PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

ANNUAL REPORT: 2025

Submitted by the State Board of Proprietary Schools to the State Board of Community Colleges Pursuant to §115D-89.3 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 115D-89.3

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §115D-89.3, the State Board of Community Colleges shall receive a written report annually from the State Board of Proprietary Schools to include the number of schools receiving initial licenses during the previous year, a list of currently licensed proprietary schools, school closures during the previous year, including a complete report of actions concerning any catastrophic closures, complaints received and resulting decisions or actions, total fees received, and balances of the Commercial Education Fund and the Student Protection Fund.

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*Total Reported Enrollment in NC Proprietary Schools (FY 2024-2025) - 11,536

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INITIALLY LICENSED SCHOOLS

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Fourteen proprietary schools were initially licensed during the 2024 - 2025 licensing year.

TABLE A: Initially Licensed Proprietary Schools, 2024 - 2025 (14)

1 st Draw Phlebotomy Training	*Miller-Motte College - Raleigh
Carolina Health Care Academy	NC Dental U - Kernersville
CNA Training Academy	Port City Phlebotomy Training Center
Grace Med Academy	Raleigh Dental Assistant School
Jacksonville Dental Assistant School	Strayer University – South Charlotte
*Miller-Motte College - Fayetteville	Summit Dental Assisting Academy
*Miller-Motte College - Jacksonville	*Triad Medical Academy

^{*}Sold during the 2024 - 2025 licensing year. As a result, the new school owner was required to complete the initial licensing process.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOL CLOSURES

(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Six schools closed or did not renew licenses for the 2025 - 2026 licensing year.

TABLE B: Proprietary School Closures, 2024 – 2025 (6)

Accelerated Academy – Rocky Mount	Medical Careers Readiness of NC
(Initially Licensed 2023)	(Initially Licensed 2023)
Classic Training Academy	Queen City Health Care Academy
(Initially Licensed 2023)	(Initially Licensed 2023)
Institute of Phlebotomy Education	Triple A Phlebotomy
(Initially Licensed 2024)	(Initially Licensed 2023)

There were no catastrophic closures during license year 2024-2025. To the knowledge and understanding of the Office of Proprietary Schools, all students at the above institutions have been taught out and no student refunds are owed. The schools above were advised to transfer student records to the North Carolina Archives.

STUDENT COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND RESULTING ACTIONS

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

The Office of Proprietary Schools has written procedures for handling student complaints: <u>Students - NCCCS (nccommunitycolleges.edu)</u>.

TABLE C: Student Complaints Received, July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 (3)

In February 2025, a student contacted OPS with concerns about a school in Asheville alleging students were told the school could revise the contract it had with students and expressed concerns about HIPPA compliance. OPS provided the school with written guidance to resolve the issues. The school made all requested changes, but some students elected to withdraw from the school. One of the students formally requested relief from the State Board of Proprietary Schools. The student's request for relief was placed on the Board's August meeting agenda for review and action.

In March 2025, a student filed a complaint against a school in Winston-Salem alleging to be enrolled in a six-month "Beta" Medical Assistant program that did not complete in six months, and the school falsely advised her that she would be eligible to sit for the Registered Medical Assistant certification. The student formally withdrew from the school and requested a refund. OPS advised the school to immediately refund all nine students who were enrolled into the program, which it did. The complaint also alleged issues regarding cleanliness and expired equipment in the school lab. OPS subsequently conducted an unannounced visit to the school and opened an ongoing investigation pursuant to the Community Colleges Code.

In June 2025, a student filed a complaint against a school in Greensboro alleging she was improperly terminated from a Nurse Aide I program. The school provided documentation showing the student was terminated pursuant to its written policy of missing more than one day of clinicals. The student wanted to attend clinicals while she was sick, but the instructor (an RN) did not permit her to do so for patient safety reasons. OPS found the complaint did not establish a violation of licensing standards or any serious deviation of educational standards imposed by the State Board of Community Colleges.

