NOVA 101
REMOTE LEARNING EDITION

Everything you need to know from starting remotely to what awaits when you return to campus!

Summer 2020
Follow These Easy Steps to Start Strong at NOVA

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We know that many of you are adjusting to a new way of learning, but learning remotely doesn’t mean doing it alone!
Take the First Step to Connect With NOVA

Now that you’re a Nighthawk, we will create a student email account once you enroll in classes.

Faculty and staff will contact you solely through your NOVA email account about class assignments, course announcements, updates on your financial aid status and other official NOVA messages including emergency information.

It’s your email address so you are responsible for checking your email on a regular basis!

Your student email account is powered by Google, which provides you with a reliable and secure way to send and receive email.

Access your email account by logging into myNOVA on the College website. myNOVA is web based and available through any Internet browser. Email addresses are permanent and cannot be changed. All email addresses are username@email.vccs.edu.

A FEW OTHER REMINDERS:

• You do NOT need to set up a new Gmail account.
• Access your student email via your myNOVA username and password.
• Your account is mobile accessible.
• For information on all the other technology available to you, visit www.nvcc.edu/technology.

Expand Your Opportunities to Make College More Affordable

Our financial aid programs can make your college education less stressful when it comes to paying for school. Get access to scholarships, grants, loans and work-study opportunities. NOVA also has limited emergency funding available when you have unexpected expenses that challenge your college attendance. International students are not eligible for need-based financial aid, but may qualify for some scholarships and non-need-based student loans.

FINANCIAL AID

To receive financial aid you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov. Keep in mind that once you receive financial aid you must enroll in courses required for your aid-eligible program of study. Be sure to submit all required documents and have enough aid to cover your bill by the payment deadline. This process can be a bit complicated but don’t worry, NOVA’s financial aid specialists will help you determine your eligibility and assist you in filing the FAFSA. You can visit the Financial Aid Office at any campus.

The two main categories of financial aid are gift aid and self-help aid. Gift aid is in the form of federal, state, institutional or private grants and scholarships. Self-help aid refers to work-study and student loans.

www.nvcc.edu/ithd/students/email

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WORK-STUDY

Work-study is a financial aid program that allows you to earn money toward educational expenses by working a part-time job at one of NOVA’s campuses. Students who participate in NOVA’s work-study program earn at least $11 per hour and typically work a job on campus with flexible hours. The Campus Work-Study Coordinator in each campus Financial Aid Office can assist you in determining if you qualify for work-study and with submitting employment documents.

LOANS

Loans are funds that you or your parents borrow and repay with interest. Education loans are offered at low interest rates and have long repayment terms. Some loans require a demonstration of need, others do not. If you decide to borrow a student loan, borrow only what you absolutely need and can afford to repay. Remember, the more you borrow, the less affordable your monthly payment will be in the future. Consider using NOVA’s Loan Planning Form to help manage your student loans and plan for repayment.

GRANTS

Grants are a form of gift aid based on demonstration of financial need and do not have to be paid back as long as you complete the courses for which the grant aid was awarded. You must apply for financial aid and submit the FAFSA application to NOVA to be considered for grants. Funds for most programs are limited so apply early!

Consideration for most types of financial aid—including work-study, student loans and most grants—requires attendance in at least six or more eligible credits required for your program.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awards that do not have to be paid back and are based on student performance and talent. Some scholarships consider financial need when determining eligibility. NOVA offers thousands of dollars in scholarship opportunities so we definitely encourage you to search our scholarship database for one that fits you!

 Regardless of your level of enrollment, you must show up to all your scheduled classes or drop any you don’t want to take before the deadline and allocate enough time to study each week. Remember, one of the requirements to remain eligible for financial aid is meeting the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements, which include maintaining a minimum GPA, successfully completing at least 67% of the credits you attempt and completing your program before attempting 150% of the credits required for that program. If you have any questions, please contact the 24-Hour Student Support Center at 855-323-3199, review the information on our website or visit the Financial Aid Office at any campus where you will find knowledgeable and helpful financial aid professionals. See the Financial Aid website for deadlines.

*Refer to the Academic Calendar at www.nvcc.edu/calendars/academic.

NOVA does not require SAT scores or similar entrance examinations for admission of most students. However, you must demonstrate that you have the required levels of reading, writing or math for the courses you want to take. Test results will show whether you need developmental courses to prepare you academically for college-level work.

EXEMPTIONS

There are several placement test exemptions if you are eligible. For instance, if you have taken the SAT, ACT or TOEFL iBT within the past five years or if you have completed previous college-level English and/or math courses you may be exempt. To see a list of other exceptions, visit the placement page in the most recent college catalog on our website or ask an academic advisor.

