



UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

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**Pathway to Excellence  
between  
University of North Carolina Wilmington  
and  
Gaston College**

The Pathways to Excellence (PTE) program is a partnership between the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) and Gaston College. It is a pathway for guaranteed admission to UNCW for students completing an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate in Engineering with a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in transferable, college-level coursework from Gaston College. Guaranteed admission to the University does not constitute admission to a professional school or specific program. Students entering the pathway will indicate their plans by submitting their letter of intent to the UNCW Office of Admissions.

UNCW will provide a Transfer Student Success Coordinator to meet with students at Gaston College at intervals throughout each semester at the community college, working in collaboration with community college advising staff to help students create a path of transfer and beyond.

UNCW will host Gaston College students annually in an open house event. Transfer Student Success Coordinators will facilitate application events for Gaston College students, providing application fee waivers to students applying to transfer at these events.

Students entering under the PTE program who have earned an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree will meet the requirements of the North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA). They will receive a waiver of University Studies Foundations & Approaches and Perspective requirements with the exception of PE, foreign language, and three credits from either Living in Our Diverse Nation or Living in a Global Society.

9/28/2020

Jose V. Sartarelli, Chancellor  
The University of North Carolina  
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Date

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John Hauser, President  
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