LICENSED PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

(July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

On May 16, 2025, the State Board of Community Colleges approved license renewals for 121 proprietary schools. The licenses run from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

TABLE D: PROPRIETARY SCHOOL LICENSE RENEWALS (121)

- 1st Draw Phlebotomy Training
- 2. Accelerated Academy Boone
- Accelerated Academy Cary
- Accelerated Academy Concord
- 5. Accelerated Academy - Fayetteville
- Accelerated Academy Gastonia
- Accelerated Academy Greensboro 7.
- 8. Accelerated Academy Hendersonville
- Accelerated Academy Hickory 9.
- 10. Accelerated Academy Wilmington
- 11. Advanced Medical NC Training College
- 12. Airstreams Renewables
- 13. Amazing Grace Dental Assisting Academy of Gastonia
- 14. American Academy of Healthcare
- 15. Animal Behavior Institute (4)
- 16. Arise Health Training Institute
- 17. ASAP Dental Assistant Program (1)
- 18. Aviation Institute of Maintenance
- 19. Blooming Heart School of Health
- 20. Care One Health Training Institute (3)
- 21. Caring For Life Castle Hayne (9)
- 22. Caring For Life Jacksonville (9)
- 23. Carolina Health Care Academy (1)
- 24. Carolina School of Phlebotomy
- 25. Certquik (1)
- 26. Charlotte Dental Assistant School
- 27. Chaz Training School
- 28. Chosen Healthcare Institute
- 29. CNA Training Academy
- 30. Coder Foundry31. Cumberland Nursing Academy
- 32. D.A. Academy of NC
- 33. DA 1.5 Dental Assisting School
- 34. Dental Assistant Training Centers
- 35. Dental Assisting Preparatory Academy
- 36. Dental Assisting School of North Carolina
- 37. Dental Concepts Academy
- Dental Staff Institute
- 39. Discovery Diving
- 40. Diversified Healthcare Training Institute
- 41. Divine Health Academy
- 42. ECPI University Charlotte

- ECPI University Greensboro
- ECPI University Raleigh
- 45. EduDent School of Dental Assisting
- 46. Effinity Healthcare Training Center
- 47. EHC Health Career Institute
- 48. Elite Healthcare Training Center (1)
- 49. Fast Track Career Prep (11)
- 50. Grace Med Academy (1)
- 51. Gwinnett College
- Hand and Hand Health Training Center 52.
- 53. Hands On Dental Assistant Training
- 54. **Highland Canine Training**
- 55. Hope of Solace Institute
- 56. Hunter Health Career College
- Ideal Health Institute
- 58. Innovation Institute of Healthcare Solutions
- 59. Innovative Systems Group
- 60. Joyful Belly School of Ayurveda
- 61. Kannapolis Dental Assisting Academy
- 62. Lake Norman Grooming Academy (1)
- 63. Lakeside Dental Assisting School
- 64. Mercy Training Institute
- More Than Conquerors College 65.
- Mount Eagle College (8) 66.
- 67. MyComputerCareer@Charlotte (10)
- MyComputerCareer@Raleigh (6) 68.
- 69. National Institute of Dental Assisting -Jacksonville
- 70. National Institute of Dental Assisting -Wilmington
- 71. NC Dental U - Cary
- 72. NC Dental U - Charlotte
- 73. NC Dental U – Fayetteville
- NC Dental U Goldsboro
- 75. NC Dental U - Greenville
- 76. NC Dental U - Jacksonville
- 77. NC Dental U - Kernersville
- 78. NC Dental U - Smithfield
- 79. NC Dental U - Wake Forest
- NC Dental U Wilson 80.
- 81. Neslyn Health Institute
- Nikcor Learning Group LLC, dba Great **Horizons Career Centers**

- 83. North Carolina Assisted Living Consulting (1)
- 84. Nursing Careers Institute (1)
- 85. Nurturing Hands Academy
- 86. Phlebotomy Training Specialists Charlotte (2)
- 87. Phlebotomy Training Specialists Raleigh
- 88. Piedmont Dental Assistants
- 89. PIT Instruction & Training
- 90. Port City Phlebotomy Training Center
- 91. Premier Dental Assisting Academy
- 92. ProTrain College
- 93. Raleigh Dental Assistant School
- 94. Royal Dental Assistant Academy
- 95. Sandhills Dental Career Center
- 96. Sankofa Training & Wellness Institute
- 97. SembraSchool
- 98. Senior Care Training Center
- 99. Serenity Nurse Aide Academy
- 100. Shades of Purple
- 101. South College of Tennessee
- 102. Southeast Propane Alliance Technical Education Center
- 103. Southeastern College (5)

