



# October 2023 Newsletter

## A Message from the State Director



Happy Fall! I would be remiss if I did not begin by thanking each of you for the incredible job you did transitioning to a new data management system. We know it was a heavy lift and we appreciate your hard work, persistence, and patience.

As we continue our work in the 2023–2024 program year, I'd encourage you to review the System Office's Strategic plan: [Leading through Change](#). This plan guides the decisions and actions of the NCCCS State Board. Goal 4 of the plan addresses Economic and Workforce Development.

As you plan your CCR programming, I'd ask you to consider the following objectives of Goal 4 and how these objectives might guide your programming decisions:

- Cultivate a robust pipeline of highly skilled workers that meets the needs of employers and helps grow the economies of your region or service area.
- Respond to employment preparation opportunities with instruction focused on relevant skills, credential attainment, and competency development.
- Increase access to training, education, and wraparound services needed by students to achieve their career goals and upward mobility.

I look forward to seeing you all in person at the regional meetings planned for November and December! Let us know how we can support you and your students!

*Sandra Thompson, NC Title II State Director  
AVP for College and Career Readiness, NCCCS*

# FEATURED NEWS: Introducing The CCR BLOG

Check out our BRAND NEW [College & Career Readiness BLOG](#) for announcements and news not included in our quarterly newsletter. Featuring articles on advocacy in Adult Ed, alternative forms of funding, some exceptional student success stories, and much much more!



## We Need Your Input!

### WANTED: Content for our Newly-Launched CCR blog!

Please share with us your student success stories, highlights from a program that has excelled within your community, examples of best practices from your program, and anything else you consider news-worthy for the field. Please forward your content, including associated media, to **Leigh Davidson** at [davidsonl@ncccommunitycolleges.edu](mailto:davidsonl@ncccommunitycolleges.edu). You will be contacted directly if additional information is required.

## Professional Development Updates

### Upcoming Webinars and Events

#### NOVEMBER

- 11/06/23: ADVANSYS Tour – McDowell Tech CC
- 11/09/23: New Directors' Orientation (NDO) Session 1 – Director Responsibilities
- 11/14/23: ADVANSYS Tour – Lenoir CC
- 11/14/23: Best Instructional Practices from COABE Atlanta – Session 2
- 11/29/23: ADVANSYS Tour – Richmond CC
- 11/30/23: Career Pathways Session 2 – Managed Enrollment

#### JANUARY

- 01/11/24: NDO Session 3 – Performance & Monitoring
- 01/16/24: Best Instructional Practices from COABE Atlanta – Session 4
- 01/25/24: Career Pathways Session 4 – Circle of Support

You can access the event information, including registration, from the [CCR PD Events Calendar](#).

Visit our [CCR BLOG](#) for additional professional development events, webinar and training opportunities.

- 12/06/23: ADVANSYS Tour – Alamance CC
- 12/07/23: CASAS & BEST Assessment Update
- 12/11/23: ADVANSYS Tour – Central Piedmont CC
- 12/12/23: ADVANSYS Tour – Johnston CC
- 12/12/23: Best Instructional Practices from COABE Atlanta – Session 3
- 12/13/23: Career Pathways Session 3 – Marketing for Career Pathways & IETs
- 12/14/23: NDO Session 2 – Answers for Directors

## Instructor Credentialing Course Schedule

The CORE, ASE Language Arts (LA), and ASE Math courses are ten-week, online, asynchronous courses with weekly scheduled assignments.

Below is the credentialing schedule for the remainder of PY 2023–2024. [Scholarship links](#) for the courses will be open to receive applications six weeks prior to the start of each course.

CORE	Jan 22 – March 29, 2024
ASE LA	Feb 5 – April 12, 2024
CORE	March 25 – May 31, 2024

## Compliance Corner

The 2023–24 Continuous Fiscal and Programmatic Reporting Moodle is now ready for use! The purpose of the reporting Moodle is to provide a mechanism that will allow program directors to securely upload required Title II documentation. Read on for some reporting reminders.

### Fiscal Documentation

- **Community Colleges – XDBR** reports are due by the **15th of each month**.
- **Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)** – Requests for Reimbursements are due by the **5th working day of each month**.

### Time and Effort Reporting

- **Monthly Reporting:** Providers that are required to submit Time and Effort reports on a monthly basis must submit documentation via the Moodle link on the **15th of each month**.
- **Semi-Annual Reporting:** Providers that are required to submit Semi-Annual Time and Effort Reports must submit documentation via the Moodle link on or before **January 15, 2024 and July 15, 2024**.

If you have questions regarding submission dates or technical assistance, please reach out to **Arbony Cooper**, Coordinator of Compliance and Monitoring, at [coopera@nccommunitycolleges.edu](mailto:coopera@nccommunitycolleges.edu).

## Data & Performance Updates

ADVANSYS training resources and guides can be accessed in the following locations.