PLACEMENT TESTING

Because the College is operating remotely due to COVID-19, in-person placement testing has been suspended for Summer and Fall 2020 registration. Please check the link below for updates on the placement tests, or speak with your advisor to help you select classes that meet your needs.

Get a Head Start by Securing Your Spot in the Right Classes

www.nvcc.edu/testing/placement.html
**Explore Dozens of Areas of Study**

| Accounting | Civil Engineering Technology | English |
| Administration of Justice | Collision Repair (AUB) | English as a Second Language |
| Air Conditioning and Refrigeration | Communication Studies | Environmental Science |
| American Sign Language | Computer Science | Film Studies |
| Anthropology (Sociology) | Construction Management (BLD) | Financial Services |
| Arabic | Contract Management | Fire Science Technology |
| Archaeology (History) | Cybersecurity | French |
| Architecture | Dental Hygiene | Geographic Information Systems |
| Art/Communication Design | Diagnostic Medical Sonography | Geography |
| Auto Body | Dietetics | Geology |
| Automotive | Drafting (CAD) | German |
| Biology | Driver Education (EDU) | Health |
| Business Management and Administration | Economics | Health Information Management |
| Chemistry | Education | History |
| Childhood Development (Education) | Emergency Medical Services | Homeland Security (ADJ) |
| Chinese | Engineering | Horticulture |
| | | Hospitality Management |
| | | Humanities |
| | | Human Services |
| | | 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 |
| | | Philosophy |
| | | Physics |
| | | Political Science |
| | | Portuguese |
| | | Psychology |
| | | Radiation Oncology |
| | | Radiography |
| | | Real Estate |
| | | Recreation and Parks |
| | | Religion |
| | | Respiratory Therapy |
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| | | Social Science |
| | | Sociology |
| | | Spanish |
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VIRTUAL ORIENTATION

Are you between the ages of 17-24 and have never attended college before? If so, you are required to attend a virtual Registration Lab in order to enroll in courses at NOVA. All Registration Lab sessions are currently being offered virtually through Zoom webinars as part of NOVA’s plan to provide virtual services to students. Make sure you take your placement tests and access your email account before registering for virtual orientation.

Here you will get the right guidance from our awesome advisors, college faculty and student orientation leaders and will be able to:

• Create your class schedule and register for courses.
• Learn about payment options and financial aid.
• Find out what your assessment test scores mean.
• Develop an academic goal.
• Meet virtually with a first-year advisor.

TRANSFERerinG MADE EASY

If you plan to transfer to a college or university after completing your NOVA education, be sure to take advantage of NOVA’s many transfer planning resources. It is important to start your planning early because different universities have very different requirements, even for baccalaureate degrees in the same field. Our Associate of Arts, Associate of Science and Associate of Fine Arts degrees are all designed to transfer, but include course options to allow you to tailor your program to the senior institution you plan to attend.

VIRTUAL ADVISING

Are you 24 years of age or older, and have attended college before? If so, we encourage you to chat with an academic advisor. You can also attend a virtual Registration Lab for Adult Learners that is designed to help you have a successful transition and integration into college. In order to fully participate you must have cleared any and/or all enrollment holds. Also make sure you completed your placement testing prior to logging in for your lab session.

ADVANCE

ADVANCE is a special arrangement with George Mason University that gives NOVA students targeted, personalized support to complete their bachelor’s degrees in a timely manner and save money.

www.nvcc.edu/orientation/register.html
www.nvcc.edu/virtualadvising
www.nvcc.edu/transfer/agreements

GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS

Guaranteed Admission Agreements secure your entrance into more than 40 colleges and universities when you meet the requirements.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Articulation Agreements are partnerships between institutions that can help ensure the classes you take at NOVA will transfer to a college or university.

TRANSFER PATHWAYS

Transfer Pathways help students match up course selection for their chosen degree program with the requirements of NOVA’s top five transfer schools.

Visit the website to find all these agreements. Please read the ones for institutions you might be interested in attending to learn about the specific requirements and benefits. Ideally, you should see an advisor sometime during the first semester to help you decide which path is best for you.
Make Your Move, Sign Up for Remote Classes

TO ENROLL IN CREDIT CLASSES at NOVA, use the myNOVA portal. myNOVA is your central source for accessing all your essential student information. myNOVA gives you the ability to search for classes, register, drop/swap courses, make payments and manage your personal information.

