

How Do I Enroll in the Program?

In April, a packet of information including a letter of invitation, application and summer housing application will be mailed to students fitting the criteria. The first 130 students who respond by returning a completed application and housing application if planning to live on campus, will be eligible to participate in the program.

On-campus Living

Campus housing is available upon request and at the student's expense.



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ACCESS Summer Bridge Program

An Opportunity to Get A Head Start
in your Academic Year



Lending a helping hand to your Success.

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About The Program

The Norfolk State University (NSU) ACCESS Summer Bridge Program is a four-week, non-residential program that allows select first-time freshmen students to experience the NSU environment prior to entering the fall term. The Office of First Year Experience and Academy for Collegiate Excellence and Student Success (ACCESS) are responsible for administering the program. On-campus accommodations for students are available upon request and at the individuals' expense. The ACCESS Summer Bridge Program provides tuition and textbooks for the selected participants.

The program's staff includes peer mentors/advisors, tutors, and other residential counselors who are NSU students. Tutors provide tutorial assistance to individuals or small groups during designated study hours. The program's advisors and tutors possess records of academic success, a familiarity with the University, strong interpersonal skills, and a willingness to work with and act as positive role models for Summer Bridge students.

Who are the Program Advisors?

The ACCESS program advisors will monitor the academic progress of Summer Bridge students until university and department requirements are satisfied for graduation.



Participants

The students invited to participate in the Summer Bridge Program have been admitted to the University for the upcoming fall semester, and would benefit from academic strengthening in the areas of English, Mathematics, or Computer Literacy. Success in learning the content of these courses is a prerequisite for success in core courses at the university level.



The Courses

The ACCESS students will bridge the gap between high school and college through academic coursework and the opportunity to build relationships and network with students, faculty and staff. All students will take two of the four courses available from the following list of courses:

- Introduction to College Communications
- Communication Skills
- Elementary Algebra
- Computer Literacy

Who is Eligible for This Program?

First time, first year freshmen admitted to NSU for the upcoming fall semester are invited to participate based on test scores (SAT/ACT) and high school grade point average.

Academic Skills Seminars

The following Academic Skills Seminars will be presented to the ACCESS students:

- Developing Good Study Habits
- Rules & Regulations
- Note Taking Techniques
- Stress Management
- Test Taking Techniques
- Time Management
- ACCESS Lab Orientation



What Happens During Summer Bridge?

Participants take math, English, and a computer literacy course, which allows them the opportunity to advance to the next level and to earn 6 –7 college credits toward graduation.

Students will become familiar with the campus, academic expectations, campus resources and opportunities, career planning, cultural diversity, and develop study skills.

Summer Bridge students are more prepared to experience the challenges and meet the demands of a four-year university.