

MISSION

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the nation's first public university, serves North Carolina, the United States, and the world through teaching, research, and public service. We embrace an unwavering commitment to excellence as one of the world's great research universities. Our mission is to serve as a center for research, scholarship, and creativity and to teach a diverse community of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students to become the next generation of leaders. Through the efforts of our exceptional faculty and staff, and with generous support from North Carolina's citizens, we invest our knowledge and resources to enhance access to learning and to foster the success and prosperity of each rising generation. We also extend knowledge-based services and other resources of the university to the citizens of North Carolina and their institutions to enhance the quality of life for all people in the State. With lux, libertas – light and liberty – as its founding principles, the university has charted a bold course of leading change to improve society and to help solve the world's greatest problems.

CAMPUS DESCRIPTION

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the nation's first public university, was chartered in 1789 and opened to students in 1795. Today, UNC-Chapel Hill ranks among the great institutions of higher education in the nation, with offerings in 77 bachelor's, 107 master's, 69 doctorate and six professional degree programs. The University enrolls 17,900 undergraduate students and 10,950 graduate and professional students who are taught by a 3,500-member faculty. Carolina's nationally acclaimed academics offer opportunities for public service, leadership, global study and research. UNC-Chapel Hill has a steadfast commitment to access and affordability with programs like the Carolina Covenant, which provides a debt-free education to low-income students from North Carolina and beyond.

VOLUNTARY STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT (VSA)

<http://collegeportraits.org/NC/UNC-Chapel-Hill>

CAMPUS WEB SITE

www.unc.edu

MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNC TOMORROW

UNC-Chapel Hill has undertaken a wide array of programs that address the UNC Tomorrow goals, such as global readiness, access to higher education, public education, economic transformation, health and environment. But the initiative that grew out of our UNC Tomorrow response that we believe will have the greatest impact is the Community-Campus Partnership for Tomorrow. UNC-Chapel Hill made a campus-wide commitment to create a comprehensive, integrated partnership with economically distressed communities in a way that would produce real and lasting change. We have since dropped the “for Tomorrow” from the name because the partnership is a reality today with teams of faculty, students and staff in both Lenoir and Caswell counties for a two-year pilot project that is already producing results.

Link to UNC Tomorrow report: <http://www.unc.edu/pse/files/CarolinaUNCTResponse.pdf>

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INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

From H. Holden Thorp, chancellor since July 2008

“Carolina’s leaders have held true to a bold concept: to aspire to global academic eminence while focusing our teaching and our service on North Carolina’s students and people. We’re the university of ‘both/and:’ both academic prominence and a commitment to our state. Because of our guiding principle of academic excellence plus service, Carolina is perfectly suited to leverage our young peoples’ interests in the great problems facing our world. Our service to the state begins with attracting and inspiring the smart young people of North Carolina to come to Chapel Hill. It continues when they graduate and become alumni who contribute to the economy and society here at home and become leaders in communities across the state.”