

AFFILIATION AND HISTORY

NOVA is one of 23 colleges within the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), which is governed by the State Board for Community Colleges. NOVA was founded as Northern Virginia Technical College in 1964 and renamed in 1966.

POPULATION SERVED

NOVA's service area covers Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties, and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.

ANNUAL HEADCOUNT AND FTES

The student annual headcount and Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) total for the 2016–17 academic year were 74,283 and 32,689, respectively.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

NOVA offers Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), Associate of Applied Arts (A.A.A.), Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degrees, Certificates (at least 30 credits) and Career Studies Certificates (between 9 and 29 credits).

ONLINE COURSES

12,983 students took online courses through NOVA's Extended Learning Institute in Fall 2016.

AGE

During Fall 2016, the median age of NOVA students was 21.3 years old.

ENROLLMENT STATUS

During Fall 2016, 35% of students were full time and 65% of students were part time.

FAST FACTS ABOUT NOVA

GRADUATES

Approximately 7,000 students graduated in 2016.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

7,796 international students from 171 countries attended NOVA during Fall 2016.

ACCREDITATION

NOVA is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS COC) to award the Associate of Arts Degree, Associate of Science Degree, Associate of Applied Arts Degree, Associate of Applied Science Degree and certificates in selected occupational areas.

Curricula of the College are approved by the NOVA Board and by the State Board for Community Colleges. The two-year associate degree programs are also approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).

Many of NOVA's Allied Health and Nursing degree programs and certificates are accredited by national organizations, including the American Medical Association, the American Dental Association, the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission and the American Physical Therapy Association. The Veterinary Technology program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Degree programs and certificates in other fields, such as paralegal and culinary arts, are also nationally recognized by accrediting institutions.

RACE/ETHNICITY

The student race distribution for Fall 2016 was 49.8% White; 17.1% Asian; 16.4% Black; 14.7% Hispanic; 0.2% Native American; and 1.8% Other.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY/ AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

It is the policy of Northern Virginia Community College and the Virginia Community College System to maintain and promote equal employment and educational opportunities without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, marital status, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, political affiliation, or against otherwise qualified persons with disabilities. The policy permits appropriate employment preferences for veterans and specifically prohibits discrimination against veterans. Inquiries concerning affirmative action and equal opportunity policies should be sent to eo@nvcc.edu. For more information visit www.nvcc.edu/hr.