

Important Dates

January 6

- First day of classes for Spring 2020

January 10

- Last day to add a course without permission of instructor

January 17

- Census Day
- Last day to enroll (register) or to add a course with instructor permission
- Last day to reduce hours for a tuition adjustment for Spring
- Last day to submit an academic load waiver for the Spring 2020 term
- GSSP eligibility deadline (5 p.m.)

Enrollment Reminder

Please ask your students and their advisers to ensure that they are registered in the correct courses/sections and number of hours before census day, Jan. 17

Admissions Updates

If you have Spring 2020 applications that have no decision posted, you should either deny them, or contact graduate_applications@ncsu.edu to request that they be moved to a future term for consideration later.

NC State Safety Orientation Checklist <https://ehs.ncsu.edu/training/managers-checklist/>

This training is required for ALL graduate students (and all others) who come to campus in any capacity. Since this training includes vital emergency procedures information it needs to be delivered as soon as possible to their arrival on campus.

As many graduate students are not assigned to their research advisor, if they will have one, for what is often an extended time period, they need to receive this training.

If and when a student is connected with a research advisor, the work area, field, or task-specific training should be reviewed with the student by their supervisor at that time. As completion of the safety training matrix imbedded within the NC State Safety Orientation Checklist (NCSSOC) is key to that stage of training, it is best for the supervisor to also utilize the (NCSSOC) for this training.

Ken Kretchman – kwkretch@ncsu.edu - 5-6860 or Amy Orders – Amy_orders@ncsu.edu - 5-5208 can be contacted for questions.

Postdoc Academy Coming Soon

The [Postdoc Academy](#) is a comprehensive online and in-person program built on the National Postdoctoral Association [core competencies](#) to support skill development throughout postdoc training, from orientation to the next career step. Postdocs can [register for the first online course "Succeeding as a Postdoc"](#) that begins January 13, 2020.

[Sign up here to join NC State's postdoc learning community.](#)

Ahead of the Pack

The Graduate School Professional Development Team is introducing a new development series that supports first-year students in their adjustment to graduate school. The series begins on January 15 and continues through April 8. Weekly sessions will cover strategies for wellness, time management, communication, writing, and career management. Please encourage your first-year graduate students to take advantage of this support! Students are invited to [register now](#) to secure their spot as seats are limited. Direct questions to Stella Jackman-Ryan at professional-development@ncsu.edu.

Engineering Cafes Registration Open

Hands-on workshops where participants create working drafts of key deliverables and expand their writing skills. Spring topics include developing a [writing "toolkit"](#), [introductions](#), [lit reviews](#), [results & discussion sections](#), [conclusions & abstracts](#), and much more. Engineering Cafés are open to all PhD, masters, and postdoc trainees in

the College of Engineering. Students can click the links on each title to sign up, and check out [our website](#) to learn about our other offerings and programs. Direct questions to Katie Homar (kshomar@ncsu.edu).

Certificate Registration Opening Soon

The registration period for both the Writing Certificate and the Teaching & Communication Certificate will be open January 15 through February 1. The [Writing Certificate](#) offers students an opportunity to develop essential writing skills that will enable success in their academic disciplines and throughout their professional lives. The [Teaching and Communication Certificate](#) will help students refine and market their transferable skills while making them more effective instructors through teaching and communication training. All graduate students and postdoctoral scholars are eligible to participate in these non-credit certificate programs.