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# EOC STAR



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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.



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

Maya Angelou

# Educational Opportunity Center Academic Institute of Central Carolina



Mecklenburg, Gaston and Union County residents

#### 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,
Deborah Kingsberry

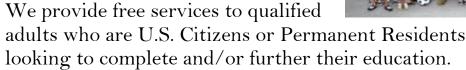
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### What EOC Can Do For You?

- o **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.



## Who We Serve?



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





## 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 expertize 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.

