



2019-2019 STUDENT HANDBOOK

Student Resources, Policies and Procedures

GRADUATION AND BEYOND

Alumni & Friends Association

Because we want to partner with as many people as possible in support of education, in support of students, and in support of National Park College (NPC), the alumni association is comprised of not just those who have taken classes here, but those who have or do work here, and those in the community that "friend us" through their support.

All alumni are welcome to enjoy alumni events, use the services of the Career Center, utilize various community discounts, and more.

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Graduation

Are you planning to complete a program this year?

If so, you must apply for graduation via OASIS Self-Service before the deadline **during the term in which you expect to complete all requirements.**

Graduation/Degree Requirements

To be eligible for any associate degree at National Park College, a student must successfully complete at least 18 semester hours with the College regardless of transfer credits. Each additional associate degree will require another 18 semester hours with the College and the satisfactory completion of all required courses. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher for graduation.

Students may meet the graduation requirements listed in the catalog in effect at the time they enter the institution, or those listed in any later catalog. Exceptions to this policy include requirements from a catalog more than three years old, or changes in a program or curriculum mandated by external accrediting agencies.

Moving on to a Career

NPC has services that can help prepare you for applying and securing your dream job.

Keep The Lines of Communication with Your Program Director Open

Employers tend to contact their counterparts at NPC and inquire as to which students would be a "good fit" for their company. So, the first rule of thumb is to keep the line of communication with your program director open. Let them know the aspects of your career you enjoy the most, where you plan to locate after graduation, and type of work environment you desire. Then your program director can share with you job leads as he/she receives them. Also register for the CareerLink job postings.

Career Services

Career assessment, resume and job interview information, employment referral, and service learning activities are all available through NPC Career Services. The Career Center is located on the 2nd floor of the Gerald Fisher Campus Center, rooms 211 and 212. Services are available at no cost to NPC students. Internet access is available and job referrals are listed daily on the CareerLink website at np.edu/careerservices.

Career Services also sponsors community events on campus including Job Fairs, employer recruiting visits, workshops, and other activities.

The Career Ready Internship Grant is coordinated through Career Services. Information is available about community organizations that are seeking interns, and applications and information is available on the Career Services website or in the Career Center.

Information about job placement statistics of NPC graduates is located on the website. For additional information, please contact Career Services at 760-4243.

National Park University

National Park University (NPU) is designed to help you transfer to a four-year college or university. After completing your freshman and sophomore classes at NPC, you can complete your junior and senior level courses either online or on the campus of a partnering institution. NPU is excited to offer over 70 transfer degree opportunities with four-year colleges and universities. Transferring your NPC credits has never been easier.

More Information

<https://www.np.edu/npu>

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Transferring to a Four-Year University

Through the National Park University (NPU) initiative, NPC offers you over 70 transfer degree opportunities with four-year colleges and universities throughout the state of Arkansas. Each transfer degree program allows you to complete your lower-level (freshman/sophomore) courses at NPC without losing credit when transferring to a university. The NPC courses are equivalent to the same courses at a

university and are guaranteed to transfer. When you successfully complete your associate degree at NPC and meet the university admissions requirements, you will enter your university degree program as a junior.

Transferring to a university can be confusing, and the NPU website is designed to provide you with the resources needed to ensure your transfer experience is as well planned and seamless as possible. Visit the website at www.np.edu/npu for information about transfer degree plans, advising, checklists, scholarships, university representative visits, and transfer events.

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