

# NOVA FACT SHEET: FALL 2021

## INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

**Annual Headcount and FTES:** The student annual headcount and full-time equivalent student (FTES) total for the 2020–21 academic year were 74,804 and 32,121, respectively.

**Mean and Median Age:** For Fall 2021, the median age of students was 20, and the mean age was 23.

**Age Distribution:** The student age distribution for Fall 2021 was 65% 21 years or younger, 21% 22 to 29 years, 13% 30 to 59 years, and 0.9% 60 years and older.

**Gender Distribution:** In Fall 2021, 53% of NOVA students identified as female, 46% as male, and 0.9% as unspecified.

**Race/Ethnicity Distribution:** The student race distribution for Fall 2021 was as follows: 0.5% American Indian/Alaska Native, 18% Asian, 15% Black/African American, 15% Hispanic/Latino, 0.3% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, 8% Not Specified, 5% Two or More Races, 0.5% Unknown, and 38% White.

**Residency:** For Fall 2021, the College consisted of 99% in-state students and 1% out-of-state students.

**Enrollment Status:** In Fall 2021, 28% of students were full-time, and 72% of students were part-time.

**Graduates:** In 2020–21, 7,799 students graduated with a NOVA credential.

**Personnel:** In 2020–21, there were 769 classified staff members, 138 professional faculty, 78 twelve-month administrative faculty, 602 nine- and twelve-month teaching faculty, and 1,510 temporary faculty members. Temporary faculty positions include adjunct, semesterly, and grant faculty.

**Distance Learning Classes (NOVA Online):** In Fall 2021, the headcount of students taking distance learning classes was 13,221, and the full-time equivalent student (FTES) total was 4,790.



## ORGANIZATION

**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA (SCHEV)**  
Certain activities of the College come under the supervision of SCHEV, a body which plays a prominent role in planning for higher education in the Commonwealth.

**VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM (VCCS)**  
NOVA is one of 23 colleges within the VCCS which is governed by the State Board for Community Colleges.

### COLLEGE BOARD

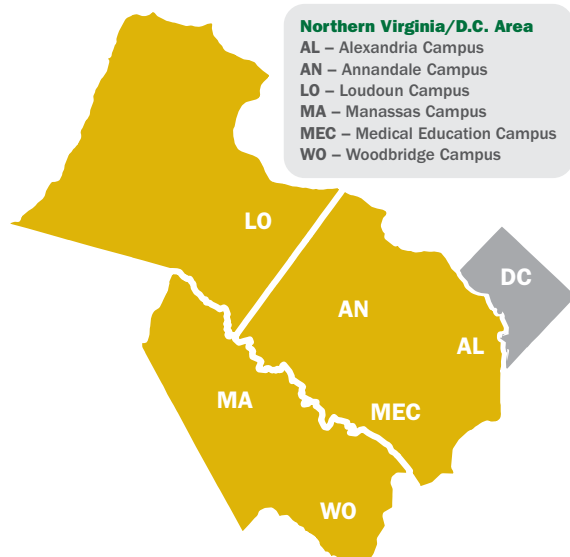
NOVA has a local advisory board of 11 members.

### COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

The President chairs and is assisted by two advisory bodies: the Administrative Council and the College Forum. The Administrative Council is composed of seven provosts and six vice presidents with different portfolios.

### THE COLLEGE FORUM

The College Forum represents teaching faculty, administrative faculty, classified staff, and students. It is composed of the College Senate, Campus Councils, and College Committees.



## ENROLLMENT BY CAMPUS

### ANNUAL STUDENT HEADCOUNT BY HOME CAMPUS: 2020-2021

Campus	Headcount	Percent
Alexandria	14,719	19.7
Annandale	18,047	24.1
Loudoun	18,242	24.4
Manassas	10,915	14.6
Medical Education	2,162	2.9
Woodbridge	10,719	14.3
College	74,804	100.0

## POPULATION SERVED

### Virginia Planning District 8 (P.D.8)

- COUNTIES: Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William.
- CITIES: Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park.

## NOVA DATA

**Enrollment:** Annual student headcount increased by 1% from 2016–17 to 2020–21.

**Retention:** From Fall 2019 to Fall 2020, the Fall-to-Fall retention rate was 55% for all students and 74% for first-time, full-time, program placed students.

**Public High School Graduates:** Approximately 18% of 2020–21 public high school graduates from the Northern Virginia region enrolled at NOVA in Fall 2021.

**International Students:** In Fall 2021, the number of international students at NOVA with visas for studying in the U.S. was 833.

**Financial Aid:** In 2020–21, 32% of NOVA students received some form of financial aid.

**Class Size:** NOVA offers small classes with an average in Fall 2021 of 21 students, taught by award-winning faculty.

## ACCREDITATION, DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND CURRICULA ACCREDITATION

NOVA is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Fine Arts, Associate of Applied Arts, Associate of Applied Science, and Certificates in selected occupational areas.

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

Health technologies programs are accredited by the American Medical Association, the American Dental Association, the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, or the American Physical Therapy Association.

The Veterinary Technology program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

### DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.), Associate of Applied Arts (A.A.A.), Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Certificates (at least 30 credits), Career Studies Certificates (between nine and 29 credits).

### CURRICULA

The College offers 64 two-year degree programs (A.A., A.S., A.F.A., A.A.A. and A.A.S.), 9 Certificate programs, and 44 Career Studies Certificate programs.

## COLLEGE HISTORY

**1964** – Northern Virginia Technical College was established.

**1965** – First classes were opened with 761 students and 46 faculty and staff members.

**1966** – The College was renamed Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA).

**1968** – Dr. Richard J. Ernst became NOVA's second president.

**1969** – The original plan of establishing one central campus and four satellite centers was changed to a concept of five campuses supported by a central administration.

**1988** – The semester system began at NOVA.

**1998** – Dr. Richard J. Ernst retired and Dr. Belle S. Wheelan became NOVA's third president.

**2002** – Dr. Belle S. Wheelan left NOVA to become the Secretary of Education for Virginia. Dr. Charles L. Downs served as interim president from January to August. Dr. Robert G. Templin, Jr. became the College's fourth president in August.

**2003** – The Medical Education Campus opened in Springfield.

**2006** – The Arlington Center and Reston Center opened for classes.

**2007** – NOVA became an Achieving the Dream College.

**2008** – The Innovation Park Center in Manassas opened for classes.

**2009** – Signal Hill in Sterling opened for classes.

**2010** – NOVA was distinguished as an Achieving the Dream Leader College.

**2015** – Dr. Robert G. Templin, Jr. retired in February and Dr. Mel Schiavelli became the acting president. Dr. Scott Ralls became the College's fifth president in September.

**2019** – Dr. Scott Ralls left NOVA to become the president of Wakefield Technical Community College in March. Dr. Mel Schiavelli became the interim president.

**2020** – Dr. Anne M. Kress became the College's sixth president in January. NOVA was recognized by Achieving the Dream as a Leader College of Distinction.

