

Ashley High School Courses Requiring an Application

Striving to Achieve Academic Excellence (STAE): STAE students fall in the academic middle, have college potential, yet need extra support. Our program will focus on teaching the expectations schools have of all students that we don't always teach them--study skills, test taking skills, note taking, time management, and organization. Good applicants for the STAE program will have:

- 2.0-3.5 GPA (academic middle)
- No major attendance or discipline issues
- College potential with support
- Under-represented in four-year colleges (for example: first generation college, minority, low income)
- Circumstances that may hinder student's path to college

Additional information about the STAE program in New Hanover County Schools, including the **application**, can be found at: <https://sites.google.com/a/nhcs.net/staeprogram/>.

Marine Science Academy (MSA): A challenging academic program that combines college level oceanography and marine biology coursework, career exploration internship, field research, and summer enrichment. Students conduct authentic shipboard research, data analysis, and compose college level scientific papers. Additional information can be found on the MSA website at <http://mslthompson.wixsite.com/marinescienceacademy>.

Rising 9th & 10th Grades: Students will be grouped with like interested students and get to participate in Marine Science opportunities each quarter. **Students should apply by using this link:** <http://mslthompson.wixsite.com/marinescienceacademy/news-and-events>

Rising 11th & 12th Grades (Oceanography OCN 150L, Biology of the Sea BIO 170L and Continuing Coursework at UNC-W): The minimum requirements for acceptance into the Academy are strong academic success in *Honors Earth/Environmental Science, Honors Biology, and Honors Chemistry*. **The application can be found on the MSA website at <http://mslthompson.wixsite.com/marinescienceacademy> under "Apply Now".**

Honors Nursing Fundamentals: Honors Nursing Fundamentals is designed for students interested in medical careers where basic nursing skills are required. This course helps to prepare students for the National Nurse Aide Assessment (NNAAP). Work-based learning strategies appropriate for this course include a required clinical internship in a long-term care agency. Students will be required to provide a current drug screening and tuberculosis screening before beginning the clinical internship. Course enrollment is limited to 10 students per section. **Interested students should see Ms. Gambino in room 709.**

Library Media Skills (Media Assistant): The role of the student library media assistant is to have a service learning experience. They provide assistance to students and faculty and help with the successful operation of the Media Center. Through performance-based assignments, media assistants learn Information and Media skills based on the NCDPI Media Assistant curriculum. Applications are due to Ms Absi by April 30th and are on the **Ashley HS Media Center webpage at <http://ashley.nhcs.libguides.com/ashleyhighmediacenter>.**

Yearbook (Journalism I/Honors Journalism II): This program is two semesters each year and focuses on the creation and publication of the AHS Yearbook. Students currently enrolled in the Yearbook class should select Honors Journalism II twice on their course selections. **Students who would like to join the class for the first time should see Mrs. Heise in room 406 regarding an application and need to select two alternates.**

CTE Internship: Students can earn course credit for either paid or unpaid work hours that meet specific criteria. **See Mrs. Pridgen in Student Services for more information.**

NCVPS (online course): There are many additional course options available online through the North Carolina Virtual Public School sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction. **Students must complete an application on Mr. Dorow's website: <https://sites.google.com/a/nhcs.net/neal-dorow/>.** Parent approval is required as well.