In order to be considered for the in-state tuition rate, the student, or those the student may be dependent upon, must be a resident of North Carolina for one entire year from the first day of class for the semester/term they enroll.

Residency situations are different for each family and we encourage all applicants to review the UNC system’s residency website, which includes a link to the North Carolina State Residence Classification Manual: www.northcarolina.edu/?q=legal-affairs/state-residence.
Residency Process

- The Residency Committee reviews each student’s application for admission to make an initial determination.

- If the Residency Committee has any reason to doubt whether a student and/or those the student may be dependent upon are full-time North Carolina residents who have lived in North Carolina for one year and intend to permanently remain in the state, the Committee is obligated to designate the student as out-of-state for tuition purposes.

If offered admission to UNCW and classified as out-of-state for tuition purposes:

- The student has the opportunity for their residency classification to be re-reviewed by completing and submitting a longer, more detailed form with supporting evidence attached. If you have not received this form, please contact the Office of Admissions.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions receives many inquiries regarding residency for tuition purposes. Just as the Office of Undergraduate Admissions cannot provide a preliminary admissions decision without an application, a decision regarding residency cannot be rendered without first reviewing the residency information on your application for admission. No conversation or one piece of information can determine a person’s residency status. The Residency Committee will review only written documentation and rely on the preponderance of written evidence to make a decision.

For additional inquiries regarding residency, please contact:

UNCW Office of Admissions
undergradresidency@uncw.edu
910.962.3243

This brochure is designed to provide an overview of the state law governing residency status for tuition purposes and to provide information regarding the residency classification process at UNCW. The law and its interpretations are published in the North Carolina State Residence Classification Manual. It is imperative that students read the manual when they apply for resident status to be familiar with the policies and guidelines.

UNCW Residency: www.uncw.edu/admissions/Residency.html

Active Duty service members or dependents of Active Duty service members may qualify for the in-state tuition benefit. For more information, please visit www.uncw.edu/admissions/MIResidency.html