WELCOME TO UNC CHARLOTTE FROM THE OFFICE OF ADULT STUDENTS AND EVENING SERVICES!

We are excited for you to start your journey here at UNC Charlotte and hope you are too! The Office of Adult Students & Evening Services (OASES) is committed to supporting you in reaching your academic and career goals. Please find information enclosed about Adult Student Orientation and services for veteran students through the Office of Adult Students and Evening Services. If you have any questions about your transition here to Charlotte, please feel free to contact our office.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!
OASES has a number of on-going programs, resources, extended hours of operation, and services to assist student veterans.

As of Spring 2016, 780 student veterans enrolled in the university. The Office of Adult Students and Evening Services (OASES) is committed to supporting and enhancing the educational experiences of our military affiliated student body.

OASES advisors are knowledgeable about transition issues, time lines, and military benefit guidelines and work hand in hand with campus resources to serve you.

Other services you may be interested in are:
- Academic Advising for undeclared students and those changing majors
- A mentoring program to pair incoming students with an experienced student on campus
- Honor Societies
- Chat with an Advisor for student veterans to have your academic questions answered face-to-face
- Scholarships
- Networking and informational workshops to connect with other adult students and student veterans
- UCOL 1010 college transition course that satisfies the general education writing requirement

Our goal is to make your educational experience at UNC Charlotte successful. Take advantage of our services and resources today!
IS THIS YOUR FIRST SEMESTER BACK AFTER SOME TIME?
HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS WE HAVE FOR PREPARING FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASS AND A SUCCESSFUL SEMESTER.

Class Sizes
• Be prepared for class sizes ranging from 15 students to 200 or more. UNC Charlotte is a large institution of almost 30,000 with many classes running daily. Don’t let this intimidate you from diving in!

Writing Resources
• It may be a while since you’ve had to write a college paper, and there are resources to help prepare your writing to meet your professor’s expectations. Explore the Writing Resource Center and use the Librarians in the Atkins Library to learn how to research, revise, and become a better writer.

“Am I alone?”
• This is a question we hear often from adult students. If you’re worried about feeling alone in this journey, we hope you’ll find solace in that there are almost 5,000 adult students on campus in similar shoes.

First Day of Class
• Arrive extra early for class during the first week. Add at least 15 minutes on to your estimated travel time to be sure you find parking and your classroom on time. If possible, come to campus before classes begin to get a feel for the campus. Try to find your class-rooms ahead of time so you do not get lost.

Email
• It’s important to meet with your Advisor regularly to develop a plan for completing a major/degree. Find your assigned advisor in Starfish, and be sure to check email AT LEAST once a day (3+ is better). Email is the official form of communication for the university. Email is the official form of communication for the university. Reference the Information and Technology Services website for help and tips.

Time Management
• Buy a planner or utilize an electronic calendar. Enter the dates from all your syllabi the first week of class as soon as you get them. Also, include important registration dates from the Academic Calendar such as drop/add, withdrawal, and registration deadlines.
NEW STUDENT RESOURCES

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TUTORING, WORKSHOPS, & ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC RESOURCES
ucae.uncc.edu
Colvard 2300
PH: 704-687-7837

WRITING RESOURCE CENTER
writing.uncc.edu
Cameron 125
PH: 704-687-1899

MATH LEARNING CENTER (MLC)
math.uncc.edu
Fretwell 330
PH: 704-687-1392 (Front Office)

LANGUAGE RESOURCE CENTER
lrc.uncc.edu
COED 434
PH: 704-687-8790

COUNSELING CENTER
counselingcenter.uncc.edu
Atkins 158
PH: 704-687-0311

CAREER CENTER
career.uncc.edu
Atkins 150
PH: 704-687-0795

DEAN OF STUDENTS
unccdso.uncc.edu
King 217
PH: 704–687-0345

ATKINS LIBRARY, ADULT STUDENT LIBRARIAN: BETH
guides.library.uncc.edu/adult_students
Atkins 133A
PH: 704–687-0496

VETERAN STUDENT SERVICES
unccdso.uncc.edu/org/veterans-studentservices
Barnard 103
PH: 704–687-5488

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The Office of Adult Students and Evening Services (OASES) is committed to supporting and enhancing the educational experiences of adult students. UNC Charlotte knows that adult students are an important part of our diverse campus and appreciates the wealth of information they bring. Stake your claim in an OASES of opportunity for adult students!

OFFICE LOCATION FOR 2017-2018
We will be temporarily located on the 3rd Floor of the Hickory building for the 2017-2018 Academic Year after August 10th. In the Fall 2017 semester, we’ll have a temporary satellite office in Atkins Library Room 147F and will still host advising appointments, Chat with an Advisor, and walk-in hours! For more information on the move, visit oases.uncc.edu and check your e-mail for our monthly Inside OASES newsletter. You’ll receive this publication each month packed full of information on: upcoming OASES events and programs, important university deadlines, initiatives, and office updates!

