Welcome to the Office of Continuing Studies at East Carolina University. The Office of Continuing Studies serves as a bridge between the student at a distance and the academic and administrative units of the university. The office respects and understands the unique demands of the lifelong learner and is committed to assuring quality, accessible programs and services. The office supports the university in maintaining its leadership role in the areas of distance and technology enhanced learning both in our region and beyond.

East Carolina University offers more online degree programs and enrolls more online students than any other institution in North Carolina. If you are interested in planning a program for online or distance delivery, we can help you with the paperwork necessary to get it approved at the UNC system level. We also have student services representatives that work with both potential and currently enrolled online students.

Continuing Studies can also help you market your distance education program. Each semester, we do a wide variety of general advertising meant to raise awareness of all distance education programs at ECU.

We maintain the “options” website – www.options.ecu.edu – which is the front door for many prospective online students.

Faculty and academic departments needing assistance with paperwork may contact Jennifer Baysden, baysdenj@ecu.edu if you are a currently enrolled student and need assistance, you may send a message to ors@ecu.edu or call 252-328-9206.

Contact Us!

If you are interested in becoming an ECU distance learning student, you may send a message to options@ecu.edu or call 252-328-9202.

Undergraduate Degree Completion Programs
The distance education undergraduate degree programs at ECU are online degree completion programs. Students complete the first two years of college courses typically at a community college in their area. Upon nearing completion of these courses, you should apply and have your transcripts evaluated by the admissions office.

Business - BSBA
• Finance, General Business Concentration
• Management
• Marketing Information Systems
• Marketing, Operations and Supply Chain Management
• Communication - BS

Education - BS
• Birth - Kindergarten Education
• Business Education
• Wells Fargo Partnership East
• Elementary Education
• Middle Grades Education
• Special Education
• Health Services Management – BS

Hospitality Management - BS

Business Administration - MBA

Certificate Programs
Assistive Technology
Community College Instruction
Community Health Center Administration
Computer Based Instruction
Computer Network Professional
Distance Learning and Administration
Ethnic and Rural Health Disparities
Health Care Administration
Health Care Management/with MBA
Health Informatics
Information Assurance
Lean Six Sigma
Multicultural and Transnational Literatures
Performance Improvement
Physical Education Clinical Supervision
Professional Communication
Security Studies
Special Endorsement in Computer Education
Substance Abuse / Addiction Counseling
Virtual Reality in Education and Training
Website Developer

Nursing
• Clinical Nurse Specialist - Post Master's Certificate
• Nursing Education - Post Master's Certificate
• Neonatal Nurse Practitioner - Post Master’s Certificate
• Family Nurse Practitioner - Post Master's Certificate *
• Nurse Midwifery - Post Master's Certificate *
• Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner - Post Master’s Certificate *
• Nursing Leadership - Post Master's Certificate *

* Some on-campus attendance is required.