



# UNCW DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

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2015

**“We can only see a short distance ahead, but we can see plenty there that needs to be done.” ~Alan Turing**

### University Learning Center

*A Unique Learning Experience*

*Contributed by Will Wilkinson, ULC Director*

The **University Learning Center (ULC)** is the primary location on campus where students can get academic support in the form of tutoring. We offer students a unique learning opportunity in a no-pressure environment (no grades), where students can test ideas and develop academic skills through a variety of services.

Our relaxed environment is in large part due to our tutors – upperclassmen who are faculty recommended and maintain a minimum GPA. **ULC** tutors go through an internationally certified tutor training program (CRLA), and are trained to help students learn content and develop academic success skills – for example: note-taking, editing, and problem-solving. Our tutors are trained to work with all students, whatever class they’re taking and whatever their approach to learning.

Students with disabilities who have particular learning preferences or needed accommodations just need to inform the tutor. **ULC** tutors will respond to those preferences and, if needed, consult with the Disability Resource Center or ensure accommodations are met.

Often there is a stigma attached to tutoring, but students at UNCW quickly realize that we are **not a remediation service** for underprepared students. Last year, of the 4,800 students who sought tutoring at the **ULC**, 30% were C students who wanted to be B students and 62% were B students who wanted to be A students. After experiencing our tutoring services, students realize tutoring increases learning and academic success – more than 1/3 of UNCW students utilize the **ULC** each year; each of those students average 6 visits a year.

*Even our tutors seek tutoring. In fact, the thing we hear again and again from students is they wish they had taken advantage of our services sooner.*

**University Learning Center**  
DePaolo Hall 1003 & 1056  
910-962-7857  
uncw.edu/ulc

### **We’re Asking For Your Help!**

In coming days you will receive a survey about technology usage, time-management and organization. Graduate students enrolled in EDN553 at Watson College of Education are working with DRC to create and undertake this assessment. Upon completion of the survey you will be asked if you would like to volunteer for a follow up focus group. This information will be used for their class project, and will also inform DRC staff in serving students registered for support through the office.

Contact DRC with any questions.

### **Disability Resource Center**

DePaolo Hall, 1033

(910) 962-7555

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DisabilityAdmin@uncw.edu

### **Hours of Operation**

Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm\*

\*Closed until 9:30 am, Tuesdays

\*No Tests Scheduled After

NOON on Fridays (Office still open for regular business)

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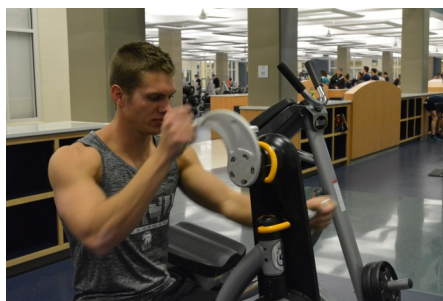
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Picture [Above]: A student is using one of the stationary hand-cycles available in the UNCW Student Rec Center. The SRC invites you to stop in or contact them for information about fitness and wellness opportunities.

### Student Recreation Center

*Something For Everyone*

*Contributed by Sarah Gilbert, Asst. Director for SRC*

Physical fitness and wellness are hot topics and, without a doubt, important to you as a student and after you leave UNCW. Everyone could use a little more activity in their lives!

**Campus Recreation** is here to provide “*Something for Everyone*” through programs in the **Student Recreation Center**, across campus, and even off campus. The **Student Rec Center** offers you options including: the Harris Teeter Functional Training Area; a Fitness Center, Indoor Pool, Walking/Jogging Track, Basketball and Multipurpose Courts; the Climbing Wall; and an Outdoor Leisure Pool and Patio Deck. Areas are monitored by UNCW team members trained to help you find the type of recreational activity that works best for you! **Seahawk Adventures** runs the UNCW Challenge Course, and takes the fun off campus with a variety of adventure trips from day hikes and paddles to multi-day excursions from Florida to North Carolina and many locations between.

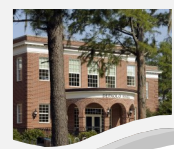
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### **By The Numbers**

7% = Percent of students at UNCW in 2014/15 who registered with DRC

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## SCHEDULING REMINDER

If you need DRC to proctor your exams, you **MUST** schedule the appointment and return completed Test Accommodation Forms a minimum of **TWO (2)** business days before the test date.

[CAMPUS REC cont.]