- 104. Southern College of Health Sciences
- 105. Stepping Stone Medical
- 106. Summit Dental Assisting Academy
- Sunrise School of Dental Assisting -Favetteville
- Sunrise School of Dental Assisting -Greensboro
- 109. Sunrise School of Dental Assisting -Raleigh
- 110. Tarheel Canine Training
- 111. The Ayurvedic Institute
- 112. The Dental Assisting Institute at Huntersville
- 113. The School of Skilled Trades
- 114. Triad Medical Academy
- 115. Triangle School of Dental Assisting
- 116. Umanah Healthcare Institute Charlotte
- 117. Umanah Healthcare Institute Gastonia (1)
- 118. Unity Nursing Institute
- 119. Universal Technical Institute (7)
- 120. War Memorial Nurse Aide I Training Academy
- 121. Wisdom Health Academy
- (1) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of a current and active bond with minimum coverage of \$25,000.
- (2) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of a current and active bond with minimum coverage of \$39,658.
- (3) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of a current and active bond effective July 1, 2025, with minimum coverage of \$169,632.
- (4) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of a current and active bond effective July 1, 2025, with minimum coverage of \$361,693.
- (5) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of a current and active bond with minimum coverage of \$503,682.
- (6) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of a current and active bond with minimum coverage of \$1,236,596.
- (7) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of a current and active bond with minimum coverage of \$1,314,974.
- (8) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of a current and active bond with minimum coverage of \$25,000; and submission of quarterly financial reports (July 1, 2025 June 30, 2026) to the Office of Proprietary Schools, immediate notice of any financial

default, and submission of a financial improvement plan as directed by the Office of Proprietary Schools.

- (9) Recommendation is contingent upon renewal of a current and active bond for the Jacksonville campus with minimum coverage of \$43,761; and submission of quarterly financial reports (July 1, 2025 June 30, 2026) to the Office of Proprietary Schools, immediate notice of any financial default, and submission of a financial improvement plan as directed by the Office of Proprietary Schools.
- (10) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of a current and active bond with minimum coverage of \$337,624; and submission of quarterly financial reports (July 1, 2025 June 30, 2026) to the Office of Proprietary Schools, immediate notice of any financial default or change in accreditation status or Title IV participation eligibility with the U.S. Department of Education, and submission of a financial improvement plan as directed by the Office of Proprietary Schools.
- (11) Recommendation is contingent upon submission of quarterly financial reports (July 1, 2025 June 30, 2026) to the Office of Proprietary Schools, immediate notice of any financial default, and submission of a financial improvement plan as directed by the Office of Proprietary Schools.

On June 1, 2025, Cetquik's Director advised OPS that she and her business partner were dissolving the school effective immediately.

TABLE D: Initial Licenses, FY 2025 - 2026 (5)

On May 16, 2025, the State Board of Community Colleges approved initial licensing for five proprietary schools. The licenses run from May 16, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Jacksonville Dental Assistant School	*Miller-Motte College - Raleigh
*Miller-Motte College - Fayetteville	Strayer University – South Charlotte Campus
*Miller-Motte College - Jacksonville	

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TABLE E: Total Fees Received, FY 2024 - 2025

(License Fee Receipts as of June 30, 2025)

Fiscal Year	Receipts Collected
2024-2025	\$404,100.89
2023-2024	\$402,900.00
2022-2023	\$385,750.00

(Student Protection Fund Receipts as of June 30, 2025)

Fiscal Year	Receipts Collected
2024-2025	*\$17,500.00
2023-2024	\$100,118.01
2022-2023	\$103,482.23

*In December 2024, the North Carolina Legislature overrode Governor Cooper's veto of SB382. The new law relieves licensed proprietary schools from paying into the Student Protection Fund unless the balance falls below \$1.5 Million. The total receipts figure for the 2024-2025 license year reflects this statutory change.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOL FUND BALANCES

TABLE F: Fund Balances as of June 30, 2025

COMMERCIAL EDUCATION FUND	STUDENT PROTECTION FUND
\$1,176,558.18	\$1,652,827.91