- ADVANSYS Support Tab>Downloads – Full ADVANSYS user manual and job aids specific to CCR employee daily tasks, complete with screenshots and step-by-step procedures.
- [NCCCS CCR ADVANSYS Website](#)  
Provides crosswalks, NC specific job aids and information about the Colleague to ADVANSYS transition.
- [NCCCS CCR Professional Development Archives](#)  
Provides recordings of ADVANSYS training sessions on general use of the system in production.
- Service Now (colleges) – Provides knowledge base articles and recordings of all training sessions related to the ADVANSYS project, as well as Boomi integration troubleshooting job aids.

Please note that ADVANSYS office hours will continue, every **Tuesday & Thursday at 1:00pm** via MS Teams, **through Tuesday, October 31, 2023**. These sessions are recorded and posted to Service Now for providers to review at a later time.

## HSE Office/CCR Assessment Updates

Greetings from the HSE Office!

As we are moving into the second quarter of the 2023–2024 program year, we want to remind providers about Multiple Pathways to High School Equivalency (MPHSE) as an option for moving students toward their academic goals. MPHSE is North Carolina’s approved alternate pathway for earning a High School Equivalency credential, and we have been pleased to see so many students become graduates who may not otherwise have demonstrated success!

If you want to become more familiar with MPHSE, here are some resources we have available to assist you:

- [The MPHSE Operating Guidelines](#)
- [2023 MPHSE Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [March 2023 MPHSE Training Webinar](#)

If you have any students who might be good candidates for using MPHSE to complete their HSE credentials, please feel free to reach out to **Penny Wacaster** ([pmwacaster83@go.mcdowelltech.edu](mailto:pmwacaster83@go.mcdowelltech.edu)) or **Jenifer Bean** ([beanj@ncccommunitycolleges.edu](mailto:beanj@ncccommunitycolleges.edu)) with your questions or for advice on how to get started. We look forward to helping you and your students cross the finish line on their HSE credentials!

## Welcome Shelbra Jackson

Please welcome Shelbra Jackson to the CCR team. Shelbra serves as the CCR Program Coordinator. She comes to the System Office from the Department of Health and Human Services. She has also worked at both Wayne CC and Johnston CC in Workforce Development, Occupational Extension, and Academic Programs & Student Services. She holds a Masters of Arts Degree in Organizational Management. She was married to the Former Corporal Claude Jackson who lost his life to cancer in 2022. They were married 24 years and have two daughters Keanna Necole and Taylor Noelle. Shelbra loves basket making, crafts, and sharing time with family and friends. She is also active in her church and community. Shelbra's email address is [jacksons@nccommunitycolleges.edu](mailto:jacksons@nccommunitycolleges.edu).



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## Welcome Leigh Davidson



Please also welcome Leigh Davidson who now serves as the Professional Development and Distance Ed Specialist. Many of you know Leigh from her work with the 2023 PDF Network. Leigh's professional experience includes ELL instruction, teacher training, distance learning, and professional development facilitation. Leigh has taught at both Durham Tech CC and Wake Tech CC. Prior to moving to Raleigh, Leigh taught at Yildiz Technical University in Istanbul, Turkey. And before that, Leigh was a real-life Indiana Jones, working as an archaeologist in the Southwestern US, Egypt, and Senegal. Leigh holds a BA in Anthropology from Columbia and the Cambridge CELTA Certificate in adult ELL instruction. She lives in Raleigh with her husband, Erkut, and their two furry kitty-kids, Barney and Kirby. When Leigh isn't obsessing over PD, she volunteers at the Wake County Animal Center and practices both yoga and dance. You can reach Leigh at [davidsonl@nccommunitycolleges.edu](mailto:davidsonl@nccommunitycolleges.edu).

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## Welcome Gracie Marie Brown!



The Brown family welcomed Miss Gracie Marie Brown at 9:11 am on October 4. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches in length. Mother, Brandy Brown, is doing great. Both mother and father, Matthew Brown, are totally enchanted by Gracie. Big brothers Joseph and Thomas are also in love with and in awe of their new little sister.



## Resources and Reminders

### On-Demand PD Opportunities

- IELCE Certification Course
- Introduction to Title II Performance and Accountability Requirements
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Training

Visit the [CCR On-Demand](#) web page to access these courses through Moodle.

Any issues with the CORD Moodle platform can be directed to **Leigh Davidson** at [davidsonl@nccommunitycolleges.edu](mailto:davidsonl@nccommunitycolleges.edu).



On-demand professional development, specifically for Adult Ed practitioners, can be found at the [LINCS Learning Portal](#).

Each NC Title II program has a NorthStar Digital Literacy account with unlimited assessments. Contact **Daniel Loges**, at [logesd@nccommunitycolleges.edu](mailto:logesd@nccommunitycolleges.edu), if you need help accessing your NorthStar account.



Each NC IELCE program has access to BurlingtonEnglish seats. The goal of the BurlingtonEnglish state purchase is to provide IELCE programs a resource to implement more distance learning options for their students. Contact **Daniel Loges**, at [logesd@nccommunitycolleges.edu](mailto:logesd@nccommunitycolleges.edu), if you need assistance with BurlingtonEnglish seats.



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