WWU, WSU, CWU and SU. North consistently ranks among the top two-year colleges in the state for the number of students who transfer to the main University of Washington campus.

North also provides outstanding career training in emerging fields such as nanotechnology, green real estate and avionics electronics—programs enhanced by strong partnerships with business and industry.

The College offers numerous services for students, including academic advising, tutoring, counseling, career services, disability services, veteran services, a women's center, child care, multicultural student leadership programs, and wireless access.

North is one of the Seattle Colleges. Since its opening in 1970, it has helped over 309,000 students pursue their educational goals.

**Checklist for Earning Your Degree or Certificate**

- **Know Where to Get Help**  
Use the “Services for Students” section of this handbook.
- **Determine Your Educational Goal**  
Do you know your educational or career goal? There are services available on campus to help.  
Counseling provides individualized career counseling and helps you develop career goals. Career exploration tools are available for a nominal fee with free interpretation. (206-934-3676)  
Career Services helps students research career options and assists with the job search process. (206-934-6074)  
Advising can help you evaluate academic skills, interests and goals. (206-934-3658)
- **Educational Planning (Meet with an Advisor)**  
See an advisor for help with class selection and educational planning. If you have credits from other colleges, the advisor can do an “unofficial” evaluation of these credits. Working with an advisor, students develop an educational plan to assure degree requirements are completed on time. If pursuing a transfer degree, your plan will include the sequences of prerequisites for your intended major and admission requirements to your intended four-year institution.
- **Evaluation of Incoming Credits**  
To avoid delays with evaluating credits, order your official transcript from each college you attended to be sent directly to North’s Admissions/Registration Office or to you personally (envelopes must remain sealed). When all transcripts have been received, complete the Application for Evaluation of Incoming Credits and submit it to the Admissions/Registration Office, along with your official transcripts if you had them sent to you. When you receive your official evaluation via email (approximately 8–12 weeks after the request for evaluation was received), be sure to check with an advisor regarding any remaining requirements. Please note: You must be registered for classes and paid tuition in order to submit an evaluation request. (Please see “Transfer Credit Evaluation” description under “Admissions/Registration/Records/Credentials” for more details).
- **Graduation Application**  
After you register for your final quarter, complete the Application for Degree, Certificate or Diploma, and meet with an advisor or faculty coordinator, who will run a final degree audit and help you complete any necessary paperwork. Submit applications no later than three weeks prior to the start of your final quarter (see the “Graduation and Commencement Ceremony” description under “Admissions, Records, Registration and Credentials” for details).

**College Transfer and Degrees**

*Transfer:* northseattle.edu/college-transfer-students  
*Degrees:* northseattle.edu/degrees

**Associate of Arts Degree**

This degree is a 90 credit college transfer degree. It provides a broad education in liberal arts and allows students to fulfill some or all of the general education requirements and prerequisite coursework for many four-year degrees in arts and sciences.

**Associate of Science Degree**

The Associate of Science transfer degrees are designed to allow students to complete many of the prerequisite math, science, and general education courses required for those considering a major in science, math, or a health profession at a four-year university or college. NSC offers a general Associate of Science degree as well as an Associate of Science Option #1 and Option #2. Students should consult with an advisor to learn about these options and to determine which degree will best serve their needs.

**Associate in Business**

A 90-credit transfer degree designed for those who wish to transfer and major in Business. It fulfills general education and business major prerequisites for many Washington state four-year colleges and universities.

**Fine Arts Degrees and Certificates**

**Associate of Fine Arts Degree/Certificate in Fine Arts**

North offers an Associate of Fine Arts degree (AFA) in Art, as well as a Certificate in Fine Arts (CFA) in Art, Jewelry Design and Acting. The Associate of Fine Arts degree is designed to fulfill some of the general education requirements of many Arts and Sciences majors and, at the same time, to provide the student with an opportunity to concentrate in a major area of study in Art. The AFA degree is not universally recognized as a transfer degree, but most courses do transfer individually. Students seeking a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Fine Arts should review NSC Associate of Arts degree requirements and consult with their advisor and their intended university. The CFA programs are intended as concentrated programs for students who wish to pursue and receive certifications in a program centered totally on their interest in Art or Acting. The CFA is not accepted as a transfer degree. AFA and CFA students work with a faculty advisor in their area of study.

## INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

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### Career Training Degrees and Certificates

*Degrees:* northseattle.edu/degrees

*Certificates:* northseattle.edu/certificates

North offers many career training degrees and certificates which prepare students for employment in a specific field. You may choose a two-year Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree program or a Certificate program in Accounting, Business, Early Childhood Education, Electronics and Engineering Technologies, Health/Medical, Information Technology, Real Estate, Communications, Business and Media, Nanotechnology or Watch Technology. View the course catalog, quarterly schedule, or website for further program information.

Some of the professional-technical degrees and courses may transfer to specific four year colleges and universities. Information on transferable professional technical degrees is available in Advising.

### Bachelor of Applied Science

The Seattle Colleges are accredited at the baccalaureate level by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities to confer four-year degrees such as the Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) and others. These degrees build on associate degrees and provide workplace skills in specific career areas. When compared to traditional bachelor's programs, applied baccalaureate degrees more heavily incorporate hands-on learning focused on a particular industry or discipline. All programs emphasize internship opportunities and may offer credit for prior learning and workplace experience. North Seattle is offering two BAS degrees: International Business which began in the Fall of 2013 and Application Development which began in the Fall of 2014.

#### ***Application Development B.A.S.***

The B.A.S. in Application Development provides a bachelor's degree opportunity for students who already have Information Technology (IT) related degrees such as the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.). The Application Development Degree focuses on the skills needed for software developers and programmers who develop, create, and modify general computer applications software, mobile applications, or specialized utility programs. It also trains students to analyze user needs and develop software solutions and design or customize software for client use. Emphasis is on solving real world application problems that meet customer needs.



#### ***Early Childhood Education B.A.S.***

North's Early Childhood Education Bachelor of Applied Science (ECE B.A.S.) degree provides an opportunity for students who have completed an associate degree in Early Childhood Education or a related program to continue their studies and earn a Bachelor of Applied Science degree. The degree provides professional development training for early care and education professionals, allowing them to keep pace with the increasing professionalization of the field. The curriculum is designed to align with accreditation standards established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). An applied four-year degree in Early Childhood Education that builds on practical early care and learning skills is in rapidly increasing demand by preschool providers throughout greater Seattle and the state of Washington.

#### ***International Business B.A.S.***

The B.A.S. in International Business provides a bachelor's degree opportunity for students who already have business and accounting non-transfer associate degrees such as an associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.). The International Business degree focuses on the skills needed for management of businesses involved in importing and/or exporting or with international supply chain. Courses will teach business practices in the context of work in an international arena and stress cultural competency.

## INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

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### Adult Basic Education (ABE)

206-934-7303

[northseattle.edu/programs/abe-ged](http://northseattle.edu/programs/abe-ged)

The ABE program prepares students who are working on basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. This program is for students whose placement tests indicate that they are not quite ready to be in the GED preparation classes.

### GED Preparation

206-934-7303

[northseattle.edu/programs/abe-ged](http://northseattle.edu/programs/abe-ged)

The GED Preparation program prepares adult students 18 and older to take the five GED exams (reading, writing, social studies, science, and math).

### High School 21+

206 934-7303

[northseattle.edu/programs/abe-ged](http://northseattle.edu/programs/abe-ged)

An Alternative to the GED, High School 21+ allows students 21 and older to receive a high school diploma in a college setting by demonstrating competency in reading, writing, and math in the context of science, history, government, occupational studies, and digital literacy. Students can demonstrate their knowledge in several ways, including passing Basic Skills classes, work, military experience; a prior learning portfolio; and high school and college transcripts.

### English as a Second Language (ESL)

206-934-7303

[northseattle.edu/programs/esl](http://northseattle.edu/programs/esl)

The ESL program offers classes to help non-native speakers to communicate in English. Students can study reading, writing, speaking and listening, workplace skills, and computer literacy. To qualify for these classes, students must have green cards or be immigrants, refugees or U.S. citizens. Tuition for ABE, GED, HS 21+, and ESL classes is \$25 per quarter.

### High School Completion

206-934-7303

[northseattle.edu/programs/high-school-completion](http://northseattle.edu/programs/high-school-completion)

This program provides adults 19 years or older an opportunity to earn a high school diploma in a college setting. College level classes may apply towards both high school graduation requirements and a college program of study. Students need to fulfill all graduation requirements including testing, the High School and Beyond Plan, and the Culminating Project. NSC does not provide the High School Proficiency Exam; students will need to work with their local high schools to complete testing requirements.

### Running Start

Student Success Services

College Center Building, second floor

206-934-3682

[northseattle.edu/running-start](http://northseattle.edu/running-start)

This program provides juniors and seniors enrolled in public high schools the opportunity to take college-level courses with free or reduced tuition costs, as part of their high school education. Classes taken at North Seattle College will count twice: once toward fulfillment of high school graduation requirements and again for college credit.

