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Wake Tech joins Cooperating Raleigh Colleges consortium



Wake Tech is the newest member of Cooperating Raleigh Colleges.

[Wake Technical Community College](#) joined the Cooperating Raleigh Colleges, a consortium of higher education institutions in Raleigh and Wake County.

“Wake Tech is a major part of the higher educational landscape in Wake County,” said [Debra Townsley](#), president of [William Peace University](#) and president of the CRC board of directors, which is made up of the presidents and chancellors of member institutions. “It only makes sense that they be part of the consortium.”

Students benefit from the CRC in various ways, including through a cross-registration program in which a student from any of the institutions may sign up for one course per semester at another member institution. The CRC also runs professional development activities for faculty and administrators, forms partnerships with community organizations and allows the higher education community to speak with a unified voice, like in support of light rail, for example.

Wake Tech has transfer agreements with four-year universities in the consortium, so getting its leadership more closely integrated with the consortium just opens up more avenues for collaboration.

“We all have a common goal,” Townsley said.

The consortium files as a nonprofit and collects dues from each member. Last year, the group’s revenues came to \$121,000, and university presidents do not receive a salary from the consortium. [Jennifer Spiker](#), the executive director, received just under \$50,000 in salary and benefits.

Other CRC members are Meredith College, N.C. State University, Saint Augustine’s University, Shaw University and William Peace University. Wake Tech’s official membership will begin July 1, 2013.

“This partnership strengthens our promise to build bridges between all higher education institutions of Raleigh for the betterment of our students. Higher education already has such a prominence throughout this community, so adding Wake Tech was a natural progression of our mission to encompass representation from all area schools,” Townsley said.

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