

Global Engagement

Center for Global Engagement

CPCC created the Center for Global Engagement in July 2016 to support the many global initiatives in which the College is involved. Student initiatives include the Global Learning Office, North Carolina Scholars of Global Distinction, the Global Issues Forums, international service-learning opportunities and study abroad, as well as ties with local and international organizations to increase opportunities for workforce development and opportunities for students, faculty and staff to increase their global awareness and competencies.

Global Vision Leaders Group

Within the Charlotte Region, the Center for Global Engagement supports the Global Vision Leaders Group as they implement the Strategy for the Greater Charlotte Region Global Initiative 2016-2018. The Global Vision Leaders Group consists of about 180 regional business leaders and economic development professionals who gather quarterly to discuss ways that the Charlotte Region can "Create it, Make it, Move it, Export, Attract Foreign Direct Investment and Publicize efforts".

Global Competitiveness Summit

The annual Global Competitiveness Summit is a signature event of the College's Global Engagement efforts. The 2017 event marked the sixth summit where local, regional and national leaders met to consider issues of global competitiveness.

Charlotte Regional Collaborative

Another community initiative is the Charlotte Regional Collaborative for a Global Economy. Sixteen community colleges from 29 counties in both North and South Carolina come together to prepare, educate and train workers in the Charlotte region to be and remain competitive. Their work is jobs-driven and closely aligned with state, regional and local economic development efforts.

Global Logistics Center

Also part of the Center for Global Engagement is the College's Global Logistics Center which provides programs for individuals seeking jobs in supply chain management, logistics, transportation, warehousing, import/export compliance, business processes and more.

Global Learning

A goal of the CPCC Global Learning Office (GLO) is to prepare students and faculty for life and work in a global society. The GLO accomplishes this by facilitating the Global Issues Forums, expanding international service-learning opportunities and study abroad as well as strengthening ties with local and international organizations to increase opportunities for workforce development.

CPCC provides opportunities for students, faculty and staff to increase their global awareness and competencies. The College encourages faculty to globalize curriculum, host speakers on international topics and support participation in international community events. Global Learning provides an outstanding opportunity to broaden one's perspective and boost language skills, by offering short-term international programs in more than 10 countries.

In 2015, the College joined the N.C. Scholars of Global Distinction Program. This partnership between UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. Community Colleges is designed to equip students with the global competencies and skills needed for the 21st century workforce. Participating students expand their intercultural awareness and understanding of the global relevance of their college studies by completing the program's requirements.

Students also are exposed to cultures through the "Global Classroom," a virtually equipped class that connects CPCC students with classes around the world. Study abroad programs have included:

- language immersion in Peru, Germany and France,
- business courses in China and Brazil,
- liberal arts in Italy, France, and the United Kingdom, and
- service projects in Brazil and Tanzania.

A full year work-study scholarship to Germany also is possible through a liaison with the Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange. For more information, contact the Director of Global Learning at 704.330.6167 or visit cpcc.edu/study-abroad. The Office is located in Room 303 of the Overcash Building on Central Campus.