ACADEMIC ADVISING
The academic advising mission of OASES is to assist adult and nontraditional students in developing and implementing individual plans for achieving their academic and career goals. An OASES academic advisor is available Monday through Friday including our extended hours. Current students can make an appointment using CONNECT. Prospective students can call 704-687-5104 or email adultstudents@uncc.edu to schedule an appointment.

ADULT STUDENT PEER TO PEER MENTORING PROGRAM
People, Encouraging, Enriching lives, and Reaching out to others! Do you have questions about returning as an adult or non-traditional student? Join the Peer to Peer Mentoring program and get connected today!

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS
We host a variety of drop-in style events and workshops to enrich the adult student experience by connecting them with other students, faculty, and staff. During Week of Welcome, we will host a resource fair table and first night event. Throughout Fall, we will also host Chat with an Advisor where you will have an opportunity to meet one on one with an OASES advisor and ask questions about courses, registration and more! Other events have included: Monthly Munch and Mingle Monday events, Wake Up Wednesday series, and Adult Student Week Celebration. Check out the Inside OASES newsletter each month for our up to date event schedule.

EVENING SERVICES
Our office is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30AM to 7:00PM and Friday from 7:30AM to 5:00PM. Our extended hours allow flexibility for any student questions and concerns to be answered at times when other offices may not be open. During the temporary re-location of our office to Hickory Hall for the 2017-2018 academic year, we will host evening hours in our satellite office in Atkins Library Room 147F in the Fall 2017 semester. Please refer to Inside OASES for satellite location information during the move.

FAMILY FRIENDLY LIBRARY STUDY ROOM
We’ve partnered with the Atkins Library and the ANSWER Scholarship program to build a family friendly study room in Atkins, complete with computers, study spaces, and children’s educational toys. Find out more on oases.uncc.edu under the programs tab.

“Being an adult student is an experience I could have never imagined. I have earned the respect and admiration of the other students and teachers see me as someone who is honestly passionate about her career of choice. I love school, and I love that I am appreciated for who I am, and what experiences I can share with others.” S.R.
HONOR SOCIETIES
Adult Students are invited to Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society, the oldest national honor society recognizing adult students, by invitation each Spring. Pinnacle Honor Society recognizes academic achievement and community engagement of nontraditional students by invitation each Fall.

LIBRARY GUIDE & LIBRARIAN
Adult students can learn about research preparation, watch how to videos, and explore library databases. Beth Scarborough is the library’s specialized adult student representative and can be reached at 704-687-0496 or Beth.Scarborough@uncc.edu.

OASES LIVE ONLINE CHAT WITH AN ADVISOR
Can’t make it in person or over the phone? Chat with one of our advisors on-line using our new live chat feature. Chat hours and feature available on our home web-page at oases.uncc.edu.

ONLINE DISCUSSION BOARD: ADULT STUDENT CONNECTION ON CANVAS
A valuable and popular resource for adult students to connect with other adults, ask questions, & explore campus resources. Want to know what students are talking about? Enroll today! Instructions are available at oases.uncc.edu under the advising tab.

OCCUPATIONAL TRANSITION & CAREER COUNSELING
OASES Advisors are trained to administer two career assessments, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and the Strong Interest Inventory (SII) to help students gather information and make educated career decisions. Matthew French, Assistant Director in the University Career Center serves as the OASES liaison.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID
Scholarships have been established through outreach to sponsors specifically supporting nontraditional students who want to earn their degrees at UNC Charlotte. Our three unique scholarship categories are the OASES, Carol A. Douglas Reentry, and the Osher Reentry Scholarships. To apply for scholarships visit the University Scholarship Office website, scholarships.uncc.edu. Enter your information into the NINER SCHOLARS scholarship portal. Based on your information the portal will respond with scholarships you qualify for. Complete the application and attach required documents. Deadlines vary, refer to the portal for submission dates and criteria.

49ER FINISH PROGRAM
Recruits and assists former UNC Charlotte seniors with completing their degrees through personalized advising services. The program uses a concierge approach to advise students on readmission and re-enrollment requirements, general education, current academic policies and procedures, and connects them with academic and campus resources.

“The transition back to the university was somewhat challenging. I hadn’t had any type of formal learning in 27 years so I was fearful of returning to this type of arena, but my very first professor was there to encourage and guide me through the process.” B.A.

“I work really hard to participate in class and get good grades because I feel a certain stigma is associated with having kids while still in college. I want to prove that just because I chose a different path than most, I can still have a successful career.” M.M.