Visit the links below for step-by-step tutorials on every task you need to complete. After you are comfortable using myNOVA, log in and get started by clicking the myNOVA tab located at the top of every page on NOVA’s website.

Keep in mind NOVA’s On-Time Registration policy. All students enrolling at NOVA are required to register by 11:59 p.m. the day before the session begins. Sessions start at various times throughout each semester; see the online Academic Calendar for dates. Early registration is advised to secure the classes you want at the most convenient times.

If you are having trouble registering, check your myNOVA account for holds that would prevent registration.

NOVA ONLINE

When on-campus classes go back in session, NOVA will still offer online classes in more than 50 academic disciplines. We want to make sure NOVA Online gives you the flexibility to fit your education into your current schedule from anywhere in the world. Did you know more than 30 of NOVA’s academic degree and certificate programs can be completed online? Now you do!

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 enroll in all online classes.

With multiple start dates and convenient 4 to 16 week course lengths, you can take advantage of online and virtual hybrid courses to help you achieve your learning goals and advance your career.

Students taking online classes have access to free online tutoring, library services embedded within the classes, 24/7 IT support and counselors who can assist online students with academic planning and career, transfer and disability services.

To add online classes in myNOVA, choose “Online” in the “Mode of Instruction” drop down menu. Section numbers for all online classes begin with the letter “E.”

HONORS PROGRAM

The NOVA Honors Program offers you an opportunity to develop your leadership abilities, conduct research, stimulate your mind with rigorous courses, study an interesting subject in great depth and explore ideas across disciplines.

Why apply to the Honors Program? Getting the most out of a quality education at NOVA is what honors students strive for, and there are many advantages to completing the program. NOVA Honors students can benefit from smaller class sizes, academic scholarships, field trips, campus and community service projects, internships, leadership opportunities, campus and college-wide Honors events, exemplary guest speakers, state and regional conferences, and campus Honors clubs. Each Honors course has a special transcript indicator, allowing universities and employers to easily identify students who seek a greater challenge offered through these courses.

Additionally, the NOVA Honors Program has partnered with the Honors Programs/Honors Colleges of seven Virginia and Maryland universities to allow students to transfer up to 12 NOVA Honors credits into their Honors curricula. NOVA degree graduates who successfully complete the NOVA Honors Program have the opportunity to graduate with Honors recognition from these universities.

You can apply to the Honors Program anytime but we encourage you to apply after your first semester. Email honors@nvcc.edu with any questions you have or visit our website.

www.nvcc.edu/honors/index.html

www.nvcc.edu/novaconnect/students
www.nvcc.edu/online
Secure Your Classes by Paying Your Tuition

Since NOVA is a public community college with financial support from the Commonwealth of Virginia, the College offers you an exceptional educational value. In fact, NOVA’s tuition is the most affordable tuition in the region.

Based on a tuition and fee charge per credit hour, enrollment costs at NOVA are the same for credit or audit courses.

Tuition for early registration is due by the tuition payment deadline (go to www.nvcc.edu/calendars/academic to view dates). You are responsible for paying your tuition by the established payment deadline dates. Check your enrollment information online (SIS) often. If you enroll after the deadline, you must pay tuition by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. If tuition is unpaid by the payment deadline day, NOVA has the right to drop a student from any class or classes. You can pay by credit card (with a service fee) or e-check (no fee) through the myNOVA portal detailed on page 10 of this guide. You can make a payment in person at any NOVA campus Business Office. Cashier’s check, personal check or money order payments may be made in person or mailed to any NOVA campus Business Office.

The College does not send bills for tuition. Students should never assume their classes will be dropped automatically by NOVA. It is your responsibility to drop classes by the appropriate published census date (go to www.nvcc.edu/calendars/academic for dates).

If your approved financial aid (identified as anticipated financial aid on your myNOVA account) covers the full cost of tuition or if you are enrolled in NOVA’s Tuition Payment Plan (detailed below) for the full cost of tuition, your classes will be protected. If your anticipated financial aid or current payment plan amount does not cover the full cost of tuition and fees, you must:

- Pay the difference by the due date.
- If payment plan changes are allowable, update your payment plan to reflect the new amount due.
- Drop the classes not covered by financial aid or the payment plan.

NOVA’s Payment Plan can help you meet your educational expenses. Tuition Management Systems (TMS), a third-party company that allows you to pay tuition in monthly payments for a set period, administers the Payment Plan. No credit check is required to participate and no interest is charged. There is a nominal, nonrefundable enrollment fee (see Payment Methods: Northern Virginia Community College).

