

PROGRAM

GEAR UP stands for “Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs” and is a national college access initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Education. GEAR UP NC is administered by the University of North Carolina General Administration. For more information about GEAR UP NC, visit northcarolina.edu/gearup.

7YR
GRANT



22,000+
STUDENTS
& FAMILIES



46
MIDDLE &
HIGH SCHOOLS



ELEVEN
GEAR UP
DISTRICTS



FIVE
COLLEGE SUCCESS
DISTRICTS



STATEWIDE
DISSEMINATION OF
COLLEGE ACCESS
INFORMATION

SERVICES

GEAR UP provides support to district leadership, teachers, counselors, students, and families through the following:

Professional development of district leaders and staff

Rigorous Academic Curriculum

Student Supportive Services

Family and Community Outreach

Student Mentoring

Student and Family Financial Aid Counseling/Advising

Student and Family Academic and Career Counseling/Advising

GOAL

To significantly increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Increase academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education for GEAR UP students.

Increase the rate of high school graduation and participation in postsecondary education for GEAR UP students.

Increase GEAR UP students' and families' knowledge of postsecondary options, preparation requirements, and financing.

GEAR UP NC aims to create a college-going culture in district schools through data driven services.

