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We delight in the beauty of the BUTTERFLY, but rarely admit the CHANGES it has gone through to ACHIEVE that BEAUTY.

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What is EOC?

The TRiO EOC is a federally funded program to assist residents of Mecklenburg, Union and Gaston counties, 16 years of age and above, gain access to higher education. The program focuses on first-generation college students and individuals from economically challenged households.

All services are FREE.

Educational Opportunity Center Academic Institute of Central Carolina



Mecklenburg, Gaston and Union County residents

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DO YOU NEED HELP WITH:

Completing financial aid forms?
Completing admission forms?
Researching scholarships?
Selecting a college or program?
Selecting classes or registering?
Choosing a career?

THE EOC PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

Financial Aid (FAFSA) Completion
Admissions Assistance
Scholarship Assistance
Academic Advising
Student Loan Assistance
Career Exploration
College Selection
Referral for GED/HS Completion
Money Management Education
Community Resource/Referral

The EOC staff is extremely excited that the program and services it offers which provide educational access can change lives.

Sincerely,
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Who We Serve?

We provide free services to qualified adults who are U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents looking to complete and/or further their education.

- First-generation
- Adults 18 or older who are income eligible
- Veterans and Veteran connected students.



What EOC Can Do For You?

- **Discuss Your Goals** – You are not alone on this journey. We are here to help you navigate through the many challenges. We will coach you; keep you motivated and focused on your goals.
- **Help to Explore Possibilities** – Conduct academic/career assessments and together explore best options for the available educational and/or career training program.
- **Help With Seeking Opportunities** – assist with college planning, admissions and financial aid application processes.
- **Help to Achieve Success** – We will be here to celebrate each milestone you achieve along the way.



Why We Do It?

The AICC staff is passionate about the work we do for YOU. We believe that education is fundamental to improving the quality of life.

- Education empowers.
- Education can transform your life and make a difference.
- Education benefits you over your lifetime.
- Education affords economic and financial mobility.
- Education can increase your earning potential and job satisfaction.

Community Partners and Resources

The saying that “it takes a village” is very true. It is with the help and expertise of others that we are able to do what we do for the participants. It is essential for us to collaboratively work with key community partners to identify and utilize all available resources to meet their needs. By doing this, we can ensure a wide array of services and the right education program and/or training available to achieve education and career goals.

CPCC – *Central Piedmont Community College*

www.cpcc.edu

CPCC – *Single Stop Connect students with support systems and community resources*

<https://www.cpcc.edu/singlestop>

Gaston College

<https://www.gaston.edu>

SPCC – *South Piedmont Community College*

<https://spcc.edu>

DSS – *Department of Social Services*

Mecklenburg County <https://www.mecknc.gov/dss>

Union County www.co.union.nc.us/departments/social-services

Gaston County www.gastongov.com

NC Works – *one-stop online resource for job seekers*

<https://www.ncworks.gov>

Goodwill – *employment service, job training and community resources*

<https://goodwillsp.org>

Charlotte Housing Authority

www.cha-nc.org

Social Serve – *housing locator service and other helpful tools*

www.socialserve.com

Please call the EOC office at 704-536-9745 for more information.