### Continuing Education

206-934-3705

[learnatnorth.org](http://learnatnorth.org)

Continuing Education offers a variety of non-credit personal enrichment and professional development classes for lifelong learners. Find your next hobby, develop your art, or upgrade your skills. You can pick up a class schedule in our office, CC1152, or find it online at [www.learnatnorth.org](http://www.learnatnorth.org).



## SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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### **Academic Advising**

Student Success Services  
College Center Building, second floor  
206-934-3658  
[northseattle.edu/advising](http://northseattle.edu/advising)

Advising serves NSC students through educational planning, ongoing advising for students pursuing college transfer degrees or professional/technical degrees and certificates within the Business, Engineering, and Information Technologies Division, and by providing resources and events which support students' academic goals. We work with students to develop an educational plan—a roadmap toward a college degree or certificate and an outline of coursework required to complete your educational objective or program of study.

### **Enrollment Services (Admissions, Records, Registration and Credentials)**

College Center Building, second floor  
206-934-3663  
[northseattle.edu/admissions/steps](http://northseattle.edu/admissions/steps)

### **Web Registration**

In 2015, North Seattle College launched a new online student portal, MyNorth. The site gives you a convenient way to access important information and links—such as the class schedule and registration—on any mobile device, including smartphones and tablets. From MyNorth you can make changes to your schedule (add or drop a class), view your registered and waitlisted classes and save classes you want to take in the future to a Favorites Folder, similar to putting items in an online shopping cart. Visit [mynorth.seattlecolleges.edu](http://mynorth.seattlecolleges.edu).

### **Online Services Hours**

Open 5 am to 11 pm, seven days a week.

### **Registration Start Times**

Access your registration start time via the Web. You can register any time on or after your stated time and day. You are encouraged to meet with an advisor to create an educational plan prior to registration.

### **Student Identification Number (SID)**

A Student Identification Number will be assigned to you upon application to the College. This number will be used to register for classes, access grades or schedules, pay tuition, and all administrative purposes.

### **Personal Identification Number (PIN)**

All students have a Personal Identification Number (PIN). The PIN is used for all inquiry functions and for quarterly registration purposes. The College sets up your first PIN temporarily as your birthdate. Example: If your birthday is March 18, 1955, enter 031855. You will be able to use your temporary PIN to initially login and change it to a secure number. Please do so at your earliest opportunity via the Online Services/PIN (Password) change option. All PIN's are 4 to 6 numbers in length.

### **Social Security Number**

To comply with federal laws, we are required to ask for your Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). We will use your SSN/TIN to report Hope Scholarship/Life Time tax credit, to administer state/federal financial aid, to verify enrollment, degree and academic transcript records, and to conduct institutional research. If you do not submit your SSN/TIN, you will not be denied access to the College; however, you may be subject to civil penalties (refer to Internal Revenue Service Treasury Regulation 1.6050S-1(e)(4) for more information). Pursuant to state law (RCW 28B.10.042) and federal law (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act), the College will protect your SSN from unauthorized use and/or disclosure.

### **Credentials**

College Center Building, second floor  
206-934-3663  
[northseattle.edu/credentials](http://northseattle.edu/credentials)

### **Transfer Credit Evaluation**

A transfer credit evaluation is necessary if:

1. You plan to earn a degree, certificate, or diploma at North and
2. You have taken credits at another college or university that may apply to your current program at North.

Go to the Credentials website for detailed steps on how to apply to get your credits transferred to North: [northseattle.edu/credentials](http://northseattle.edu/credentials).

## SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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### Graduation

Apply for graduation when you:

1. Register for your final quarter at North.
2. See an advisor or faculty coordinator for a final “check-out.” The advisor’s or faculty coordinator’s signature is required on the application and a current degree audit must be attached.

Your advisor or faculty coordinator will submit the completed Application for Degree, Certificate or Diploma to the ARRC Office.

### Graduation Application Deadlines

Apply to graduate as soon as you have registered for your final quarter of classes. Applications should be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the start of your final quarter. Using the online transcript services, <https://sccdweb.sccd.ctc.edu/nscckiosk/waci002.html> you can see when degrees and certificates have been posted. They will appear at the bottom of the transcript. Diplomas will be mailed 8 to 10 weeks after the award has been posted to your transcript.

### Commencement Ceremony

A formal graduation ceremony is held the last Friday of Spring Quarter. In early May, invitations and information will be mailed to any student who graduated during that academic year (Summer, Fall, Winter quarters) or applied to graduate Spring Quarter.

### Career Services

Opportunity Center for Employment and Education (OCE&E) Building  
206-934-6074  
[northseattle.edu/career-services](http://northseattle.edu/career-services)  
[careerservices@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:careerservices@seattlecolleges.edu)

Contact Career Services for one-on-one job search assistance and to find out more about WorkSource’s services and programs available to you. Current students and alumni can access the online job database, Career Hub, that is co-hosted by all Seattle Colleges. Career Hub is a free service for students and alumni; students can post resumes, search for jobs, and arrange to have jobs in specific fields emailed automatically and more.

The Career Services website houses Career Development packets on everything from cover letters to interview preparation and more.

### Counseling Services

Student Success Services  
College Center Building, North wing, second floor  
206-934-3676, M–F 8am–4:30pm  
[northseattle.edu/counseling](http://northseattle.edu/counseling).

Counseling offers students individual appointments, classes, and online self-help information to help them:

- Identify career interests and programs of study
- Improve concentration, memory, time management, test-taking, and other academic skills
- Locate resources and develop skills to overcome stress, crisis, and prejudice.

### Disability Services

Student Success Services  
College Center Building, second floor  
206-934-3697 TTY: 206-934-0079  
Fax: 206-934-3958  
[northseattle.edu/disability-services](http://northseattle.edu/disability-services)

The Disability Services (DS) office at North Seattle College (NSC) provides reasonable accommodations so that qualified students with documented permanent or temporary disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in North’s programs, activities, events, and services.

Students are responsible for self-disclosing their disability to DS (the contact must be by the student and not a representative of the student) and for providing documentation in order to determine eligibility. Documentation should be typed, signed, and on letterhead from a licensed professional qualified to diagnose the disability. It should also describe the disability and its impacts in the educational setting. Students can then schedule an intake appointment with the DS Director to discuss potential accommodations.

Accommodations include, but are not limited to, testing modifications, note taking, adaptive equipment and software, tape recorders, Sign Language interpreters, and books in alternative format. Students are encouraged to contact DS six weeks prior to the quarter in which accommodations are needed in order to avoid delays in accommodations.

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### **e-Learning**

LB2237, one door south of the library entrance  
206-934-3738  
virtualcollege.org

Online classes are designed to keep students in close contact with their instructors through online discussion rooms, email, and through online feedback and grading. Hybrid courses blend on-campus and online instruction, saving you travel time and expense while maintaining the on-campus learning experience. Many on-campus courses incorporate the same technologies as online and hybrid courses to enhance learning in and out of the classroom. Student/teacher ratios in these classes are the same as classes that are held fully on campus.

All online classes transfer the same as on-campus credit classes. With e-Learning courses, your A.A. degree can be earned completely online or with many fewer campus visits at North Seattle College.

### **Financial Aid**

College Center Building, second floor  
206-934-3688  
Fax: 206-934-3608  
northseattle.edu/financial-aid  
nscfinancialaid@seattlecolleges.edu

The Financial Aid & Veterans Services Office at North Seattle College seeks to assist students in their educational pursuit by minimizing financial barriers related to educational expenses.

The Financial Aid Office provides information on student aid eligibility, types of aid available, and policies and guidelines for federal, state and institutional programs. Financial aid staff can assist you in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) or answer any questions along the way.

All students in need should apply for financial aid — do not assume you are not eligible! You do not need to be a full-time student.

The Financial Aid Office communicates primarily by email and the Student Financial Aid Portal, be sure to keep your contact information with the college up to date.

### **International Student Programs**

College Center Building, second floor  
206-934-3672  
isp.northseattle.edu/

International Student Programs serves students on non-immigrant visas with admissions and advising matters. Admission includes evaluation of prior education and English language skills, and processing of documents based on visa requirements. Advising focuses on immigration (visa) regulations and academic programs for international students. International Student Programs also provides help either directly or by referral in the areas of personal concerns, academic pursuits, housing and cultural issues. International Programs also provides study abroad opportunities for domestic students. Programs destinations include England, Spain, Japan, Costa Rica, Italy, South Africa, and others.

### **Admissions/Enrollment/Outreach Services**

CC2451B (ARRC)  
206-934-3679

#### **Services include:**

- Emergency tuition and text book assistance: northseattle.edu/types-aid#8
- High school relations
  - Classroom presentations
  - Two-year college presentations
  - College fairs
  - Faculty speakers
  - High school to college readiness presentation
- Campus information nights
- Community relations
- Campus tours: northseattle.edu/tour-nsc

### **Testing**

College Center Building, second floor  
206-934-3674  
northseattle.edu/testing

Most students who are entering degree, certificate, or college transfer programs are required to take English and math placement tests. Testing is also required for all other students who wish to enroll in English or math courses that list placement test scores as a prerequisite. We use the COMPASS English and math placement tests. There are many options students can use for placement. Check out this site for your placement options: northseattle.edu/scores/placement-test-scores.

