NCSSM Online Program Profile 2013-2014

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NCSSM Online is a supplemental, two-year, sequenced program that provides the NCSSM experience to students enrolled at their local school. The NCSSM experience, whether residential or online, provides invaluable preparation for college, along with a learning community of accomplished students.

Credit Type. NCSSM Online serves 11th and 12th grade students and provides a transcript with high school credit; students can also dual enroll the course at their local high school.

History. The online program started in 2008; the NCSSM residential program, which is located on the historic Watts Hospital campus in Durham, North Carolina, started in 1980.

Cost. The online program is tuition free. Some special course fees are waived for students meeting financial need eligibility.

Affiliation. NCSSM is a constituent campus of the University of North Carolina system.

College Acceptances
Classes of 2010-2013

| Amherst College | Appalachian State University | Barnard College | Bowdoin College | California Institute of Technology | Campbell University | Clemson University | Columbia University | Cornell University | Covenant College | Craven Community College | Dartmouth College | Davidson College | Dickinson College | Drexel University | Duke University | East Carolina University | Elon University | Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. | Furman College | Gardner Webb | Georgia Perimeter College | Georgia Tech | Harding University | High Point University | Johns Hopkins University |Lenoir Rhyne College | Macalester College | McGill University-Canada | Meredith College | MIT | Morehouse College | North Carolina Central University | North Carolina State University | New York University | Peace College | Penn State University | Princeton University | Randolph Macon College | Rose Hulman Inst. of Technology | Salem College | Sweet Briar College | United State Air Force Academy | United States Naval Academy | Univ. of California at Los Angeles | University of California-Berkeley | University of Chicago | University of Illinois - Urbana | University of Maryland | University of Mary Washington | University of Michigan Ann Arbor | Univ. of N.C. - Asheville | Univ. of N.C. - Chapel Hill | Univ. of N.C. - Charlotte | Univ. of N.C. - Greensboro | Univ. of N.C. - Pembroke | Univ. of N.C. - Wilmington | University of Pennsylvania | University of Pittsburgh | University of Richmond | Vanderbilt University | Virginia Tech | Western Carolina University | Wake Forest University | Wingate University | Wofford College | Yale University |

Number of Online Program students that completed a NCSSM summer internship in 2013

Percentage of 511 applicants that became finalists in the online program in 2013

Percentage of Class of 2015 student in the top 5% of their class at the time of admission (based on information reported by LEAs)
We Challenge the Limits of What’s Possible
NCSSM Online is an admissions-based program that supplements our student’s local high school experience with expanded opportunities through online courses and a shared learning community.

Student Selection
Sophomore applicants complete a rigorous application process that requires four teacher and counselor evaluations, a sophomore SAT score, student essay questions, and transcript. Students are competitively selected for approximately 120 spaces for the junior and senior class. An admissions selection committee and program administration select the best applicants across each NC congressional district.

Rigorous Curriculum
As a constituent of the UNC system, NCSSM provides advanced courses in a college-like environment. Faculty hold advanced degrees in their content area of expertise. Student independence and work ethic is emphasized and is coupled by a curriculum that further builds students’ skills. Semester-long courses deliver an advanced experience on a traditional high school calendar. In short-term symposium courses, students can explore specialized topics such as rocketry, crytography, and anthropology.

SAT Data
Sophomore scores for the Classes of 2014 and 2015

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Student Transcripts
Students receive a NCSSM transcript. All NCSSM courses are offered at the honors level or above. Semester courses are worth 1.0 credits and count towards the GPA. Symposium (0.5 credit) courses and non-credit bearing courses do not count towards GPA.

GPA is based on NCSSM quality point scale.
- **300-349**: Introductory level courses.  
  A=5 quality points
- **350-399**: Accelerated version of 300 level course; course requires a NCSSM pre-requisite.  
  A=5.5 quality points.
- **400-449**: Courses at the level of introductory college courses or help students prepare for the AP exam.  
  A=6 NCSSM quality points
- **450-499**: Courses that deal with topics beyond those of introductory college-level.  
  A=6 NCSSM quality points

A “D” is the lowest grade at NCSSM, and is considered failing. If a student dual enrolls a course locally, the course appears on their local school transcript using public school course names, weighting, grade scales, and codes.

Academics
Students take courses outside of school, or dual enroll the course with their local school. Students take 1-2 courses per semester, and earn a certificate for meeting program requirements.

Orientation. Juniors complete a 3-day orientation on-campus and complete a non-credit summer course on technology and library research skills.

Webconference. All courses require a one hour evening webconference where the entire class meets to collaborate on a variety of instructor-led or collaborative group activities.

Weekends. Most courses hold a Saturday weekend visit at the NCSSM campus once per semester, to complete laboratory or collaborative activities.

Concentrations. Students that complete at least four courses (semester or summer) for credit and earn at least a C- as a final grade will receive an academic certificate from NCSSM that notes the concentration name of Science, Mathematics, Humanities, and General Studies for the Class of 2014. Completion of a concentration is noted on the NCSSM Online certificate and transcript.

Ceremony. At the completion of the program, students receive the NCSSM Chancellor’s medallion and a certificate of recognition which also notes any concentrations they have earned.

Additional Opportunities
Students are represented in NCSSM student government, can join or form clubs, and are invited to academic and social programming on-campus. Students can present at NCSSM student research conferences and contribute to NCSSM student publications.