

# Registration approaches: process takes ho

## Despite deadlines, inclement weather, incomplete paperwork, computer malfunctions, counselors cope well with pressures at registration time

*While students choose courses and teachers write hundreds of recommendations, counselors often get overlooked. The backbone of the registration process, counselors handle the utmost pressure.*

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For most students, registering next year's classes often results in anxiety and conflicting opinions with teachers and parents. Interestingly enough, scheduling may produce the same effects for counselors.

Most students do not realize how tedious the process of registering is for counselors. On average, it can take twenty to thirty minutes for a counselor to register just one student. This time period does not even include the problems that occur later regarding courses that are not offered at a time fitting a particular student's needs.

"The process of registration includes the preparation of all the materials needed, recommendation forms from the teachers, the parent's input, meeting with the student, the curriculum fair, pending the verification forms, and finally completing the schedule," said counselor Cheryl Bolick.

When schedule errors occur, it only prolongs the process for the student and the counselor. However, with the technology and computer science of today, these errors are less serious than in the past.

"The verification form should catch any error from the initial process [because] the computer and verification form are connected immediately. If a student's EOC or actual grades at the end of the present course don't support the course they signed up for next year, that would

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be corrected in the summer with parent notification," said Bolick.

Although registering can be strenuous, the process itself is not all turmoil. In fact, at times it can be satisfying when a student receives a schedule exactly as requested.

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Before registering with a counselor, students should thoroughly evaluate their course selections as they apply to their future plans. When these steps are not taken, the process becomes more difficult for the counselors and students. For example, a student who plans to attend medical school should take as many science courses as possible. Also, in some cases, college admissions officers may expect students to take specific courses that may not be required for the North Carolina diploma.

"When students haven't taken the time to make good choices in their classes, it makes registration very hard," said counselor Phil Weaver.

Although counselors tell students their schedules are binding, they can still change in the student's favor if the request for change is reasonable.

"It is simply changing a number in the computer. The student can see us or write us a note," said Weaver.

While planning for the future may be intriguing for some students, it can also be frustrating for counselors.

"Registration is very time-consuming, and the paperwork can get old quickly," said Weaver.

However, the counselors feel the most important aspect of their jobs is satisfying the students'

academic needs and, of course, being good listeners when students want to address personal issues.

"I love meeting and helping so many enjoyable students," said Weaver.

Although registration can be a time-consuming process,

counselors believe it is important that teachers, parents, and students keep the lines of communication open when futures are at stake. The continuous hard work of the counselors as well as the students cannot go unnoticed.

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## Credit requirements: Guilford County vs. UNC-CH

### Guilford County

Electives: Three credits  
English: Four credits  
Foreign language: Two credits  
Social studies: Three credits  
Mathematics: Four credits  
Science: Three credits

*Credit requirement:*  
Students must have 20 credits to graduate.

### UNC-Chapel Hill

Electives: Two credits  
English: Four credits  
Foreign language: Two credits  
Social studies: Three credits  
Mathematics: Three credits  
Science: Three credits

*Recommended credits:*  
Additional math  
Additional science

## Pressures

*The hardships of selecting appropriate courses and the insecurities of not getting the classes signed up for make registration one of the most tedious and frustrating times of year.*

By Holly Sharpless  
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February reminds students annually of one necessary yet often irritating aspect of school: scheduling. This month, students must decide which classes they plan on taking next year, receive