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Exceptions: Students who have already completed placement testing or college-level English or math courses at another institution may not need to test. These students should bring unofficial transcripts or placement test results to the Advising Center or a New Student Orientation for review.

What To Do For Drop-In Placement Testing (No Appointment Needed):

- Prepare for the test. See the Testing Web page for study guides and details. See also [beforeyoutest.org](http://beforeyoutest.org).
- Apply to North at the Admissions office or online and get your assigned student number.
- Go to the Cashiers office and pay \$19 for your placement test.
- Bring your receipt, picture ID (e.g. driver's license or WA State ID). International students bring a passport and one other picture ID.
- Come for your placement test during the drop-in hours. Testing Calendar and office hours are available at the Testing Center or at our website. Go to [testing.northseattle.edu](http://testing.northseattle.edu).

### **Fees: (Subject to change)**

**My Math Lab & Wonderlic are North's Math/English Test; English Only Test; or Math: \$19–\$35**

**Additional copies of placement test scores:** \$3. No scores are released without picture ID. Unofficial scores can be viewed and printed online, at no cost. See Testing Web page for details.

ESL placement and GED testing are available by appointment. See Admissions & Registration to make an ESL test appointment. Go to [ged.com](http://ged.com) to create an account and schedule a GED exam. Valid photo ID required for all testing. See website for details.

### **Tutoring**

[northseattle.edu/tutoring](http://northseattle.edu/tutoring)

Tutoring is available for students in English, English as a Second Language, world languages, accounting, electronics, economics, mathematics, sciences, computer science, and computer classes in the Student Learning Center, located on the first floor of the Health Sciences & Student Resources Building, next to the Grove Café. Individual appointments or group sessions are available depending on the department. For information, see your instructor or visit [northseattle.edu/tutoring](http://northseattle.edu/tutoring).

### **Page One Writing & Language Center**

The Student Learning Center  
Health Sciences & Student Resources Building  
206-526-0078  
[northseattle.edu/tutoring/page-one-writing-center](http://northseattle.edu/tutoring/page-one-writing-center)

Students can visit Page One for free assistance with reading, writing, listening or speaking assignments. Skilled tutors will help you at any stage of your learning process. Arrange tutor-facilitated study groups through a Page One Coordinator or your instructor.

Page One has a multimedia computer lab where students can use specialized software to strengthen their skills in reading, writing, listening, vocabulary, spelling, and pronunciation. Keyboarding programs are also available. No appointments are necessary. Assistance is on a first come, first served basis.

Visit the Page One web page for updated information, online tutoring, and other language learning links.

### **Math and Science Learning Center**

The Student Learning Center  
Health Sciences & Student Resources Building  
206-934-3746  
[webshare.northseattle.edu/MLC/](http://webshare.northseattle.edu/MLC/)

#### **Biology and Chemistry Tutoring**

The Student Learning Center  
Health Sciences & Student Resources Building  
206-934-3746  
[webshare.northseattle.edu/MLC/biology/tutors.html](http://webshare.northseattle.edu/MLC/biology/tutors.html)

The Math/Science Learning Center offers free tutoring to all NSC students currently enrolled in math, physics, chemistry, or computer science classes. Biology and additional Chemistry tutoring is also offered in a lab setting. In addition to our trained tutors, the MLC provides computers and various references. Students are highly encouraged to use the MLC as an avenue to start a study group and share ideas.



## SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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### **Veterans and Military Services**

College Center Building, second floor, Room CC2261B  
206-934-7309  
Fax: 206-934-3608  
northseattle.edu/office-veterans-services  
NSCCVeterans@seattlecolleges.edu

The Office of Veterans Services at North Seattle College offers a range of assistance for veterans, reservists, active duty personnel and eligible family members who receive Veteran's Administration education benefits. We offer certification services for anyone eligible for Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill, Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill, Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation, Chapter 35 Aid for Eligible Family Members, and Chapter 1606/1607 Selective Reservists. If you want to receive educational benefits through the VA, you must apply through the NSC Office of Veterans Services. We recommend that you apply at least 30 days before the quarter begins, or as early as possible.

If you are a veteran and a resident of Washington state, you may be eligible for a partial tuition waiver. Apply for the waiver before the tenth day of the quarter. Visit the NSC Office of Veterans Services.

The Veterans Services office also provides assistance for issues related to veteran status and serve as a resource for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. Tutoring and work-study jobs may be available for eligible veterans.

### **Waivers**

#### **Senior Adult Education**

northseattle.edu/tuition-fees/waivers-discounts#5

Washington state resident seniors 60+ years, can enroll in two state funded classes for audit or credit. Some exceptions do apply. Use the standard registration form, obtain instructor's signature if space is available and submit it to the Admissions/Registration Office beginning the sixth day of the quarter through the tenth day (fifth day and eighth day for summer) of the quarter. Students who enroll prior to the sixth day will forfeit their waiver eligibility.

Cost is \$5 per class, plus lab and tech fees. This rate is applicable only for two credit bearing classes. Regular tuition will be charged for more than two classes, classes being used for degrees, or certificate completion. Continuing Education courses are not eligible for these programs.

To be considered a resident, a student must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S. for at least one year and must have been physically present in the state of Washington for one full year prior to the first day of the quarter you enroll. Students not meeting residency requirements are required to pay the higher non-resident tuition rate.

#### **WA State Employee Tuition Waiver**

northseattle.edu/tuition-fees/waivers-discounts#1

Permanent Washington state employees employed 50 percent or more may register on a space-available basis using the State Tuition Waiver. The cost is \$20 for the first six credits and is non-refundable. Students are responsible for any additional charges such as class fees, books, photo I.D., transportation fee, Universal Technology fee, etc.

- Students may enroll the sixth through the tenth instructional days of the quarter (fifth and eighth for summer) with instructor signature and space availability. Students who enroll prior to the sixth day will forfeit their waiver eligibility.
- Students enrolled in over six credits will be charged at the regular tuition rate.
- This waiver cannot be used for Continuing Education classes or WAOL Distance Learning classes.

Please contact the Admissions/Registration Office to request a waiver form or download one from the district website at [seattlecolleges.com/forms.aspx](http://seattlecolleges.com/forms.aspx).

### **Women's Center**

Student Success Services  
College Center Building, second floor  
206-934-3696  
northseattle.edu/womens-center

The Women's Center supports students' educational and professional growth. Learn about social justice, feminism, and how to get involved! Our programs promote student identity development, cross-collaborations, and allyship. We serve everyone who experiences gender: women, men, trans individuals and gender non-conforming folks. Resources with housing, childcare, utility, assistance, intimate partner violence, and sexual assault are available to all students.

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### Workforce Education

Opportunity Center for Employment and Education Building, second floor, room 240  
206-934-3787  
northseattle.edu/workforce-education  
startnextquarter.org

Workforce Education programs provide tuition assistance for qualifying students enrolled in Career Training, ESL or GED classes. Visit [startnextquarter.org](http://startnextquarter.org) or call to find out if you qualify for assistance!

- **Worker Retraining**

The Worker Retraining program provides tuition assistance for dislocated workers. Have you received unemployment benefits in the last four years, is your spouse receiving unemployment benefits (and you're unemployed), closed down your own business because of the recession, or are you a homemaker returning to work due to a drop in family income, or a recently separated veteran (within the past four years)? The Worker Retraining program may be able to help with tuition assistance.

- **WorkFirst**

The WorkFirst program is designed for people receiving TANF cash assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) from DSHS. This program gives you the opportunity to train for a living wage job while meeting your TANF participation requirements. We can also help you obtain your GED or take ESL classes. WorkFirst can pay for tuition and books and offers lots of support along the way!

- **Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET) Program**

This program helps students who are receiving federal Basic Food Assistance from DSHS with the cost of tuition, books, and transportation. Students must be pursuing a professional/technical education, ESL or GED courses.

- **Opportunity Grant Program**

Are you studying Accounting, HVAC, Phlebotomy, Medical Assisting, or any of the Nursing programs? The Opportunity Grant Program may be able to help pay for up to 45 credits of tuition, fees and books for eligible students. Opportunity Grant is available to students who have lived in Washington State for at least 12 months, who have not yet earned a college degree, and who meet income guidelines.

## STUDENT PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

### Art Gallery

IB1430, first level (next to the bookstore)  
206-934-4557  
northseattle.edu/art-gallery  
nscartgallery@seattlecolleges.edu  
artgallery.northseattle.edu  
facebook.com/northseattlecollegeartgallery

The NSC Art Gallery is a professional gallery featuring work by contemporary artists. The mission of the Art Gallery is to foster the appreciation and experience of the visual arts on the North Seattle College campus while engaging the college community in learning opportunities and supporting cultural and artistic diversity. The gallery is open M–Th 11am–7pm and F 12pm–4pm.

### Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year college students. All part-time or full-time students, academic and vocational, are eligible for membership if they meet the required criteria. Eligibility requires completion of a minimum of twelve credits of college-level coursework with a 3.5 grade point average. Members can choose to become involved in service, scholarship, fellowship, and leadership activities but active participation in our campus chapter, Alpha Epsilon Omega, is always optional. Membership also provides access to transfer scholarships, created especially for Phi Theta Kappans, at many colleges and universities across the United States. For information, visit [facweb.northseattle.edu/mallen/NSCPTK/](http://facweb.northseattle.edu/mallen/NSCPTK/).

### Student Leadership and Multicultural Programs (SLMP):

College Center Building, ground floor (CC1446)  
206-934-3641  
studentleadership.northseattle.edu

The department of Student Leadership and Multicultural Programs administers North's Student Leadership program, which consists of approximately forty paid student leaders. Student leaders coordinate and execute activities and initiatives that support North's values for being an inclusive, innovative, caring, and responsive community. Student leaders develop leadership and professional skills to implement programs, activities and advocacy efforts that benefit each student.

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### **Student Government—Student Leadership**

College Center Building, ground floor  
206-934-3641  
<https://studentleadership.northseattle.edu/student-leadership-boards>

Student Leadership works on behalf of the student body to ensure our college remains a vibrant, supportive, accessible and responsive community that actively supports student success. Student Leaders achieve these goals through working on one of the six branches of Student Leadership. Each board is made up of Student Leaders who are hired and trained to carry out the work of the board and who continue, throughout the year, to receive ongoing mentoring and learning opportunities for further developing and refining their leadership and professional skills.

1. **Events Board:** Plans and executes student life activities including concerts, cultural events, speakers, etc.
2. **Club Council:** Provides support for student-generated interest and affinity groups through helping them access resources to achieve their goals
3. **Communications Board:** Promotes programs, activities and opportunities available to all students
4. **Research and Advocacy Board:** Identifies student concerns and advocates for change
5. **Student Cabinet:** Students representing the “student voice” on more than a dozen campus wide committees
6. **Sustainability Board:** Implements projects that strive to make our communities more environmentally viable and socially equitable.
7. **Student Fee Board:** Annually allocates and awards more than \$1.2 million dollars to programs and initiatives that directly serve students.



### **Student Clubs**

College Center Building, ground floor  
206-934-3650  
[studentleadership.northseattle.edu/clubs](http://studentleadership.northseattle.edu/clubs)

Clubs are created by students with a similar hobby or interest and advised by faculty and staff members. Clubs provide students with opportunities to develop leadership skills, to promote intellectual growth and to cultivate personal relationships. Participation provides practical experience in planning, organizing and working in teams. The Club Council and the Student Leadership office has information about starting or joining a club.

### **Student Literary Publication**

*Licton Springs Review* and Literary Guild  
206-934-3711  
[lictonspringsreview.com](http://lictonspringsreview.com)

*Licton Springs Review* is North’s literary and art magazine which features student poetry, short fiction, essays, and art. It is published by the Literary Guild, a student club whose purpose is to support and provide opportunities for creative students on campus by sponsoring workshops and readings as well as publishing the Review in both print and online editions. Students can earn independent study credit and gain publishing experience by working on the magazine. Students are encouraged to apply for the paid positions of managing editor and layout editor. Enquire about these opportunities in the Humanities division.

### **Sustainability Office**

College Center Building, ground floor  
206-934-6127  
[northseattle.edu/sustainability](http://northseattle.edu/sustainability)

North’s Sustainability Office is a student funded program that resides within the Student Leadership and Multicultural Programs (SLMP). We are looking for ways to integrate sustainability across all facets of North, so no matter if you are a student, staff or faculty member, please stop by our office, anytime, to discuss ways to collaborate and improve upon North’s social, economic, and environmental sustainability goals. Some campus projects include the installation of a campus bike repair station, a solar array on the Education Building, electric vehicle charging stations, and the Licton Springs P-Patch Garden.

## CAMPUS RESOURCES

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### Bookstore

Instructional Building, first level,  
south end of building  
206-934-4768  
northsc.bncollege.com

Your class textbooks (including rental/used textbooks), drinks & snacks, school supplies and more!

Your Bookstore, operated by Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc., carries a wide variety of merchandise. Your choice of rental, used and new textbooks, eBooks, school supplies, drinks, snacks and more, general reading materials, greeting cards, and other class materials are available to purchase. The Bookstore also has campus wear, from sweatshirts to scrubs.

Rental books have quickly become the most popular and cheapest option on campus—saving an average of 50% off the new price of the book.

Used textbooks save money; they sell first and fast, so come in early to buy your textbooks, or go to the website and order online. Pick up your order in store for free, or have it shipped directly to your home.

Visit the Bookstore and see what they have to offer.

### Cashier's Office

College Center Building, second floor  
206-934-3627  
northseattle.edu/cashiers-office

The Cashier's office is the place to go if you want to:

- Pay tuition and fees/learn about a tuition payment plan
- Buy parking permits (quarterly and daily)
- Purchase student I.D. cards
- Buy an Orca Pass
- Pay Wellness Center use fee
- Pick up brochures on student insurance

### Child Care Center (ASB)

Northwest corner of campus  
206-934-3644  
northseattle.edu/child-care

The center offers a safe, nurturing environment and provides developmentally appropriate activities for children ages 18 months to 5 years. Parents must be enrolled at NSC with a minimum of 10 credits, children must attend 20 hours/week. Operating hours are 7:30 am–4 pm Monday–Friday (closures during quarter breaks).

### Computing and Technology

#### Computer Lab

Instructional Building, third floor (IB 3303)  
206-934-3630

itservices.northseattle.edu/content/open-computer-lab

The open computer lab is available on a walk-in basis during operating hours (check website) to all NetID account holders. The computers are equipped with the largest assortment of software on campus. Lab staff are typically available to explain usage policies and procedures (posted in the lab) and troubleshoot login and technical problems.

#### NSC Computing Resources: Acceptable Use

You are responsible for the following:

- **Log out when done:** You are responsible for logging out of your NSC NetID. In order for the systems to work properly and keep your files secure, you must log out when done, if leaving your computer for any period of time, or before logging into another computer.
- **Keep your password safe:** If you think your password has been compromised, change it right away. If unable to change it using the web interface, see a staff member in the open computer lab (IB 3303) as soon as possible to reset the password.
- **Back up your files:** Backing up the files in your personal storage drive to CD/RW, ZIP, floppy, or some other media. NSC makes every effort to keep the files in your personal store intact but is not responsible for any potential hardware or software failures that may result in the loss of your files. It is your responsibility to keep copies of all items stored in the personal storage drive.
- **Leaving?** When you are no longer enrolled, your NetID will become unavailable. Make alternate arrangements for permanent email and data storage. Transfer any data you wish to keep elsewhere before the end of the quarter. Your @northseattle.edu email address will go away, and may even be assigned to someone else.
- **No copyrighted or otherwise illegal materials:** You are responsible for the content of the files in your personal store. (Be aware that installing file sharing programs and then downloading MP3, or other copyrighted materials is illegal.)
- **Understand the EIR Policy:** Reading and adhering to the SCD Electronic Information Resource (EIR) Policy

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### Applicable WA State Laws

You should also be familiar with these State of Washington laws which would apply to your college-supported computer use when:

Revised Code of Washington (RCW)—Laws enacted by the Washington State Legislature

- RCW 9a.52.110: Computer trespass in the first degree.
- RCW 42.52.180: Use of public resources for political campaigns.
- RCW 42.56.070: Documents and indexes to be made public.
- RCW 42.52.160: Use of persons, money, or property for private gain.

### NetID Accounts (computer & email accounts)

NetID accounts provide login credentials for lab and classroom computers, network storage space, web space, and Google web-based services like email, calendar, IM, and office applications. With the exception of a few library computers, NetID accounts are required to use campus computers.

*Info/Setup:* [northseattle.edu/online-services/netid](http://northseattle.edu/online-services/netid)

*Email:* [mail.northseattle.edu](mailto:mail.northseattle.edu)

*Calendar:* [cal.northseattle.edu](http://cal.northseattle.edu)

*Office apps:* [docs.northseattle.edu](http://docs.northseattle.edu)

### Internet & WiFi Access

All campus computers have internet access. Unrestricted Wifi access is available to all NetID accounts, but non-NetID users are only permitted access to college and district resources. Printing via the WiFi network is not available.

### Food and Beverage

206-934-3728

#### **The Grove**

Health Sciences & Student Resources Building

North's newest food venue offers Grab-and-Go convenience along with hot, fresh, made-to-order fare. Our new "Super-Espresso" features gourmet coffee drinks, teas, juices, and smoothies. Grab a fresh, nutritious salad, delicious deli-style sandwich, fruit parfait, or pastry if you are on the go. For more substantial options try a hot-off-the-grill Panini sandwich, gourmet pizza, and hearty homemade soups.

Come by often to catch specials and see what's new on the menu. Open Monday through Thursday 7am–8pm, Friday 7am–3pm, and Saturday 8am–1pm. Hours are subject to change during breaks; typically Monday through Friday 8am–3pm.

