

# NHTI: NEW STUDENT FAQ

## Do I have an academic advisor?

Yes! At NHTI, we encourage you to work closely with an academic advisor to help define academic, career, and life goals. Whether you need guidance selecting classes, transferring to a four-year school, or clarifying long-term goals, an advisor is available to assist in the process.

Students enrolled in Criminal Justice, Biology, or Nursing are advised by department chairs or other faculty advisors. The [Academic Advising Center](#), located in Sweeney Hall 103, serves Liberal Arts students as well as students taking classes in the evening or not enrolled in an academic program.

## Why do I have to take placement testing?

We have several assessments that measure your abilities, aptitudes, and attitudes. The results of your testing tell your advisor about your readiness for college and the appropriate courses you should take to build a foundation for success. Your advisor will review this information with you and guide you in your course selection. The cost of ACCUPLACER® is \$20.00. This non-refundable fee will be charged to your account at the time of testing.

## How much time should I plan on studying in college?

In general, plan on 1-2 hours for each hour per week spent in the classroom. To be successful, you're encouraged to study for a minimum of three hours for each hour spent in the classroom each week. As you progress in your academic major, the courses will become more challenging, and you may find the need to study more.

## Will I have time to get a job?

If you are a full-time student, you should view this as your job. Plan on 15 hours in class each week, 45 hours studying, 56 hours sleeping, 25 hours eating and personal hygiene; this leaves you with 27 free hours each week. That's not a lot of time to spare.

If working part time is a necessity, consider a reduced course load to balance your priorities effectively and extend the amount of time it will take you to complete your program.

## How much will NHTI cost me?

Your NHTI tuition varies depending on your course load and whether or not you choose to live on campus, but in general it's \$215 per credit – that's the lowest per-credit tuition rate in New Hampshire! If you choose to live in the residence hall, you'll add these costs to your tuition and fee amount each semester.

## Is there financial aid available to help me pay for college?

Yes! Financial aid comes in many forms of merit and need-based [scholarships](#), [grants](#), [work-study employment](#), and loans. You can fill out a FAFSA form to be considered for financial aid – the [Financial Aid Office](#) can help.

## What services are available on campus to help me become a better college student?

Your advisor will be a great resource to point you in the right direction, and we offer many services through our [Academic Center for Excellence \(ACE\)](#).

Other services which are ready to assist you include:

- The [Office of Accessibility Services](#) offers support to students with disabilities to become more independent learners in the form of tutoring, counseling, and assistive technologies.
- The [Counseling Office](#) on campus can assist students in identifying and achieving their educational and life goals to enhance their learning environment throughout the institution.
- Some major programs also offer Peer Mentors who are senior level students available to guide and mentor new students.
- The [Health Services Office](#) can assist students in compliance with health/immunization information needed for college entry, an Allied Health program, or athletics.

## How is going to college different from high school?

College can be a wonderful, rewarding, insightful experience that expands your horizons and allows you to grow as an independent individual. You have new opportunities open to you and the responsibility of handling your own affairs and future.

With this responsibility, though, comes consequences. You're in charge of monitoring your own educational and social decisions and will be held accountable for those decisions. All NHTI students are expected to follow the published policies in the [Student Handbook](#), including the [Student Code of Conduct](#), which prohibits acts of dishonesty such as cheating and plagiarism.

Faculty members will expect you to take personal responsibility for your learning by working independently and adhering to classroom protocols, [attendance requirements](#), and due dates, and by following the guidelines specified in the course syllabus your faculty member will provide to you at the beginning of every course.

There are more than financial consequences to letting coursework slide. If you stop attending a course without following the appropriate [Dropping a Class/Withdrawing from NHTI](#), your instructor may drop you from the course with a failing grade at any point.

If your credit load drops too far, you may no longer be eligible to live in the residence halls or to play [intercollegiate sports](#). If your Grade Point Average is too low at the end of the semester, you may be suspended from your program for a semester or more and have to re-apply in order to finish the program. If you fail to make [satisfactory progress](#) in your degree program, you may also jeopardize your eligibility for [financial aid](#).

It is critical that you communicate with your instructors and advisor right away if you are experiencing any problems that threaten your successful completion of any of your courses. Your problem is neither unique nor insurmountable. There are more options than you might think to maintain good academic standing, and your instructors and advisor are available to help you find the best solution.

## Are there important dates or deadlines I need to know about?

Each semester, there are several important dates to remember. You can contact your advisor or view our [Course Catalog](#) for a full listing of those important dates.

## Some dates to keep in mind include:

Until the 14th calendar day of the semester, you can drop a course with a 100% refund of tuition, less non-refundable fees. Classes that meet in a format shorter than the traditional semester have a reduced drop with a refund period (See [Dropping Classes/Withdrawing from NHTI](#) and the [Drop Date Grid](#) for specifics.)

- By the 8th week of the semester, midterm exams will be done and academic warnings will be issued. This is your wake-up call to connect with your faculty and understand what you need to do to pass a course.
- Up until the 9th week of the semester, you may [withdraw with a “W” grade](#).
- The 15th week of the semester is the true crunch time when papers, projects, and presentations will be due.
- The 16th week of the semester is final exam week.

## Can I change my program once I have begun taking classes?

Of course! If you want to change your program, obtain a **Request for Change of Program form** from the Admissions Office and have your current department chair and intended department chair sign it. There is no cost for completing this form and you do not need to submit a new application for admission!

Return the Form to the Admissions Office where it will be processed to be sure that you have met the necessary admissions requirements for your new major. You will be advised in writing by the Admissions Office once your request has been processed.

## How involved will my parents be in my college education?

That is entirely up to you. We encourage all students to become independent and responsible adult learners. Parents do not have automatic access to student grades or information about you. You are protected by [FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#), which ensures the privacy of your grades and academic records.

If you would like to provide consent for college personnel to discuss your educational progress with specific members of your family, you must sign a [“Release of Information”](#) form available in the Registrar’s Office.

## Aside from classes, are there other things to do on campus?

So many things! NHTI is a [residential campus](#) housing 350 students, and we have a variety of activities in which you can participate.

In addition to a complete collegiate [athletic program](#), we have more than [30 student organizations](#), from Alternative Spring Break to Student Senate. And, many major programs have professional student clubs that provide additional career, social, and academic support.

We sponsor [student leadership programs](#), lecture series, movies, and [campus activities](#) such as hypnotists, mind readers, musicians, and many more.

Research shows that students who actively participate in non-academic activities do better academically and have a higher rate of degree completion – so get out there and experience all that NHTI has to offer you!