

Raleigh County Campus Move Frequently Asked Questions Page

Why is the New River CTC Raleigh County Campus and Central Administration Offices moving to Beaver, WV?

The administration of New River CTC, in collaboration with the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical Colleges and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, implemented a plan for a new state of the art campus to house New River's Raleigh County Campus and the College's Central Administration Offices several years ago. The project will be implemented in January 2015. The current location at Dye Drive in Beckley is a leased facility for the College. The Beaver, WV location was chosen, in part, due to the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center which allows access to bachelor's and graduate-level programs offered by other area colleges and universities.

When will the actual move take place?

As is often the case with construction projects, it is difficult to determine when the building will be completed whereby a certificate of occupancy can be given. Based on the current state of construction, we expect to be able to occupy the building in January 2015 in time to begin classes on January 20, 2015.

How long will I be able to access the Business, Financial Aid, Admissions and other offices at the Dye Drive, Beckley, WV location? When will these offices open on the new campus?

Services for Raleigh County Campus students will be available at the Dye Drive, Beckley location up until the time of the move although specific office locations may be relocated to another space due to separate lease agreements. Information will be supplied on the College website, through posters, and other means to make sure students can locate the proper offices.

These offices will open on the new campus in January as soon as the move takes place.

Where can I find out information about the move?

Information about the move to the new campus in Beaver, WV will be posted on the College website (www.newriver.edu) as new information is available, as well as through email messages to students' New River email accounts, Facebook posts and other means.

What is the address for the new Raleigh County Campus?

Raleigh County Campus – New River CTC
280 University Drive
Beaver, WV 25813-8987

Can I get a map of the new campus location and surrounding area? How about a layout of the new Raleigh County Campus building?

The College will be developing maps of the new Raleigh County Campus building and these will be available beginning with the first day of class (January 20, 2015) at a table in the rotunda of the new building as well as the appropriate parking lots to use. Staff will be available to help direct students to classrooms, offices, restrooms, etc.

How do I get to the new campus (directions)?

The new Campus is located in Beaver, WV and can be accessed via West Virginia Interstate 64:

Heading East on I-64:

- Take Exit 125B (Airport Road)
- At the bottom of the exit ramp, merge into your far left hand lane (you will see a sign in the middle of the divider that says "LEFT LANE ENDS.")
- Turn left onto University Drive (which is a Dead End Drive). Continue driving on University Drive until you pass the New River Community and Technical College Campus and the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center sitting on the right hand side. (Note: You will pass Silverpoint homes on your right before you arrive). New River CTC's parking is behind the building.
- Arrive at Raleigh County Campus, New River CTC.

Heading West on I-64:

- Take Exit 125 (Airport Road)
- At the bottom of the exit ramp, you will come to a complete stop at the Stop Sign. (University Drive is straight across Airport Road).
- Once the road is clear, keep straight across Airport Road to University Drive (which is a dead end Drive).
- Continue driving on University Drive until you pass the New River Community and Technical College Campus and the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center sitting on the right hand side. (Note: You will pass Silverpoint homes on your right before you arrive). New River CTC's parking is behind the building.
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Will the phone numbers change once the move takes place?

No, phone numbers from the Beckley Campus will remain the same and will continue to work after we move to the new Raleigh County Campus.

Will there be wireless internet access in the new building? In what areas?

Yes, the entire building will be wireless. We expect that we may discover some remote spots throughout the building during our initial few weeks where the signal may be degraded and we'll be working to identify those areas and strengthen the coverage as needed.

Where can I register for classes or get help once the move begins?

The New River CTC Registrar's Office will be moving from the Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg, WV to the Raleigh County Campus in Beaver, WV later in the Spring semester. Therefore, you will need to register for classes using the same procedures as before, seeing your advisor and completing the registration form. If further information is needed, contact the Admissions Office.

I do not see classroom numbers on my current Spring Semester, 2015 schedule; why is this and when will I know the room numbers and locations?

Room numbers for Spring Semester, 2015 classes will be assigned as soon as room numbers are confirmed and signs are installed in the new building. The room numbers will then be added to the Spring Semester 2015 schedule available on the College website (<http://www.newriver.edu/quicklinks/course-schedules>).

How will I be able to find the classrooms when classes start?

During the first several days of the Spring Semester, 2015, a table will be located in the rotunda area of the new Raleigh County Campus building. In addition to the use of directional signs, maps of the building with room numbers and office locations will be available at the table in the rotunda. Staff will be on hand to assist students in finding their classrooms.

Can I visit the new building before the first day of Spring Semester classes (Tuesday, January 20, 2015)?

Due to construction schedule constraints in preparing the building for occupancy, the College will not be able to schedule time for students to visit the new Campus before classes start on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

Where are the bathrooms located?

There are three bathroom areas on the first floor of the building located off the main rotunda and at the end of each of the two wings of the building.

Where do I park?

New River CTC students will be able to park in the back lots that are located adjacent to the building. The largest parking lot is located just west of the new building beyond the large boulder is the Erma Byrd Center parking lot. The two smaller parking lots are available on the left side of the building and can be accessed by the main road leading into the Erma Byrd and New River CTC properties. The parking lot located in front of the Allied Health wing will be designated for parking only for Allied Health students.

Will I need a parking pass for the new campus? How much will it cost?

Parking hangers will be issued to faculty, staff and students later in the Spring Semester, 2015 (not immediately in January) for parking on the new Raleigh County Campus and will be available from the Security Office which will be located on the first floor of the building. This way, College security staff can better identify vehicles that belong to New River CTC faculty, staff and students and those that may be a security or safety threat. There will be no charge for the parking hangers for the Spring Semester, 2015. Consideration will be given at a later date as to whether a parking fee will be added in the future.

Will students have a student commons area to sit and study?

There will be multiple areas in the new building that will be designated as student “lounges” or “sitting areas” where students can gather to socialize, discuss class projects and charge laptops, tablets and mobile devices. One area will be located just off the main rotunda of the building and other areas will be located in spaces along the corridors in the various wings of the building.

Will there be an open computer lab at the new campus for students to do homework and work on projects?

Yes, the open computer lab will be in room R146 and it is adjacent to the computer teaching lab which is in room R145. Each room will have 24 student computers. While the teaching lab will be frequently scheduled, we’re hoping that the open lab will not be scheduled for classes so that it remains open to students as needed. We’re also creating a smaller teaching lab with 14 student computers in room R126 (the Center for Teaching Excellence) which can be scheduled for classes.

Are there plans to offer food service at the new Raleigh County Campus?

Space has been identified for a café in the new building. While food service will not be immediately available in a café, the College will explore providing this service in the future by utilizing one or more vendors and/or working collaboratively with the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center. In the meantime, vending machines will be available in the building similar to the machines available currently.

Where will the designated smoking areas be located?

There will be one designated smoking area located behind the building to the right of the parking lot at the end of the sidewalk.