You will not be charged for a class if:

- You drop a class by the deadline for the last day to drop with a tuition refund (census date). View the Academic Calendar to find the census date for your class.
- The College cancels the class.

If you do not plan to attend a class, you must drop it online through myNOVA or visit a campus Student Services Center by the published census date (see www.nvcc.edu/calendars/academic for dates) to avoid a debt owed for the class. Always check the Academic Calendar for the accurate census dates. Do not rely on the dates reflected in a class syllabus.

Access All Opportunities With Your NOVACARD

NOVACard is your official student ID and the one card you need to conduct many college transactions. While NOVA Card services are currently suspended for the summer remote session, check the website below for any updates, and it becomes a prepaid debit card that you can use to buy goods and services at many campus locations.

Add money to your NOVACard and it becomes a prepaid debit card that you can use to buy goods and services at many campus locations.

- Print, copy or scan documents in the libraries, labs and other locations.
- Get beverages and snacks from vending machines accepting NOVACard for payment.
- Purchase food and drinks at campus Cafés.
- Win prizes at NOVA Card tabling events.
- Use as the preferred method of identification at the Testing Centers.

With the easy-to-use online deposit system, you can:

- Monitor and manage your NOVACard account.
- Add money to your account with a credit card.
- Request funds from your parents, friends or family.

Upload your own photo before going to a NOVACard office for quicker service.
Take Advantage of the Resources You Need to Succeed

BOOKSTORES
The NOVA Community College Bookstores will be closed until further notice. Most normal bookstore services, such as buying textbooks for summer classes, returning rentals and ordering school spirit products are still available online with free shipping options. Students can visit www.nvcc.bncollege.com to place orders.

LIBRARIES
The NOVA Libraries are always available online! We are providing remote student services through the Summer 2020 semester.

For library help anytime, please visit the web page below to chat with a librarian. You can also contact your campus library by email or by phone.

In addition, the libraries provide individual and group instruction in the identification, use and evaluation of information resources to enhance teaching, research and lifelong learning. There is also online access to all of NOVA’s library resources.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES
NOVA is committed to providing equal access to quality educational opportunities for students with disabilities. We are still providing accommodations for remote learning, whether it’s to access instruction or to take tests, or to request a sign language interpreter or live captions for your Zoom class or one-on-one meeting.

For information and to register for accommodations, please see the Disability Support Services website.

SINGLE STOP
Single Stop at NOVA is a “one-stop shop” for students to get resources to assist in keeping them enrolled. Single Stop is an online program where students are screened for a variety of benefits and community resources, and receive assistance in accessing those benefits. Some of these resources include:

1. Child Care Services
2. Energy Assistance
3. Food Assistance (e.g., SNAP, W.I.C.)
4. Health Care Coverage
5. Immigration Assistance
6. Legal Assistance, etc.

TUTORING
NOVA offers free tutoring services on all six campuses. Whether you need assistance with a specific class or help developing good study habits, our Tutoring Centers can help you succeed in the classroom. Campus tutoring services will also help you to better understand lectures and reading material, prepare for tests and focus on specific skills. Tutoring is also available online 24/7 for many subjects when you cannot get to a campus.

READING AND WRITING CENTER
Each NOVA campus offers either a separate Reading and Writing Center or designated writing tutors who can help students to improve their reading and writing skills. Qualified consultants can help you plan your writing projects, structure essays, format citations, prepare an outline and learn to proofread your work. An online writing center is available 24/7 if you cannot get to a campus Writing Center.

RESUME WRITING
NOVA’s tutoring and writing services can help you create and refine your resume and cover letter when it comes time to apply for a job or further your education. Assistance is also available for college application and scholarship essays.

CONTINUING EDUCATION
This division partners with the regional business community to design programs and services that prepare workforce ready employees. NOVA Workforce conducts research on economic conditions and the local labor market to develop a strong talent pipeline, and helps to quickly put people into high-demand fields in growing industries through specialized noncredit, credentialled programs in growing industries.

www.nvcc.edu/financial-stability/singlestop
www.nvcc.edu/library/student
www.nvcc.edu/bookstore
www.nvcc.edu/disability-services
www.nvcc.edu/annandale/asc/writing
www.nvcc.edu/workforce
www.nvcc.edu/tutoring
Discover the Fun That Awaits!

We want your college experience to be just as unforgettable as the experience you’ll have learning at NOVA. We will do our best to maintain a safe and healthy environment. We look forward to having everyone back. Until then, take some time to learn about all the fun that awaits you at NOVA!

