

## MISSION

The University of North Carolina Wilmington, the state's coastal university, is dedicated to learning through the integration of teaching and mentoring with research and service. Our powerful academic experience stimulates creative inquiry, critical thinking, thoughtful expression and responsible citizenship in an array of high-quality programs at the baccalaureate and master's levels, and in our doctoral programs in marine biology and educational leadership. Substantial research activity, combined with our hallmark teaching excellence and moderate size, advances distinctive student involvement in faculty scholarship. We are committed to diversity and inclusion, affordable access, global perspectives, and enriching the quality of life through scholarly community engagement in such areas as health, education, the economy, the environment, marine and coastal issues, and the arts.

## CAMPUS DESCRIPTION

The University of North Carolina Wilmington is a mid-sized institution (approximately 13,000 students) with a smaller university's sense of community, in a unique coastal environment. UNCW's distinctive blend of excellent teaching, undergraduate research experiences, and service learning opportunities attracts high-quality students, who graduate at high rates, and gives graduates a competitive advantage in the marketplace. Nationally and internationally recognized programs include marine sciences (in biology, chemistry, oceanography, environmental studies, etc.), creative writing, film studies, psychology, education, nursing and clinical research.

## VOLUNTARY STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT (VSA)

<http://www.collegeportraits.org/NC/UNC-Wilmington>

## CAMPUS WEB SITE

[www.uncw.edu](http://www.uncw.edu)

## MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNC TOMORROW

UNC Wilmington has completed a wide-ranging revision of general education curriculum in order best to prepare our students with the soft skills needed to compete on a 21st century global level; has established the Swain Center for Business and Economic Services to help lead economic transformation; is constructing a Marine Biotechnology facility to transform the mysteries of the ocean into the miracles of the marketplace; is implementing a College of Health and Human Services to create synergy for our health-related programs; and expanded our presence in Onslow County to include nursing, social work, business, elementary education, and other much-needed programs in an innovative collaboration with Coastal Carolina Community College and the military community.

Link to UNC Tomorrow report: [http://www.uncw.edu/tomorrow/Phase\\_One.html](http://www.uncw.edu/tomorrow/Phase_One.html)

## INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

*From Rosemary DePaolo, chancellor since July 2003*

As North Carolina's coastal university, UNCW takes great pride in providing students the most powerful learning experience possible. On our beautiful campus, our faculty and staff have worked together to design a deliberate and

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unique approach that combines excellence in teaching with substantial research opportunities for undergraduate students working closely with scholarly faculty, extensive international opportunities, and an emphasis on service learning. The university has developed a reputation for producing outstanding undergraduate and graduate students from world class programs in marine science, chemistry, biology, creative writing, film studies, psychology, and many others. We have created an entire campus whose focus is on encouraging our students to become engaged learners and on developing their leadership abilities through their disciplines and a wide range of other activities.