

# NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## QUICK ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: How can I get a job on campus?**

**A:** Jobs are based on financial need and require completion of a FAFSA. Stop into Financial Aid (A114) to find out if you were awarded Work Study funds.

**Q: Can I get financial aid for part-time enrollment?**

**A:** Yes. Part-time financial aid is available. Contact our Financial Aid Office (A114) for details.

**Q: How long will it take to finish my Associates Degree?**

**A:** It depends on how many credits you complete each semester. Most of our students work and have family responsibilities; they take 2 to 3 years (4 to 6 semesters) to graduate.

**Q: How many credits is a realistic course load?**

**A:** Ask your advisor to help you decide, based on your needs:

- work
- family
- other responsibilities
- social time
- study skills

**Q: How many hours a week should I plan on studying?**

**A:** 2 hours for every class hour is recommended for homework/study time.

**Treat college like a full time job:**  
12 credits  
+24 homework/study hours  
=36 hours a week

(Study 3-4 hours a day)

**Q: What is a pre-requisite?**

**A:** Some courses must be taken in sequence, for example, ENG 101 is a pre-requisite for ENG 102 and must be taken first.

**Q: How do I get an academic advisor?**

**A:** Your academic advisor will be assigned before the second week of classes and can be found in Banner using your Guide to Online Services brochure. You can always stop by Student Development if you have questions about advisement. You must meet with your advisor each semester to pick out courses for the upcoming semester.

**Q: What if I become academically or emotionally overwhelmed?**

**A:** Seek out a counselor in Student Development (A131) to discuss options for academic help. Counselors are available in the Wellness Center (C122) for any other assistance.

**Q: What additional support services are available for specific populations?**

- Accessibility Services (Disabled Students), A131
- Multicultural Services, A105
- Veterans Benefits, A131
- International Students, A131

**Q: Where can I get academic help outside of the classroom?**

**A:** The Learning Commons is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Lewis Library

**Here you will find the:**

- Academic Achievement Center
- Accounting Lab
- Math Center
- Science Lab
- Tutoring Services
- Writing Center

You will need your NCCC Student ID card to access these services.



**Q: How do I find catalog information?**

**A:** At the college homepage, click on Academics, and then Student Catalog OR <http://catalog.niagaracc.suny.edu/>

**Q: Where do I need to show my ID card?**

- NCCC Library & Learning Commons
- Select offices require identification for individual assistance
- College Functions
- Athletic Equipment
- Pool
- Community Discounts

**\*\*Always carry ID with you on campus as it will be required across several campus offices in order to provide you with your personal information.**

**Q: How do I apply for scholarships?**

**A:** At the college homepage, click on Admissions, and then Scholarships.  
OR at: <http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/scholarships>



**Q: What is covered by my student activity fee?**

- Over 30 campus clubs & organizations
- All-College Picnics
- Variety of entertainers (on-going)
- Theatre/Dance/Music Productions
- Featured Lecturers and more... *\* Some events charge a nominal fee*

**Q: How can I buy my books?**

**A:** You may visit the Barnes & Noble bookstore (G109) or go online. **There is a 24 hour processing time for any changes made by the college to a student's account (i.e.: hold removal, fund changes, account activation).**

Note: Bring your class schedule/ID Card with you.

**Q: How do I get a locker?**

**A:** Put your own lock on any available locker after the start of classes to claim your locker. Be sure to remove your lock by the end of classes; otherwise it may be cut off.

**Q: Do I need a special Parking Permit?**

**A:** No, and parking is free!! Park in any student lot; watch out for restricted areas.

**Q: How do I join a club, run for office, get my free Student Planner or get involved on campus?**

**A:** Stop in Student Life, G-243 (Tel. 614-6255)

**Q: What Athletic Teams are at NCCC?**

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Men's Baseball           | Women's Softball       |
| Men's/Women's Basketball | Men's/Women's Soccer   |
| Women's Volleyball       | Wrestling              |
| Golf                     | Men's/Women's Lacrosse |
| Bowling                  |                        |

**Q: Where can I exercise in my free time?**

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| <b>A:</b> H Building: Fitness Center | Olympic size swimming pool |
| 4 tennis courts                      | 3 racquetball courts       |
| 2 gyms                               | Outdoor running track      |
| Intramural sports                    |                            |

**Q: When is Orientation for new students?**

**A:** Orientation is held before classes each semester and it is a fun way to get to know other new students before classes begin. Orientation for the Fall semester will be held around the end of August. You should receive more detailed information about Orientation in the mail.

