

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM AND SELECTED COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN NORTH CAROLINA HAVE ISSUED POLICIES GRANTING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION TO UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS PAYING OUT OF STATE TUITION.**

Effective November 2004, the University of North Carolina (UNC) System issued Guidelines on the Admission of Undocumented Aliens to all of the 16 public universities comprising the UNC System.

Undocumented aliens are now eligible to be considered for admission as undergraduate based on their individual qualifications with some limitations, including:

- An undocumented alien may be considered for admission only if **he or she graduated from high school in the United States.**
- An undocumented alien may not be considered a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes; **all undocumented aliens must be charged out of state tuition.**

Source: [Guidelines on the Admission of Undocumented Aliens 700.1.4\[G\]](#)

In similar fashion, the North Carolina Community College System issued an internal memorandum on October 2004 allowing the board of each Community College to establish their own policies for admission of undocumented students into their Community College. The memorandum indicates that any undocumented immigrant enrolled in a Community College in North Carolina must pay out-of-state tuition.

In a recent survey of the Community Colleges in North Carolina, a total of thirty five (35) Community Colleges are now admitting undocumented immigrants to degree, diploma or certificate programs. In addition, a total of twelve (12) Community Colleges have written policies for the admission of undocumented immigrants.

A list of all the Community Colleges in North Carolina, their admittance status for undocumented immigrants, and whether or not they have a written policy regarding admission of undocumented immigrants is attached to this fact sheet (**Source: Legislative Request for Information Undocumented Immigrants (UDI). April 20, 2005.**)

Even though out of state tuition is a big obstacle for immigrant families earning minimal wages, the issuance of these two policies is an important recognition from the NC higher education institutions of the value of further educating the growing Hispanic student population.

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