

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Pathways to STEM Success program to directly support Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program (C-STEP) students

The C-STEP program is a partnership between UNC and 11 NC community colleges. The program starts at the community college where high-achieving low- and moderate-income students are identified, and the college provides support to the student to complete their associate degree and transfer to UNC. Often C-STEP students leave their STEM majors and complete a degree in another field of study.

C-STEP students must adapt to a new way of learning at UNC, and advanced-level STEM classes at UNC are very time-demanding and intensive. *Pathways to STEM Success* is designed specially to support C-STEP STEM majors. The program will provide support for the community college student to transition to UNC, providing opportunities for STEM experiences, and help build formative relationships to shape their career paths. An Annual Workshop and Fall Networking event, specialized STEM advising and mentoring, summer internships or STEM coursework, and graduation guidance are part of the planned program activities. When a student moves through the C-STEP Pathways to STEM Success program, the student will be named a North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation C-STEP STEM Scholar – securing a distinguishing cord to wear at commencement. The grant includes program costs for summer experiences, stipends for community college and UNC faculty advisors, salary for a program coordinator, program events and expansion to two additional community colleges.