



*Are you thinking about going back to school and don't know where to begin??*

*Would you like to get your High School Equivalency or GED and not sure where to go for information?*

*Desire a trade to jumpstart your career?*

*Do you want to earn a college degree?*



## Educational Opportunity Centers

We believe in you

The Academic Institute Central Carolina values and respect every individual in the community. AICC believe that those considered disadvantaged in the community have the right to enhance and power through higher education and achieving more employable skills.

### SERVICES OFFERED

What can the EOC do for you?

- Help discover what career or school is best for you
- Give information on High School Equivalency classes and testing
- Assist in applying to a university, college, community college, or vocational-technical training
- Assist in completing financial aid forms
- Provide assistance with resolution of defaulted Student Aid Loans how to get help

The TRIO staff is dedicated and committed to assisting you throughout the process. We believe in making a difference and having a strong impact on all we come in contact with. Feel free to schedule an appointment to meet with us so that we can assist you.

### MISSION

To encourage and provide precollege services to persons who are traditionally under-represented in post-secondary education in Mecklenburg, Gaston, and Union counties of North Carolina. To ensure that income or family educational background do not deter their preparation, entry and completion of higher education.

### VISION

Academic Institute of Central Carolinas' staff and board has a vision that the programs of the agency helps all ages overcome barriers that impedes educational success. Regardless of class, social status, and cultural backgrounds they are afforded the opportunity to attend and complete higher education, training programs, and use their potential to attain their educational dreams.

***All EOC services are free and confidential!***



# 2017-2018 FAFSA Assistance

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

*Starting with the 2017-18 FAFSA these new changes will be in effect:*

**You will be able to submit your FAFSA earlier.** You can file your 2017-18 FAFSA as early as October 1, 2016 rather than beginning on January 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling you to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year.

**You will use earlier income and tax information.** Beginning with the 2017-18 FAFSA, you will be required to report income and tax information from an **earlier** year. For example, on the 2017-18 FAFSA you and your parent(s) as appropriate—will report your **2015 income and tax information**, rather than your 2016 income and tax information.

*The following table provides a summary of key dates to using the early FAFSA submission timeframe and earlier tax information.*

When a Student Is Attending College	When a student Can Submit a FAFSA	Which FAFSA to Complete	Income and Tax Information Required
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018	October 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018	2017-2018	2015
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019	October 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019	2018-2019	2016
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	October 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020	2019-2020	2017

### **STUDENTS MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING:**

- \* Your FSA ID (if you have created one)  
To create one visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filing-out/fsaid>
- \* Your Social Security number and date of birth
- \* 2015 W-2 Form(s) and 2015 Federal Income Tax Return (if filed)
- \* Child support paid or received in 2015
- \* Eligible non-citizens must bring one of the following:  
Permanent Resident Card **or**  
I-94 from Department of Homeland Security



### **STUDENTS WHO ARE UNDER 24, NOT MARRIED, AND DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN MUST ALSO BRING THE FOLLOWING:**

- \* Bring your parent with you and their FSA ID if he/she has created one
- \* Your parent(s) Social Security number and date(s) of birth
- \* Your parent(s) 2015 W-2 Form(s) and 2015 Federal Income Tax Return (if filed)
- \* Child support paid or received in 2015
- \* Know the month/year your parent(s) were married, separated, divorced or widowed



*Are Financial Aid issues are causing a barrier to you furthering your education?*

We would like to help you resolve those issues so you can continue your education!

## ***STUDENT LOAN REHABILITATION IS OUR GOAL!***

The benefits of rehabilitating defaulted Federal Student Loans include:

- It puts your loan back in good standing
- Eligible for deferment, forbearance, consolidation, forgiveness and alterative payment plans
- Eligible for additional financial aid
- Reflects positively on your credit report, negative marks will be removed once you are out of default
- Wages will not be garnished
- Federal income tax refunds will not be applied to loans.

Contact one of the EOC staff members as soon as possible and let us help you through this process!

Remember: ***ALL SERVICES ARE FREE***

*Life does not come with a remote control!*

*Get up and change it yourself?*

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*Dreams Without a Plan Does Not Come Through*



Executive Director, **Deborah Kingsberry** established Academic Institute of Central Carolina (AICC) in Charlotte, North Carolina in 2009. The agency offers pre-college services to residents of Mecklenburg, Union, and Gaston Counties. Deborah serves as the North Carolina Council of Education Opportunity Personnel (NCCEOP) president from 2003 to 2007. Prior to starting AICC, Ms. Kingsberry was Director of Upward Bound/Talent Search at Central Piedmont in Charlotte, NC for 12 years.

From 2009 to 2015, Ms. Kingsberry was owner/President of Academic Achievement Academy a tutoring company in North and South Carolina which provided tutorial services to low performing students in eligible schools from 25 school districts.

Ms. Kingsberry holds a BS in Social Work and Criminal Justice from Ball State University, an MPA in Public Management from Indiana University, and is an Upward Bound graduate from the University of Notre Dame.

Ms. Kingsberry is passionate about education and tasked to help individuals overcome barriers while on their pursuit of educational opportunities and believes that all should Be Seen, Be Heard and Be Remembered.

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