DISCOVER NOVA

Northern Virginia Community College
We welcome every student who has a desire to learn and a dream of a brighter future. From the day of our founding, NOVA has been an “academy of opportunity.” Our entire community—students, faculty and staff—sees our diversity as an extraordinary strength, inclusion as a central value and equity as a guiding principle. You will find a home at NOVA, one that respects your identity while broadening your horizons. From accounting to artificial intelligence, cinema to cybersecurity, health sciences to hospitality, and more: our goal is to ensure that every student succeeds, every program achieves and every community prospers. At NOVA, we go boldly, and we invite you to join us in that journey!

Dr. Anne Kress, President
Northern Virginia Community College

YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT AND BOLD AT NOVA!
ALUMNUS

JOSHUA ANTON

NOVA Graduate
Business Administration
2012

University of Virginia Graduate
McIntire School of Commerce
2014

CEO of X-Mode
App developer

Co-founder of TrendPie.com
Marketing company

Co-founder of yOptimize
Social media consulting firm

“NOVA allowed me to attend college affordably while figuring out what I wanted to do. I went from being lost in life to transferring to a world-class business school with a full ride. I wouldn’t be where I am today without NOVA.”
Every year, students who are seeking a bachelor's degree use NOVA’s guaranteed admission agreements to transfer seamlessly to more than 50 four-year partners. Complete the first two years of your degree at NOVA and then transfer as a junior to the college or university of your choice.

To get into the job market quickly, check out NOVA’s two-year associate degree and shorter certificate programs in hot career fields such as biotechnology, cybersecurity, healthcare, automotive, information technology and more.

Acquire new skills and knowledge to change careers or get a promotion with our noncredit workforce training in computer programming, web design and development, project management, contract management, entrepreneurship and more. Most of these programs are scheduled to accommodate busy adults.
Thanks to NOVA’s Honors Program, I’ve had amazing experiences such as serving as a research assistant and presenting scientific research projects at conferences. As a student with a mild disability, I found the support I needed to succeed. Now I’m prepared to pursue my goal to become a computational neuroscientist. All because of NOVA."
New students ages 17 to 24 attend student orientation and meet with a first-year advisor to make an academic plan. If you are older than 24, you are encouraged to discuss your goals with an academic advisor to make sure you’re taking the right courses and understand NOVA’s policies and procedures.

The Office of Military and Veterans Services provides comprehensive resources to veterans and military-related personnel who are utilizing VA and tuition assistant educational benefits. The office provides guidance on certification requirements and acts as a liaison between NOVA and the Department of Veterans Affairs, while helping you transition from the military to college.

The Office of Disability Services ensures all students have an opportunity to pursue a college education regardless of the presence or absence of a disability. NOVA makes reasonable accommodations in providing course, program and building modification, and/or auxiliary aids and services in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. No academically qualified student with a disability will be denied access to or participation in NOVA’s services, programs and activities.
SCHOLARSHIPS MAKE YOUR EDUCATION AFFORDABLE

In addition to NOVA’s affordable in-state tuition, your education can be even more accessible than you thought with scholarships, grants, work study and loans. NOVA administers more than $130 million in financial aid each year and every student is encouraged to apply for a share.
STUDY WHEREVER YOU WANT

FOR ONLINE COURSES, you can’t go wrong at NOVA, a nationally recognized leader in online learning. Online classes are offered in more than 50 academic disciplines. In fact, you can complete more than 30 academic degree and certificate programs online through classes administered by NOVA Online. Tuition, registration and financial aid policies are the same for online and on-campus classes. Many students enroll in both online and on-campus classes, while others choose to complete their studies entirely online.

TAKE COLLEGE COURSES IN HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS (or the home school equivalent) may be eligible to take NOVA credit classes through dual enrollment, offering students the opportunity to accumulate college credit while still in high school. In addition to courses offered on campus, many students take advantage of NOVA classes held at their high schools. Some classes count toward both high school and college graduation.
WITH NOVA’S LOW, IN-STATE TUITION, you can explore programs until you find your passion. Your options are nearly unlimited and include everything from transfer degrees to health care, information technology, homeland security, fine arts, automotive, horticulture, hospitality management, air conditioning and refrigeration, engineering and more.

Our career counselors can assist you in developing and setting your educational and academic goals. Counseling services include career assessments, occupational information and employment resources. If your plans include a bachelor’s degree, our counselors and advisors can make sure you’re on the right track for seamless transfer to a four-year college.

Want more? Extracurricular opportunities organized by Student Life can help you discover aspects of your personality that might surprise you.
STARTING AT NOVA IS A SMART DECISION. NOVA provides both traditional and nontraditional learners with a variety of on-campus offerings, online courses, hybrid learning options, convenient locations and affordable in-state tuition. With more than 130 degree and certificate programs to choose from, you’re sure to find what you want at NOVA.

At NOVA, you will find award-winning faculty and staff, high-tech learning environments, small class sizes with personalized attention, a diverse student body, military and veteran support and more.

The level of creativity, skill and curiosity amongst NOVA students is awe inspiring. The students, along with the professionalism of my colleagues, have made teaching at NOVA an unforgettable experience.

