

# Wake Early College of Health and Sciences



## FOCUSED ENVIRONMENT

### WHAT DO THE COURSES LOOK LIKE?

Each student takes courses that stretch their own personal limits, with the goal of gradually increasing the level of challenge from high school to college work at the pace most appropriate for the individual. This seamless integration of high school and college courses aligns with and meets credit requirements for an Associate Degree from Wake Technical Community College or entrance into a four-year college or university.

Project-based courses focus on integrated activities that mirror real-life experiences in the health fields in order to prepare students for internships and job shadowing and will ensure that students make meaning out of and connections among their learning.

*The Early College of Health and Sciences, a forerunner to needed reform, will bring the real world to our students with its career focus and emphasis on life-long learning. We should pay close attention to and look at replicating this effort in the future as we continue to develop new and effective learning models for our high school students.*

**Mr. William McNeal** — Wake County Public School System

### FACULTY INVESTMENT

Nimble Wake Tech and WCPSS faculty supported by selected members of the WakeMed staff, will:

- collaborate on blended courses that integrate high school and college requirements; and
- provide continuous support for students to ensure academic and personal success in all experiences.



## FOR ACCELERATED LEARNING

*The Early College will allow Wake Tech another opportunity to fulfill our mission of improving lives by meeting the lifelong educational needs of the community. This program helps to close the gap between the high school and community college education as well as serve as another innovative means of increasing the qualified people to enter the healthcare industry. We are looking forward to this being the first of several ventures of this nature.*

**Dr. Stephen Scott** — Wake Technical Community College

### THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

Partnering with WCPSS in the **Wake Early College of Health and Sciences**, Wake Technical Community College and WakeMed Health & Hospitals provide important resources for this unique school.

### WAKE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- houses the school on its Health Sciences campuses with classrooms, laboratories and resources, including college media services, available to students
- includes college faculty as part of the instructional team and student support system
- enrolls students in college courses

### WAKEMED HEALTH & HOSPITALS

- provides job shadowing and internship experiences
- includes employees as part of the instructional team
- offers the potential for employment in the hospital system



### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

This opportunity is open to current 8th graders in Wake County. WECHS will attract both the best and brightest, along with those students who have the potential to be our future leaders, scientists, and researchers. Applicants should:

- be creative, curious, with high self-expectations,
- desire a challenging and accelerated program,
- be willing to take a positive risk and enjoy new and different ideas,
- display leadership potential and ability to be self-directed,
- be willing to try new methods of instruction with high school, college, and medical professionals, and
- be excited about a different learning environment that is surrounded by health and science professionals.



*This collaboration between WakeMed, Wake Tech and the Wake County Public School System supports our commitment to the community in educating the future health care professionals of tomorrow.*

**Dr. William Atkinson** — WakeMed Health & Hospitals

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

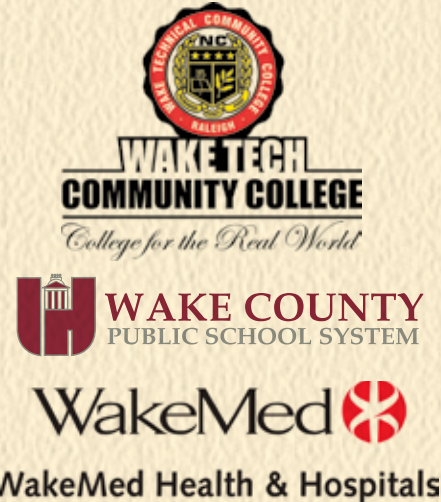
- Located on Wake Tech Health Sciences campus adjacent to WakeMed
- Small school setting of no more than 400 students
- Continuous support for academic success
- Certificate programs or Associate Degrees are available
- Free, transferable college credit while attending high school
- Internships, job shadowing, community service experiences
- PULSE



### WHAT IS PULSE?

WECHS students check their PULSE — *Participation, Understanding, Leadership, Scholarship, and Excellence* — on a daily basis. This program connects them to an advisor who keeps them focused on their goals.

[www.wcpss.net/early-college/](http://www.wcpss.net/early-college/)



To learn more about the **Wake Early College of Health and Sciences** or to receive an application, please contact

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A SCHOOL FOR THE REAL WORLD  
WITH A FOCUSED ENVIRONMENT  
FOR ACCELERATED LEARNING



**A Learn and Earn  
Early College High School  
Committed to Academic Excellence,  
Curriculum Acceleration and  
Success for all Students**

WHAT IS THE  
WAKE EARLY COLLEGE  
OF HEALTH AND SCIENCES?

While enrolled in the **Wake Early College of Health and Sciences (WECHS)** students participate in an academic program that fulfills North Carolina high school graduation requirements and allows them to complete college coursework as part of their high school career. The school's theme — *health and sciences* — is integrated throughout the curriculum.

Students follow the Wake Technical Community College calendar. They benefit from a year-round instructional program that includes the summer WECHS *High Achievers Program* and the opportunity to enroll in community college courses.



**FOR ACCELERATED LEARNING**

To download an application,  
visit the web site at:  
[www.wcpss.net/early-college/](http://www.wcpss.net/early-college/)

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