NOVA ATHLETICS

NOVA also offers athletic and fitness opportunities, including intercollegiate sports, intramural activities and fitness centers. As a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), the Nighthawks compete against the top teams in men’s and women’s basketball, men’s soccer, women’s softball and women’s cross country. NOVA’s ice hockey team is a member of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) and we sponsor an intercollegiate esports program. NOVA’s Intramural Sports Program provides opportunities for you to engage in fun, competitive and social activities. Intramural sports and activities include soccer, flag football, bowling and basketball. In addition, fitness facilities are available on several campuses.

We miss having our Nighthawks on campus while we temporarily operate remotely but we look forward to having everyone back. Until then, take some time to learn about all the fun that awaits you at NOVA!

If you don’t find the right organization, stop by your Student Life Office to discuss the process of starting your own.

VIRTUAL STUDENT UNION

While we are all waiting to return to campus, you may want to take advantage of our Virtual Student Union. Here, you can:

- Participate in Student Life activities and events virtually.
- Learn about engagement opportunities within the community.
- Connect with student organizations and groups.
- Learn about NOVA services and resources to support your success.
- Work through educational modules on topics including alcohol abuse prevention, leadership development, and diversity training.
- Participate in student-led discussion boards.

FOOD/DINING

Each campus has multiple food options with snack and beverage vending machines, bookstore cafés and five full-service cafeterias with a variety of healthy choices. The cafeterias and cafés also provide open seating and space for group meetings or simply relaxing on campus. NOVA’s agreements with the various vendors ensure that a portion of what you spend on campus comes back to the College to enhance on-campus amenities and services.

Food/Dining

- Discover the Fun That Awaits!
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WiFi and Parking Information

For the meantime, most parking and shuttle related services are suspended for the remote instruction period. However, we encourage you to learn all about getting around once our campuses are safely open.

Please check the parking website below for the most recent updates.

WIFI AVAILABLE

We want to ensure our students have access to the internet to successfully complete remote classes. That is why we have provided WiFi in NOVA parking lots. You can access WiFi without having to leave the car and can practice safe social distancing.

For NOVA students, you can:

- You can purchase a parking permit online at a discounted rate or pay the full rate at any campus Parking Services office.
- Discounted hourly parking options are available through our mobile payment application and can be used in any ‘B’ lot, metered space, or hourly garage.
- Permits are valid for one semester.
- Find student parking in ‘B’ lots.
- Student parking is free in campus ‘B’ lots after 3:45 p.m. on weekdays and anytime on weekends.
- Permits are not required to park in students ‘B’ lots during these hours.

www.nvc.edu/parking

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www.nvc.edu/shuttle

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Stay Safe and Secure During an Emergency or Anytime

NOVA POLICE & OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY

Each campus has police and public safety officials who provide safety training, emergency preparedness, response plans and other resources. NOVA's public safety professionals are fully certified and actively maintain and update an integrated system to ensure NOVA campuses are safe and secure. You can call NOVA Police Dispatch 24/7 at 703–764–5000 to request information or police or OEMS services, report a crime, or file a complaint.

NOVA SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES (SAS)

NOVA's Sexual Assault Services (SAS) program provides confidential information and services to any member of our community who has been affected by sexual assault, dating or partner violence, or stalking.

NOVACARES

The NOVACares program serves as support for students and facilitates a “See Something, Say Something” culture at the College. NOVACares provides individuals with a way to report concerns by submitting an online incident report form. This form, which can be found on our web page, is then directed to the appropriate NOVACares responder(s) for intervention as needed. Trained responders take a proactive approach to maintain a safe and secure NOVA community.

NOVA ALERT

NOVA Alert sends text messages to your cell phone and email to keep you informed about school closings for inclement weather and other safety and security incidents and emergencies. Your student email address is automatically enrolled in NOVA Alert. If your cell phone number is listed in myNOVA, it will also be added to NOVA Alert. You can update your information and/or add additional cell phone numbers or emails at http://alert.nvcc.edu.

LIVESAFE MOBILE SAFETY APP

The free LiveSafe app empowers you to help keep yourself and your campus safe. LiveSafe improves communication between students, faculty, staff and the NOVA Police. It also facilitates emergency response in critical situations. Download the free app in iTunes or Google Play store, search for LiveSafe and select NOVA from the list of schools. Fill in your name and contact information so we can reach you in an emergency.

CLERY ACT AND CRIME STATISTICS

Federal law requires all postsecondary institutions participating in Title IV student financial assistance programs to disclose campus crime statistics and security information. The ASR consolidates critical safety and security training, resources, plans and capabilities in one convenient document and is available free of charge.

Check out our sites for all this and additional safety resources.
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.

AGE
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