### Lactation Space

NSC provides private, secure, and clean lactation space for new moms to pump breastmilk. This is the first step toward an "infant-friendly" designation provided by RCW 43.70.640. To request space or learn more about this initiative, contact The Women's Center: 206-934-3696 or the Office of the Vice President and Dean of Student Development Services: 206.934.5659.

### Library and Student Media Center

Library Building, 2127A, second floor

206-934-3607

[library.northseattle.edu/](http://library.northseattle.edu/)

North's library offers a wide range of resource materials and services to students. Librarians help you take full advantage of the library's research databases, and our print, audio-visual, and digital materials, and the web. Librarians also provide workshops, group and individual research consultations to help you find materials efficiently. They can help you evaluate online resources and fine-tune your research process for a particular assignment.

Off campus? No problem. Our Voyager library catalog and most of our research databases can be accessed from off campus. You can call or email us with a question, or use our 24/7 chat reference service—Ask WA. Visit our website and join us on Facebook to keep up with our special exhibits, guest speakers, films and other events.

On campus, you can check out books, magazines, DVDs, digital cameras, digital audio recorders, headsets, and reserve materials from our circulation desk. You can also purchase CDs for language classes at the circulation desk. A silent study room is available to individuals on a walk-in basis: this room does not require reservations. The library also has group-use rooms available for study or viewing DVDs. Reservations for these rooms are strongly recommended. Take advantage of the library's new Collaboration Learning Area where group study is promoted. The library also has over 90 computers for student use.

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Check out the library's Student Media Center (SMC) located on the third floor of the library. Get expert help with PowerPoint presentations, video editing, poster production, and visuals, and space for collaborating on media projects.

North's library is part of a district and regional inter-library loan service, which allows students to borrow materials from non-charging libraries! Ask the Reference Librarian for assistance.

### Photo I.D.

College Center Building, second floor  
in Registration area  
206-934-3713  
[northseattle.edu/cashiers-office/photo-id](http://northseattle.edu/cashiers-office/photo-id)

Campus photo identification cards are required for all students at North Seattle College. There is a one-time charge of \$5 for this card, payable at the Cashier's window. If your card is lost, you will need to pay an additional \$5 to replace the card.

In order to receive your student I.D. card, you will need to show a valid form of photo identification and provide a copy of your cashier's receipt confirming your \$5 payment.

Hours follow the Registration/Admissions hours.

You will need this I.D. card to check out materials from the library, use the computer labs on campus, and to access the Wellness Center (in conjunction with the access fee). I.D. cards also provide you with discounts on travel, movies, plays and other community programs.

### Safety and Security Services

College Center Building  
206-934-3636  
[northseattle.edu/safety](http://northseattle.edu/safety)

The North Seattle College Safety and Security staff serves the campus seven days a week, day and evening hours. Some of the services include:

- **Overnight security:** Monday through Friday 11:30 pm to 5:30 am.
- **Evening Security Escort:** Staff will escort you to your vehicle if parked on campus grounds.
- **First Aid:** Staff is qualified to provide CPR, treat minor injuries, help those in wheelchairs, and provide care until paramedics arrive.
- **Vehicle Assistance:** Staff will assist with battery jumps and keys locked inside vehicles with non-power door locks for cars parked on campus.

- **Parking:** Staff patrols parking areas to detect and deter vehicle theft, vandalism and illegal parking.
- **Lost and Found:** Lost articles turned into the Security office can be retrieved when properly identified.

### Transportation: Metro/Carpooling

College Center Building, Safety & Security office  
206-934-0060  
[northseattle.edu/transportation](http://northseattle.edu/transportation)

Limited parking and environmental concerns prompt college officials to strongly encourage walking, carpooling, or bus transportation for students.

Several Metro Transit bus routes serve North. Some schedules are available at information stands in the Safety & Security Office (1st floor College Center, Room 1252) and near the Cashier's office. The 16,40,346, and 345 routes stop alongside campus on College Way at regular intervals. Most routes connect NSC to Northgate Transit Center near Northgate Mall, allowing students easy connections to routes citywide. For detailed information regarding bus schedules, visit [northseattle.edu/transportation/bus-transit-options](http://northseattle.edu/transportation/bus-transit-options). On that page you'll find a link to the Metro Trip Planner.

Quarterly student-rate bus passes for students are available in the Cashier's Office.

### Commute Trip Reduction

NSC participates in the region's Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Program, encouraging students and employees to reduce fuel consumption, traffic and environmental pollution by walking, biking or carpooling. Apply for reduced carpool parking during the first two weeks of every quarter. Email [darryl.johnson@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:darryl.johnson@seattlecolleges.edu) or call 934-0060 for more information.

### Roy Flores Wellness Center

*Front Desk:* 206-934-3631  
*Information Line:* 206-934-3649  
*Roy Flores Wellness Center Director:* 206-934-4591  
[northseattle.edu/health-fitness](http://northseattle.edu/health-fitness)

Want to get in better physical shape? Want to shed some pounds or tone your body? Then check out the Wellness Center! We have something to get everybody moving in a healthy direction. Prefer to work out on your own? Our atmosphere is low key and inviting. Need a workout buddy to get you going? Visit us and connect with other active members that are looking for the same thing.

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We have many choices to fit your active lifestyle, including a well-equipped strength and conditioning room, a running track and gym for playing basketball or volleyball. Drop-in fitness classes are a great option to get you motivated. These classes vary by quarter, but typically include yoga, Pilates, kickboxing, Tai chi, aerobics and an “Ab Lab.” Our staff is very experienced in putting together fitness programs for all levels. We also offer a variety of intramural activities such as basketball, volleyball, ping pong and dodgeball. Check out our website for the current schedule. Take action! Your road to a healthier YOU begins TODAY!

Physical Education offers a variety of credit courses including: Weight Training, Physical Fitness, Body Conditioning, Introduction to Jazz Dance, Martial Arts, Yoga, Pilates, and First Aid.

### **Membership Rates:**

**Student Fees (per quarter):** \$1.25/credit up to 10 credits, charged when you pay tuition.

**Summer Quarter only:** if student is taking Summer Quarter off, and can show proof of registration for Fall Quarter, membership is \$25 for the summer quarter.

*Policies:* [northseattle.edu/about-north/policies](http://northseattle.edu/about-north/policies)

*College Statistics:* [northseattle.edu/about-north/college-statistics](http://northseattle.edu/about-north/college-statistics)

### **Animals on Campus**

[seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/policies.aspx?policyID=pol272](http://seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/policies.aspx?policyID=pol272)

No pets will be admitted on the grounds of North Seattle College in accordance with WAC 132F-136-070 at all times. Animals, except for service animals (RCW 70.84), are prohibited from entering buildings operated by North Seattle College.

### **Children on Campus**

[seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/policies.aspx?policyID=pol271](http://seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/policies.aspx?policyID=pol271)

As a general rule, employees and students shall not bring children to their work sites or to classes. Infrequently, employees and students may bring children to their work sites and/or classrooms only in special circumstances, and then only upon approval by their instructor (for students) or supervisor (for employees), and upon their compliance with college rules.

### **Holidays/Faith and Conscience**

Reference RCW 28B.10.039

[seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/polPro.aspx?policyID=pol366](http://seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/polPro.aspx?policyID=pol366)

College students are entitled to take absences from classes up to two days per academic year for reasons of faith or conscience or an organized activity conducted under the auspices of a religious denomination, church, or religious organization. Students must make arrangements with their instructor.

### **Indoor Air Quality (Fragrance & Pollutant-free)**

[northseattle.edu/policies/indoor-air-quality](http://northseattle.edu/policies/indoor-air-quality)

North Seattle College recognizes that suitable indoor air quality is important in fostering a healthful teaching/learning environment. North advocates a pollutant-free and fragrance-free environment within budgetary, legal and regulatory constraints.

### **Smoking Policy**

[seattlecolleges.edu/district/studentlife/studentrules.aspx#safety?](http://seattlecolleges.edu/district/studentlife/studentrules.aspx#safety?)

Effective Fall Quarter 2015, North Seattle College is a tobacco and smoke-free campus. The college decided to go smokeless after significant study of the issue and recommendations by various committees, as well as thoughtful dialogue regarding feedback in a college-wide survey last year—during which 70% of respondents voted in favor of going smoke-free.

The following products are included in North Seattle College being a tobacco-free campus: cigarettes, cigars, pipes, hookah, all forms of smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, clove cigarettes and other alternative products made primarily with tobacco.

E-cigarettes are not FDA approved devices, and they are banned in public places in King County, Washington. Products approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the uses of mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease are permitted under this rule.

This decision is in step with Public Health Seattle and King County recommendations and puts North among the more than 1,000 colleges nationwide that are now tobacco and smoke-free. The new rule also reflects the wishes of North's Student Administrative Council, which voted unanimously that the campus should be smoke-free.

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### Academic Standards/Student Progress

#### Academic Recognition

Students are recognized for outstanding academic achievements by making the Dean's List or President's List.