**Competitive Sports** hosts events at the Recreation Fields and Gazebo Complex. It's not often such a wide array of options are located in one place, but **Campus Recreation** can truly be your home to relax and recharge. The **Rec Center** is open seven days a week for you to explore. Create strength or cardiovascular workouts in the Fitness Center on your own or with a personal trainer, take one of over 50 group exercise classes, swim laps in the indoor pool, play pickup basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball or badminton, top rope climb or boulder at the climbing wall, or spend some time on the track. The possibilities are virtually endless, but it comes down to one thing-- YOU!

Unsure where to start? **Campus Recreation** team members are here to help. Looking for something different? They will show you all kinds of options! No matter what, **Campus Rec** guarantees that your body and mind will thank you. Come see us, and let us be a part of your UNCW experience and healthy lifestyle!

As a core element to the UNCW community, Campus Recreation is committed to ensuring **equal access physically and functionally**. Specific modifications in each program area can be made to tailor your experience. From climbing to swimming, and virtually everything in between, Campus Recreation team members can assist you to ensure your safety and fun.

## CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT CENTER

*Connecting on Campus*

*Contributed by Jon Kapell, Director for CAIC*

### DID YOU KNOW:

**There are over 285 registered student organizations at UNCW?**

**They need solid student leaders willing to get involved & make a difference at UNCW?** They need students just like you.

UNCW, the **Campus Activities & Involvement Center (CAIC)** and all student organizations are open to any student who wants to join them regardless of ability. Diversity is part of the fabric of life and our student organizations celebrate that through the various offerings they provide and the leaders who comprise their organizations. Student organization activities encourage the full participation of all students, including those with disabilities, so many groups work to make events and programs accessible to all.

The **CAIC** staff are committed to student leaders and student organizations, are want to help people find their connection on campus. Stop by the office on the second floor of the Fisher Student Center anytime from Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Thursday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and **CAIC** staff can help connect you with a student organization.

You can also find the **Campus Activities and Involvement Center** on the web at [uncw.edu/activities](http://uncw.edu/activities) or email us at [activities@uncw.edu](mailto:activities@uncw.edu).

**CAIC** is happy you are part of the Seahawk Nation and hopes you will make a difference at UNCW!

## DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

**Disability Resource Center** is more than a test proctoring site. We continually work to improve the experience of the students with whom we engage, and the campus community as a whole.

### Staff News

**Aimee Helmus**, Disability Services Coordinator, presented her research "*Effective Strategies to Increase Involvement Activities of Students with Disabilities*" at the 34th Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience, held February 7-10, in Dallas, TX. Aimee's study was completed in partial fulfillment of her Master's Degree in Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision from UNCW's Watson College of Education in 2013.

**Chris Stone**, Assistant Director, with Jon Kapell (CAIC), presented "*Normalizing Disability: A Quasi-Case Study Of Enhancing Involvement Opportunities for SWD*" at the Fall NC Association on Higher Education and Disability (NCAHEAD). On February 26, 2015, Chris defends his dissertation research, "*What College Students with Physical Impairments Say About Discourses of Disability on Campus*", and will present that research at The George Washington University Educational Symposium for Research and Innovation (Feb 29) and the NCAHEAD Spring Conference (March 9).

**Dr. Peggy Turner**, Director, will present "*Ensuring Online Accessibility for All Students*" at the 26th Annual International Conference on College Teaching and Learning, March 30-April 2.

## HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT UNCW'S AFTER HOURS POINT-TO-POINT SHUTTLE?

By calling the Point-to-Point shuttle, you can have a safe ride from campus, to campus, and to your residence from campus within the one-mile radius. Transportation will be only to residences or UNCW parking lots. You must call the Point-To-Point Shuttle to request pickup.

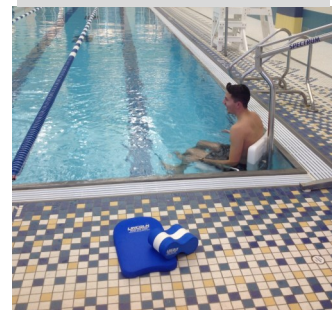
**An accessible van is available during shuttle operating hours, if needed.**

For accessible van pickup call:  
910-520-1304.

Additional information is available:

<http://uncw.edu/parking/shuttle.htm>

Below: A student is using the pool lift to enter the UNCW Student Recreation Center Lap Pool. SRC offers a wide range of accessible and adaptable fitness activities.



Download **Read&Write Gold** to your computer or laptop. **RWG** is a flexible literacy software solution that can help students--including some students with disabilities--access support tools needed to reach their potential, build confidence and independence, and succeed.

**For information and download instructions:**

<http://uncw.edu/disability/technology.html>

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**38% = Students registered with DRC who have transferred to UNCW**

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