



UNCG iSchool Virtual Early College (Fast Facts – April 2007)

UNCG iSchool is the next big thing!

- Our UNCG iSchool Virtual Early College program allows high school juniors and seniors to take introductory-level UNCG courses and earn both university AND high school credit. Students receive a UNCG transcript and can transfer the credit-hours they earn to the college or university of their choice.
- The courses are ONLINE. They are offered at your high school as part of the regular school day.
- **There is no cost to students for the course or textbook. The Governor has a plan to fund the enrollments through DPI.**

How the UNCG iSchool Virtual Early College works

- Students take online college classes on their own high school campus during their scheduled time in the computer lab – or from home to continue their studies.
- Courses are taught by UNCG faculty who are readily accessible to students.
- These are the same UNCG courses that are offered to degree-seeking students on the UNCG campus.
- The state-funded enrollments are available for the coming academic year and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- There is no charge for your students to participate. You simply provide a facilitator to manage the classroom and assist students with study skills.

What your school provides

- Partner schools provide an adult supervisor for each class – often a media specialist or counselor. Because UNCG provides the instructor for each online course, there is no impact on your teacher allocation.
- The computer and network resources required are simple and flexible:
 - You'll need high-speed Internet connectivity, typically provided over DSL, cable or T3 lines.
 - Your computers can be either Windows- or Mac-based, with 600 MHz or more of operating speed and 190 MB RAM.
 - You can use either the latest Windows or Macintosh Internet browser software and will need Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint programs.
 - Courses take advantage of the latest Flash and QuickTime plug-ins, as well as Real Audio player and Acrobat reader – all typically preloaded on today's PCs (and easily downloaded for free from the Web).
 - Computers should be sound-capable, with a screen resolution of 1024x768 or higher.

- You can turn any classroom into an affordable computer lab by purchasing a wireless cart with laptops through a North Carolina state contract with IBM/Lenovo. Please contact Kimberly Williams at (770) 863.1023 for more information.

How our one-room schoolhouse model takes the headache out of scheduling – even if students have already enrolled in 2007/2008 classes

- With our one-room schoolhouse model, students do not have to be enrolled in the same course at the same time. You can have three students taking sociology, two taking math and seven taking political science working side-by-side – as many as you can accommodate in your school’s computer lab or in a classroom with a wireless laptop cart.
- Rather than upending schedules and creating administrative headaches for you, a student who has already enrolled in 2007-2008 classes can simply drop a face-to-face course and take an online UNCG course IN THE VERY SAME TIME SLOT.

UNCG will help you get started

- UNCG has 10 years of experience working with North Carolina high schools and concurrent enrollment programs and has served almost 10,000 students to date. That means we have the tools and experience to help you get up and running quickly.
- We can provide customized materials to explain the process to parents and students and can hold onsite information sessions at your request.
- Students and parents can view an interactive online course catalog and see a demonstration of our award-winning university online courses by visiting <http://icampus.uncg.edu>.
- If you have a networked computer lab and can provide a learning coach or facilitator, you can get started right away.
- Our program is flexible and scalable, so you can begin small if you choose and build your program over time.
- For more information, please contact us.

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