Dean's List: Student must have 10 or more credits per quarter and a 3.5 GPA for the quarter.

President's List: Student must have accumulated 30 or more credits and a 3.8 or higher cumulative GPA.

#### Student Progress

Students are expected to make satisfactory academic progress while enrolled at the Seattle College District. Academic progress is defined in terms of a student's grade point average (GPA) and how much time a student takes to complete a degree or certificate program. Time is a function of credits or clock hours attempted and earned. Students who do not demonstrate satisfactory academic progress may be subject to corrective actions.

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. Students who do not meet this standard may be subject to corrective actions.

Students enrolled in degree or certificate programs must, on a quarterly basis, successfully complete at least 75 percent of the credits or clock hours. Students who do not achieve this completion rate may be subject to corrective actions.

#### Minimum Standards—Financial Aid

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and earn a quarterly GPA of 1.0 or better. In addition to meeting the Pace of Progression requirements published in the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. Students on financial aid who earn less than the required GPA, fail to meet pace of progression requirements, or fail to complete 50 percent of the credit hours for which they enroll, will receive a notice of cancellation. Please refer to the Financial Aid satisfactory academic progress policy for the entire policy and reinstatement requirements.

#### Student Progress/Specific Programs

Some programs (such as health medical programs) have specific requirements for satisfactory progress and continuation in their programs. Contact the division offices for specific program information.

### Reinstatement

Students who may have been dismissed from school due to academic and/or financial aid guidelines will be notified of the process for reinstatement. They can also contact the Advising Office, Financial Aid Office, or their specific program office for information.

### Grading System

Grades are not mailed. Approximately 7–10 days after the end of the quarter students can access their grades via the Web at [northseattle.edu/kiosk](http://northseattle.edu/kiosk).

The Seattle College District uses a numerical grading system. Numerical grades may be considered equivalent to letter grades as follows:

<i>Letter</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Letter</i>	<i>Numeric</i>
A	4.0 - 3.9	C	2.1 - 1.9
A -	3.8 - 3.5	C -	1.8 - 1.5
B+	3.4 - 3.2	D+	1.4 - 1.2
B	3.1 - 2.9	D	1.1 - 1.0
B -	2.8 - 2.5	F	0.0
C +	2.4 - 2.2		

See course syllabus for grading criteria.

Many programs and individual course sequences require a minimum of a 2.0 grade in order to pursue additional courses. Be sure to know the specific requirements for your courses, program or college-transfer major. Please consult with your advisor or counselor.

Grade-point average (GPA) is determined by dividing total points earned by total credit hours attempted.

I	Incomplete
S	Satisfactory with Credit
N	Audit
NC	No Credit
W	Official Withdrawal
Y	Ongoing Course

See SCD catalog for grade descriptions. For questions regarding grades, contact the records coordinator at 206-934-3665.

### Plagiarism

To take the words or ideas of someone else and present them as your own is plagiarism and is unacceptable in academic life. The nature and causes of plagiarism may cover a range from the accidental to the dishonest. Examples of plagiarism encountered in academic writing may include the following:

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- incorporating into your own writing, without proper acknowledgment, words and sentences from a print, electronic, or oral source
- inserting longer passages (such as four or five consecutive sentences or whole paragraphs) of somebody else's writing into your own without acknowledgment
- paraphrasing so closely or so extensively from a source that sentences and ideas really belong to the original writer
- submitting as your own whole essays written by another person or taken from a printed source or off the internet
- receiving so much help from another person that the work could not honestly be called your own.

Students, by their attendance here, agree to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct which states, in part, that "academic dishonesty, to include cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the college" may bring disciplinary action. The policy of the faculty is to exercise its professional judgment as to the nature and cause of each case of suspected or proven plagiarism and to respond in a manner suited to the case. Responses may include the following:

1. Require that a piece of writing be revised to eliminate the plagiarism.
2. Deny credit for a piece of writing in which plagiarism has been found.
3. Record a "0" grade in the student's class record for this project, thereby lowering the student's final grade.
4. Refer the student to the Vice President of Student Development Services for disciplinary action.

### **Student Right to Know and Public Information**

[seattlecolleges.edu/district/studentlife/studentrules.aspx](http://seattlecolleges.edu/district/studentlife/studentrules.aspx)  
[northseattle.edu/orientation/responsibilities?search\\_standing=1](http://northseattle.edu/orientation/responsibilities?search_standing=1)  
[northseattle.edu/about-north/policies](http://northseattle.edu/about-north/policies)

The following important information is made available to students and the public as required by state and federal laws, and campus policies.

*Clery Act – Safety & Security Resources:*  
[northseattle.edu/safety/security-resources?search\\_standing=1](http://northseattle.edu/safety/security-resources?search_standing=1)

*Completion and Transfer Rates:*  
[northseattle.edu/about-north/college-statistics](http://northseattle.edu/about-north/college-statistics)

*Drug-Free Workplace:*  
[seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/policies.aspx?policyID=pol249](http://seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/policies.aspx?policyID=pol249)

[northseattle.edu/policies/drug-free-workplace?search\\_standing=1](http://northseattle.edu/policies/drug-free-workplace?search_standing=1)

*Equal Opportunity Statement:*  
[northseattle.edu/human-resources/equal-opportunity?search\\_standing=1](http://northseattle.edu/human-resources/equal-opportunity?search_standing=1)

*Ethical Conduct:*  
[seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/policies.aspx?policyID=pol400](http://seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/policies.aspx?policyID=pol400)

*Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):*  
[northseattle.edu/policies/family-educational-rights-and-privacy-act-ferpa](http://northseattle.edu/policies/family-educational-rights-and-privacy-act-ferpa)

*Financial Aid:*  
[northseattle.edu/financial-aid](http://northseattle.edu/financial-aid)

*Hostile Work Environment:*  
[seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/documentdisplay.aspx?policyID=pol451](http://seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/documentdisplay.aspx?policyID=pol451)

*Safety and Security:*  
[northseattle.edu/safety](http://northseattle.edu/safety)

### **Complaint Process/How to Resolve Complaints**

[seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/polPro.aspx?policyID=pro370](http://seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/polPro.aspx?policyID=pro370)

#### ***First: Attempt to Resolve the Complaint Informally***

If you have a complaint, the best and first step is to try to settle your complaint through the informal process. Here's how it works:

**Step 1:** If you have a complaint, first talk directly with the college employee.

**Step 2:** If this does not provide a satisfactory result, the next step is to discuss your complaint with the employee's immediate supervisor.

**Step 3:** Investigation/Fact-Finding—The supervisor/dean will then work toward a resolution with the parties. It is essential to provide the following information:

- The facts or evidence surrounding your complaint
- What you have done to try to resolve the complaint
- Your proposed resolution to resolve the complaint

You may request the complaint officer's assistance in obtaining a resolution during the informal process.

The informal process must be initiated and completed in a timely manner.

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### **Second: Resolving a Formal Complaint**

If your complaint remains unresolved after following the above informal process, you may then file a formal complaint. The steps are as follows:

#### **Step 1: Filing the Complaint**

To be considered under the formal process, a complaint must be filed in writing with the campus complaints officer by the final day of the quarter following the quarter in which the problem occurred, with the exception of a grade complaint. For the purposes of complaints, the quarter which follows spring quarter is fall quarter. You must specify the facts and other grounds on which the complaint is based, attach relevant supporting documents and forward to Martin Logan, Complaints Officer, College Center Building, room 2160A.

#### **Step 2: Respondent Has Opportunity to Reply**

If the complaints officer determines that the complaint does not qualify to be addressed through the formal process, that officer must inform the student in writing within five working days. The student may obtain review of that notice of complaint disqualification by filing a written request with the complaints officer. If the complaints officer determines that the complaint does qualify as such, the grievance officer will send a copy of the formal complaint to the respondent and supervisor within five working days of receipt of your complaint. The respondent is required to reply in writing to the grievance officer and the respondent's supervisor within 10 working days of the formal complaint. Please note that faculty members are not usually available during periods when the College is not in session.

#### **Step 3: Opportunity to Resolve**

The grievance officer will forward the respondent's written reply to you within five working days of receiving it. If you, the complainant, find the response is unsatisfactory, you may submit written notice of your dissatisfaction to the grievance officer within five working days of your receipt of the notice.

#### **Step 4: Resolution Conference**

Within five working days of the receipt of your notice that the response is unsatisfactory, the grievance officer will schedule a conference. This conference will include you, the respondent, and the respondent's supervisor. It will be held within the next 10 working days, or as soon thereafter as feasible. The intent of this conference is to reach a resolution. The grievance officer will provide a written summary to all attendees within 10 working days.

#### **Step 5: Appealing the Result**

If you believe your complaint has not been resolved to your satisfaction, you may request action from the appropriate vice president. You can file an appeal within five working days with the grievance officer, who will forward it to the vice president within five working days for review. This administrator shall review the complaint and documentation and render a written decision within 10 working days or as soon as there after feasible. The administrator may accept, reject, or modify any of the previous action(s) in the matter, and/or take other actions(s). This decision of the reviewing administrator shall be the final decision of the district on that complaint, and shall be served in writing to the student complainant and others deemed appropriate.

