



# 100% Tobacco-Free Campuses and North Carolina Law

## Private Colleges and Universities

Private colleges and universities have no restrictions on their ability to regulate tobacco use on campus. Therefore, they are able to pass comprehensive 100% tobacco-free campus policies prohibiting tobacco use throughout the campus.

## Community Colleges

Community colleges are exempted from state law regulating the ability of certain facilities to adopt stringent tobacco use rules. Therefore, community colleges are able to pass comprehensive 100% tobacco-free college policies, prohibiting tobacco use throughout the campus. (G.S. 130A-498, G.S. 115D-20.1)

## UNC System Institutions

UNC system schools may prohibit smoking on their grounds. Grounds are defined to include the area located and controlled by state government within 100 linear feet of a building either:

- owned and occupied by the state,
- owned by the state, but leased to a third party, or
- owned by a third party and leased to state government.

Also, all residential dorm rooms on UNC system school grounds must prohibit smoking by the beginning of the 2008-2009 academic school year and all other buildings must prohibit smoking as of January 1, 2008. (G.S. 143-596-597)

Medical facilities at UNC-Chapel Hill and East Carolina University may prohibit smoking on their grounds and buildings. (G.S. 143-596-597)

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