MICHAEL POLCEN
Associate Professor
Economics
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM, NOVA offers a wealth of events, clubs and organizations that allow you to develop intellectually, meet new people and consider different ideas. NOVA clubs and organizations cover a wide range of activities from music to robotics, environmental awareness, gaming and more, so you’re sure to find something interesting. You can become a student leader, gain valuable skills, learn about your strengths and build your resume with the type of activities employers like to see.

BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS

EACH YEAR, NOVA FACULTY lead short-term study abroad programs that let you participate in international experiences that fit your professional, academic and personal goals. The programs are developed around the academic calendar so you can take advantage of these opportunities without missing other classes. Past trips have explored history in France, geology in the Canadian Rockies, environmental science in Fiji, literature in London and rural nursing in Ghana.
ARE YOU AN ATHLETE? Join a sports team and play for the NOVA Nighthawks. As a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), NOVA competes against the top regional teams in men’s and women’s basketball, women’s volleyball, men’s soccer, women’s softball, women’s cross country and men’s lacrosse. NOVA’s ice hockey team is a member of the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

Our Intramural Sports Program lets you engage in fun, competitive and social activities. Intramural sports and activities include soccer, flag football, bowling and basketball. In addition, several campuses offer fitness facilities.
At the age of 17, I enrolled at NOVA where I discovered extremely supportive professors who love to empower their students. I was inspired to take an active role on campus and my NOVA experience taught me that objectives are achievable with hard work, drive and a belief in yourself. I now have several diplomas but I remain most proud of my NOVA degree because it was the first step along my academic journey.” algae
BUILD YOUR RESUME

INTERNSHIP AND CO-OP OPPORTUNITIES extend your education into the workforce to provide a comprehensive experience that combines theory and practice. These opportunities offer practical job training and valuable resume building experience. You may be eligible to receive a salary, stipend or tuition assistance from employers in addition to academic credit from NOVA. Employers often offer full-time, permanent job positions afterward, easing entry into the workforce. Additionally, you can earn up to 10 academic credits through coursework, which may be used to complete general elective credit or substituted for required coursework with the approval of your academic advisor.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CAREER RESOURCES

NOVA’s College Central Network (CCN) offers one-stop career and internship search resources free to NOVA students, alumni and area employers. Students and alumni can access hundreds of jobs and internships, career and resume services, podcasts, help guides, NOVA career event announcements and much more. CCN is available on NOVA’s website 24 hours a day.
OUR GRADUATES CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATIONS at a wide variety of colleges and universities, including George Mason University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Tech, James Madison University, Old Dominion University, University of Virginia, University of Maryland and more.

All students who have taken classes at NOVA are considered alumni whether they graduate, transfer to another academic institution or just take classes on campus or online. Stay connected to NOVA through the Alumni Federation.
AREAS OF STUDY

Accounting
Administration of Justice
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
American Sign Language
Anthropology (Sociology)
Arabic
Archaeology (History)
Art/Communication Design
Auto Body
Automotive
Biological
Business Management and Administration
Chemistry
Childhood Development (Education)
Chinese
Civil Engineering Technology
Collision Repair (AUB)
Communication Studies
Computer Science
Construction Management (BLD)
Contract Management
Cybersecurity
Dental Hygiene
Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Dietetics
Drafting (CAD)
Driver Education (EDU)
Economics
Education
Emergency Medical Services
Engineering
English
English as a Second Language
Environmental Science
Film Studies
Financial Services
Fire Science Technology
French
Geographic Information Systems
Geography
Geology
German
Health
Health Information Management
History
Homeland Security (ADJ)
Horticulture
Hospitality Management
Humanities
Human Service
HVAC-R
Information Technology Database and Web Development
Information Technology Essentials
Information Technology Networking
Information Technology Programming/Application Development
Interior Design
Interpreter Education
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Latin
Legal/Paralegal Studies
Marketing
Massage Therapy (Health)
Mathematics
Medical Laboratory Technology
Music
Natural Science
Nursing
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Paralegal Studies
Philosophy
Phlebotomy
Photography
Physical Education and Recreation
Physical Therapist Assistant
Physics
Political Science
Portuguese
Psychology
Radiation Oncology
Radiography
Real Estate
Recreation and Parks
Religion
Respiratory Therapy
Russian
Social Science
Sociology
Spanish
Student Development
Theatre
Travel/Tourism
Veterinary Technology
Video (Photography)
Web Design
Welding

Av. annual wages

Chinese
$56,260
Diagnostic Medical Monograph

Computer Support Specialist
$52,110

Hospitality Management
$55,360
Mechanical Engineering Tech.

Paralegals and Legal Assist.
15%
Projected avg. annual growth over next 10 years for
Paralegals and Legal Assist.

World Developers
$50,410

Web Developers
$67,990

Projected avg. annual growth over next 10 years for
Hospitality Mgmt.
9%

Projected avg. annual growth over next 10 years for
Cyber Security
28%

Projected avg. annual growth over next 10 years for
Childhood Development
10%

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