You may read the entire policy and procedure at: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=132F-121-060>.

### **Grade Complaints (Formal)**

[northseattle.edu/orientation/responsibilities?search\\_standing=1](http://northseattle.edu/orientation/responsibilities?search_standing=1)

A student may formally grieve only the final grade received in a course.

A formal grade complaint must be filed no later than the last day of the quarter that follows the quarter that the disputed grade was received. The exception to this is that a complaint regarding a spring quarter grade may be filed through the last day of the following fall quarter.

The formal grade complaint process will follow the same timelines as the formal complaint process. SCD WAC 132F-120-090 (370.40)

Your complaint must be filed in writing to Martin Logan, Complaints Officer, College Center Building, room 2160A. Complaint must include all supporting documentation indicating grade received, together with (a) the reason for the complaint, specifying as completely and as accurately as possible, (b) all pertinent performance scores and attendance data and (c) a copy of the course syllabus.

The evaluation of course mastery is exclusively within the province of the instructor, and so a grade change may be initiated only by that instructor. However, if a formal grade is ultimately reviewed by the vice president of instruction, and s/he finds that the grade was issued for an improper reason or was arbitrary and capricious, or otherwise unlawful, the vice president may change the grade in the records of the college.

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### **Title IX – Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault/Rape or Bullying**

**District:** [seattlecolleges.edu/DISTRICT/policies/polPro.aspx?policyID=pol419](http://seattlecolleges.edu/DISTRICT/policies/polPro.aspx?policyID=pol419)

**Washington State Legislature:** <http://tinyurl.com/7b9o3r9>

In compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Seattle Colleges does not tolerate sexual harassment or discrimination. It is Seattle Colleges' goal to maintain a respectful environment that is free from harassment, discrimination, sexual violence, rape, bullying and hazing. The district's Policy and Procedure 419 defines its process for investigating and responding to reports of sexual harassment and sexual discrimination.

If you have experienced harassment or discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault/rape, bullying or hazing, or are aware of an incident involving these violations, report it immediately to the Title IX coordinator on campus by phone or email: [Martin.Logan@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:Martin.Logan@seattlecolleges.edu) or 206-934-7792.

If you are experiencing sexual harassment, sexual assault/rape or bullying, here are some steps to follow:

- Document your experiences with specific times, dates, witnesses, etc.
- Talk to the person you are having difficulty with, about your concerns. If you don't feel safe speaking directly to the other party, you may contact for support: Counseling, 206-934-3676; Disability Services, 206-934-3697, or Women's Services, 206-934-3696.
- For a student-to-student complaint or a student-to-employee complaint, please report the incident to Human Resources Director, 206-934-7792.

### **Disability Discrimination Complaints**

No student shall, on the basis of his or her disability, be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity at North Seattle College. NSC is committed to providing qualified students with a disability an equal opportunity to access the benefits, rights, and privileges of NSC services, programs and activities in an accessible setting appropriate to the student's needs in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the disability laws of the State of Washington.

Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures for disability discrimination or accommodations should be directed to the College's Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Martin Logan, at [Martin.Logan@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:Martin.Logan@seattlecolleges.edu) or 206-934-7892.

### **Student Conduct**

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=132F-121-100>

Students are expected to conduct themselves in ways that support freedom of inquiry and expression compatible with the orderly operation of college functions.

### **Student Misconduct**

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=132F-121-100>

Misconduct is irresponsible behavior that negatively affects the college's educational mission and is fully defined in WAC 132F-121-110 (see web address above). Incidents of misconduct should be reported in writing to Joe Barrientos, Vice President for Student Development Services, 206-934-3656 or email [joe.barrientos@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:joe.barrientos@seattlecolleges.edu).

Disciplinary sanctions may be imposed, but are not limited to, when any of the following misconduct occurs:

1. Discriminatory conduct. Discriminatory conduct which harms or adversely affects any member of the college community because of her/his race; color; national origin; sensory, mental or physical disability; use of a service animal; gender, including pregnancy; marital status, religion; creed; genetic information; sexual orientation; age; gender identity; gender expression; veteran's status; or any other legally protected classification.
2. Sexual misconduct. The term "sexual misconduct" includes sexual harassment, sexual intimidation, and sexual violence as defined in WAC 132F-121-010(2).
3. Harassment. Unwelcome and offensive conduct, including verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct, that is directed at a person because of such person's protected status and that is sufficiently serious as to deny or limit, and that does deny or limit, the ability of a student to participate in or benefit from the college's educational program or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment for other campus community members.

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4. Academic dishonesty that includes cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the college.
5. Intentional falsification of statements and/or filling false charges against the college or members of the college including forgery, alteration or misuse of college or district documents, records, funds or identification cards, with the intent to defraud.
6. Intentional obstruction or disruption of teaching, administration, or other campus activities.
7. Assault, physical abuse, verbal abuse, threat(s), intimidation, harassment, bullying, cyberbullying, stalking or other conduct which harms, threatens, or is reasonably perceived as threatening the health or safety of another person or another person's property.
8. Attempted or actual damage to, or theft or misuse of, real or personal property or money of (a) the district or state, (b) any student or district officer, employee, or organization, or (c) any other person or organization lawfully present on district property, or possession of such property or money after it has been stolen.
9. Failure to comply with the direction of a district officer or employee who is acting in the legitimate performance of his or her duties, or failure to properly identify oneself to such a person when requested to do so.
10. Participation in any activity which unreasonably disrupts the operations of the district or infringes on the rights of another member of the district community, or leads or incites another person to engage in such an activity.
11. Weapons. Carrying, holding, wearing, exhibiting, displaying or drawing of any firearm, dagger, sword, knife or other cutting or stabbing instrument, club, explosive device, or any other weapon apparently capable of producing bodily harm is prohibited on the college campus.
12. Hazing. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, any initiation into a student organization or any pastime or amusement engaged in with respect to such an organization that causes, or is likely to cause, bodily danger or physical harm, or serious mental or emotional harm, to any student.
13. Alcohol. The use, possession, delivery, or sale of any alcoholic beverage, except as permitted by law, applicable college policies, or authorized by chancellor or a college president, or being observably under the influence of alcohol.
14. Drugs.
  - a. Marijuana. The use, possession, delivery, or sale of marijuana or the psychoactive compounds found in marijuana and intended for human consumption, regardless of form.
  - b. Drugs. The use, possession, delivery, sale or being under the influence of any legend drug, including anabolic steroids, androgens, or human growth hormones, or any other controlled substance.
15. Obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular movement on district property or at a district activity.
16. Conduct which is disorderly, lewd, or obscene.
17. Breach of the peace, or aiding, abetting, or procuring a breach of the peace.
18. The use of tobacco, electronic cigarettes, and related products is prohibited in any building owned, leased or operated by the college, including twenty-five feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes of such buildings, and where otherwise prohibited.
19. Theft or other misuse of computer time or other electronic information resources of the district. Such misuse includes but is not limited to:
  - a. Unauthorized use of such resources or opening of a file, message, or other item;
  - b. Unauthorized duplication, transfer, or distribution of a computer program, file, message, or other item;
  - c. Unauthorized use or distribution of someone else's password or other identification;
  - d. Use of such time or resources to interfere with someone else's work;
  - e. Use of such time or resources to send, display, or print an obscene or abusive message, text, or image;
  - f. Use of such time or resources to interfere with normal operation of the district's computing system or other electronic information resources;
  - g. Use of such time or resources in violation of applicable copyright or other law;
  - h. Adding to or otherwise altering the infrastructure of the district's electronic information resources without authorization;
  - i. Failure to comply with the district's electronic use policy.

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20. Unauthorized possession, duplication, or other use of a key, keycard, or other restricted means of access to district property, or unauthorized entry onto or into district property.
21. Abuse or misuse of any of the procedures relating to student complaints or misconduct including, but not limited to:
  - a. Failure to obey a subpoena;
  - b. Falsification or misrepresentation of information;
  - c. Disruption, or interference with the orderly conduct, of a proceeding;
  - d. Interfering with someone else's proper participation in a proceeding;
  - e. Destroying or altering potential evidence, or attempting to intimidate a witness or potential witness;
  - f. Attempting to influence the impartiality of, or harassing or intimidating, a student conduct committee member; or
  - g. Failure to comply with any disciplinary sanction(s) imposed under this student conduct code.
22. Safety violations. The operation of any motor vehicle on district property in an unsafe manner or in a manner which is reasonably perceived as threatening the health or safety of another person.
23. Violation of any other district rule, requirement, or procedure including, but not limited to, any that is posted in electronic form, the district's traffic and parking rules, or the requirements for carpool parking.
24. Violation of any federal, state, or local law, rule, or regulation, including any hate crime.
25. Ethical violation. The breach of any generally recognized and published code of ethics or standards of professional practice that governs the conduct of a particular profession for which the student is taking a course or is pursuing as an educational goal or major.
26. Aiding, abetting, inciting, encouraging, or assisting another person to commit any of the foregoing acts of misconduct.
27. Retaliation against any individual for reporting, providing information, exercising one's rights or responsibilities.

