# Summer 2020 Edition



Northwestern Connecticut Community College

Special Edition: Fall Registration & Re-Opening Update

#### **President's Message:**

The Next Phase ...

Hello to our Community Partners and Supporters!

I'm happy to share good news with all of you regarding Northwestern's continuing efforts to ensure the residents of the northwest corner have access to a higher education option that builds toward a positive future for individuals and the communities they live in.

Our adjusted fall schedule has been published since mid-June, and takes into account all of the social distancing and PPE regulations from the Department of Public Health.



Thanks to the FREE Community College program known as PACT (Pledge to Advance CT), our enrollment numbers are up as we continue to register students. So many of our incoming students this fall were able to take advantage of the PACT free community college option and register early to qualify for priority funding. We have heard from many parents and students that traveling away from home and living on a university campus is not their preference during a pandemic - instead they prefer to stay local and take classes at Northwestern at a fraction of the cost, if not for free.

Social distancing requirements mean that like many colleges, the majority of our classes will be online in the fall, however, students are very eager to either start their college careers or get back to their classes and continue their education. Northwestern Connecticut Community College is the most affordable and convenient campus option available in the region and we look forward to continuing our mission of lifelong learning. I'm happy to share out latest campus updates and the progress we are making as we move toward the future.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

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Michael A. Rooke, Ph.D. President

Spread the Word: On-Ground Enrollment Days



**On-Ground enrollment dates** have been scheduled for students who may need registration assistance or are looking for one-on-one time with advisors, financial aid specialists, or admissions personnel.

"We understand that some students require this one-on-one attention and we wanted to be able to accommodate those students," said NCCC President Dr. Michael Rooke. "We are happy to be able to safely welcome potential students on campus to provide the assistance they need."

## **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

This service is only being offered on the specific dates shown below. Time slots are still available so spread the word to any interested students who may be looking for in-person guidance. Safe practices will be adhered to for both students and staff. All participants will be asked to follow specific protocols to attend.

## LOCATION

NCCC Arts & Science Building, 209 Holabird Avenue. Parking is available. (Campus Map)

July 30th from 12-4pm August 5th from 10am-2pm August 6th from 12-4pm August 12th from 10-2pm August 13th from 3-7pm August 19th from 10am-2pm August 20th from 12-4pm August 26th from 12-4pm September 2nd from 10am-2pm September 3rd from 12-4pm

## Admission Services Available

- Advising
- Financial aid
- Registrar
- Cashier

**Register Here** 



President Rooke signs in a student prior to meeting with Admissions staff.



A student meets with Admissions staff.

#### Before coming to campus, please note the following:

- Masks are required.
- Bring your phone: It will be needed to scan a registration<u>QR code</u> and answer brief questions to confirm you do not have any COVID Symptoms that day.
- Bring your own laptop: recommended if possible, but not necessary.
- No additional guests allowed. Parents will be required to remain in the car or outside. (If you prefer to have someone with you when you meet with an advisor, please <u>make a virtual</u> appointment with Admissions.)
- We will have sanitizer at the entrance and at each station.

## **Summertime Sessions Continue**

Summer classes continue at Northwestern with the last sessions starting on July 15 and August 3.

**Nursing** students performed drive-up skills validation in July as a follow-up from the second half of the spring semester after classes went online. Nursing students had switched to a virtual simulator but faculty thought it important to check those skills that were completed online. The Nursing Department also worked with Hartford Healthcare to have students return to the clinical site at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital for necessary skills training.

**Veterinary Technology** is offering two courses in August as make-up sessions from the spring, and the **EMT** classes that were put on hold during the campus closure have started in July. Successful completion of the EMT course enables students to take the national practice exams, needed for Connecticut certification. We look forward to seeing these students gain the skills needed to join the ranks of our local EMT heroes.

## **Two New Courses Scheduled for Fall**



# PANDEMICS AND SOCIETY BIO\* 298 OR HUM\* 298

New Course: Fall 2020

Pandemics have influenced humans biologically and socially for thousands of years, fundamentally shaping our history, cultures, and economic systems.

The coronavirus of 2019 began a new era of medical innovation, cultural shifts, and economic policy. By understanding pandemics of the past, we can better anticipate, and cope with, current and future outbreaks.

Students will examine the biology of pathogens, what leads to epidemics and pandemics, how these diseases have shaped our cultures, and what individuals and societies can do to stay safe in current and future disease outbreaks.

# **NEW THIS FALL!**



# ENG\*298 Data Journalism

This course combines the world of data with the art of journalism. It will take students through the entire process of gathering, organizing, visualizing, and reading the data with the intention to discover stories that lie within. Students will create a narrative from start to finish, accompanying their story with visuals created from the data. Visual software and online tools will be used.

# **Register Today**





#### The Northwestern Community College

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