### Disciplinary Actions

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=132F-121-160>

Any of the following disciplinary sanctions may be imposed for student misconduct:

**Warning:** Oral notice to the student of the violation(s). There shall be no appeal from a warning.

**Reprimand:** Written notice to the student of the violation(s). A reprimand indicates, and usually states, that other or further misconduct, especially any continuation or repetition of the misconduct in question, may or will result in more serious disciplinary action. There shall be no appeal from a reprimand.

**Probation:** Placement of one or more conditions on the student's continued attendance, as specified in the written notice to the student.

**Suspension from Activities:** Disqualification of the student, for a stated or indefinite period of time, from participation in specified (or all) privileges, services, or activities that are provided or sponsored by the district.

**Suspension of Enrollment:** Termination, for a stated or indefinite period of time, of all rights as an enrolled student in the college and/or the district, subject to the student's right to seek reinstatement as provided in WAC 132F-121-240.

**Expulsion:** Permanent termination of a student's enrollment, and right to enroll, at any college or other educational facility in the district.

**Grade change:** Lowering of a student's grade in a course below that awarded by the instructor.

### Your Privacy: FERPA—Notification of Rights

[northseattle.edu/policies/student-confidentiality-ferpa](http://northseattle.edu/policies/student-confidentiality-ferpa)

### Confidentiality of Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. Information about Seattle College Students is collected, maintained, and used to meet the college's educational objectives. Students are protected against improper disclosure of their records. These rights begin the first day of class and extend to all former students.

### Student Rights and Educational Records

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The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the College receives a request for access.

A student should submit to the campus individual(s) or office(s) a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The College official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the College official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

A student who wishes to ask the College to amend a record should write the College official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed.

If the College decides not to amend the record as requested, the College will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the College discloses personally identifiable information from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

The College discloses education records without a

student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the College in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the College has contracted or is assigned to provide a service instead of using College employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, collection agent, or a clinical, intern, or extern site); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the College.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the College to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-5901  
Student Directory Information

The College may disclose the following directory information unless you affirmatively submit a written notice to the registrar's office requesting that your directory information not be released. Directory information is (a) student's name; (b) the act of enrollment in the college; (c) the date(s) of enrollment; (d) the division or area of study; (e) awards granted to the student by the college; (f) participation in officially recognized activities in sports; (g) weight and height of members of athletic teams and; (h) email address.

### **Exceptions to Written Consent Requirement**

For more information on exceptions to the requirement see Policy and Procedures 380. Student Records: <http://seattlecolleges.edu/district/policies/policies.aspx?policyID=pol380>

**Academic Load:** The total number of credit hours for



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which a student is registered in one quarter.

**Academic Year:** The period comprised of Fall, Winter and Spring Quarters. Summer quarter is separate from the standard academic year.

**Advisor:** An academic advisor or faculty coordinator who helps students plan course work based on the requirements of their program and specific educational goals.

**Associate of Arts Degree (AA):** A 90-credit college transfer degree. It provides a broad liberal arts education and allows students to fulfill some or all of the general education requirements and prerequisite coursework for many four-year degrees in arts and sciences.

**Associate of Science Degree (AS):** An Associate of Science transfer degree is designed to allow students to complete many of the prerequisite math, science, and general education courses required for those considering a major in science, math, or a health profession at a four-year university or college. NSC offers a general Associate of Science degree as well as Associate of Science Option One and Option Two. Students should consult with an advisor to learn about these options and to determine which degree will best serve their needs.

**Associate in Business Degree (AB):** A 90-credit college transfer degree designed for students intending to transfer to a four-year college or university and major in business.

**Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS):** This degree prepares students for employment through development of technical and related skills, and instruction in academic subjects appropriate to the occupational field.

**Audit:** To audit a course means to register for and attend class without receiving a grade or credit. An "N" grade rather than credit is recorded on the transcript.

**Bachelor's Degree:** The academic title granted by four-year colleges and universities upon the successful completion of (usually) four years of prescribed study (including the two-years of coursework completed at North Seattle College). This degree is sometimes called a "baccalaureate" degree.

**Certificate:** Some of the professional-technical pro-

grams lead to an AAS degree and others to a certificate. The certificate programs consist primarily of training related to a specific career area; whereas, the AAS degree also includes additional allied supporting and general education coursework.

**Challenge Test:** Some divisions allow students to take a test in order to demonstrate their knowledge in a particular subject area. Students who do well on challenge tests may be exempt from taking a particular course and/or may receive credit for that course.

**Class Schedule:** A quarterly online or print publication containing information on the courses, times and sections to be offered.

**Counselor:** A person trained in psychology who helps students solve problems, become more knowledgeable about themselves, set goals and make decisions relative to their personal, social, educational and vocational concerns.

**Course Waiver:** A student may be excused from enrolling in a required course on the basis of a high placement test score, previous acquisition of the skills taught in the course, a passing score on a challenge test or other reasons. Division policies vary relative to the granting of credit for "waived" courses.

**Credit/Credit Hour:** The words "credit" and "hour" are often used synonymously. For the majority of courses, the number of credits offered equals the number of hours in a class per week for that course. (A five-credit course requires five hours in class each week.) NOTE: Your tuition is based on the total number of credit hours you register for, but you receive credit on your transcript only for the number of credit hours in which you receive a passing grade.

**Curriculum:** The group of courses required for a particular degree or certificate.

**Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA):** The Direct Transfer Agreement is an agreement between community, technical, and two-year colleges and participating four-year public and private Washington state colleges and universities that assures the transfer of credit with an AA, AS or AB degree into these colleges and universities, but not automatic admission, since each institution has separate admission criteria such as GPA, residency, core requirements or major preparation.

**Educational Plan:** An education plan is a roadmap

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towards a college degree and an outline of the coursework required to complete an educational goal/program of study. Working with an advisor, students develop an educational plan to assure that you complete your degree requirements in a timely manner. If you are pursuing a transfer degree, your plan will include the sequences of prerequisites for your intended major and admission requirements to your intended four-year institution.

**Electives:** Courses which students “elect” to enroll as “free choice” courses, as opposed to “required” courses that the student must take to fulfill graduation requirements.

**Full-time/Part-time Student:** A full-time student is defined as being enrolled in at least 12 credits by Veterans’, Financial Aid, Social Security, and International Programs.

**Grade-Point Average:** Each grade you earn in a course is assigned a number of points. Your GPA is based on the total number of points earned and the total number of quarter hours attempted.

**Humanities:** Includes courses in art, communication, drama, English, foreign language, humanities, and music.

**Liberal Studies:** The general education courses in the humanities, mathematics, natural sciences, and social sciences.

**Major:** A program of study at a college or university that a student chooses to study in-depth in order to earn a four-year bachelor’s degree.

**Prerequisite:** The requirement(s) that must be met before a student may enroll in a particular course or program. A prerequisite might be completion of a class before enrollment in a more advanced class, or a satisfactory score on a placement test. It is imperative that you read the course description or program requirements in the catalog to learn of the prerequisites.

**Professional Technical Studies:** Includes courses that prepare you for a job. These studies tend to be “terminal,” i.e., they are not intended to transfer to four-year colleges and universities, although there are some exceptions.

**Sciences, Natural:** Courses in anatomy, astronomy,

biology, chemistry, computer science, environmental science, general science, geology, health, oceanography, physics, physiology, engineering, meteorology, physical anthropology, and physical geography.

**Social Science:** Courses in American ethnic studies, anthropology, economics, environmental science, geography, history, international studies, philosophy, political science, psychology, social science, sociology and women’s studies.

**Syllabus:** An outline or brief statement of the main points of a text, lecture or course of study.

**Transcript:** A copy of your academic record, showing courses completed and grades and credits earned. To be “official”, students must request to have their official transcripts from other institutions sent directly to NSC or they can be hand delivered to the Admissions/Registration Office in a sealed envelope.

**Transcript Evaluation:** Students transferring from another institution should have their transcripts evaluated to determine how many courses previously taken might be applied to their North Seattle College requirements. Transcripts may be evaluated in the Registrar’s Office when working toward a North Seattle College degree. Advisors may do unofficial evaluations.

**Transferability:** Classes that transfer to four-year college and universities are generally those numbered 100 and above in the college catalog and include general education courses listed in the Areas of Knowledge (Visual, Literary and Performing Arts, Individuals, Cultures and Societies, and Natural World) as well as transferable electives listed on the AA worksheet; however there are exceptions. If you complete an AA transfer degree, you can include a maximum of 15 credits of “normally non-transferable courses” numbered 100 and above in your degree. There are also certain professional-technical programs and courses that may transfer to specific colleges or universities. If you are uncertain whether a course is transferable, check with an advisor or consult your transfer institution’s course equivalency guide.

**Work-Study:** The opportunity to earn part of your educational costs while attending college. Work-study allocations are based on a student’s eligibility for federal or state Financial Aid.

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