



UNC Charlotte's Staff Council quarterly feature "Staff Council SPOTLIGHT" keeps you in the know of opportunities, perks, and resources available to UNC Charlotte Staff!

If you have something that needs a spotlight, please let [Helena Connors](#) know!

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**Venture**

Venture's mission is, *"to use experiential and adventure education techniques to provide transformative experiences that build character, develop leadership, and improve teamwork."*

What this looks like in practice is that we offer team building programs to any existing group including staff office groups. Our most common program is what we call a "mobile" program that can be done anywhere, but we also regularly offer opportunities for staff groups to come to our on-campus challenge courses. Further, we have the capacity to lead off-campus outdoor adventures including rock climbing and whitewater rafting, and we wish more staff groups on campus would take us up on that!

The important thing to understand about Venture is that we're more than a recreational opportunity. All our staff are passionate about, and trained to use experiences as tools for learning deeper concepts. We offer a wide range of experiences from those that can be done sitting around a table to those that are as

adventurous as anything you can imagine, but we work hard to make sure the experiences fit any level of experience or risk tolerance. Our only requirement is that participants are willing to push themselves to learn and grow.

All of our programs for staff are custom-designed, so we don't have a calendar of events that are pre-planned. If you are interested in working with us, just give us a call and we can discuss what type of program would best meet your needs. If you're curious about what we have to offer, but not yet ready to give us a call, [venture.uncc.edu/team-building](http://venture.uncc.edu/team-building) is a good place to start.

Most of our programs do have very minimal charges associated with them, but I am confident in saying you will not find another team building experience of this caliber at anywhere near what we charge. Don't let cost stop you!

We're glad to be a part of this campus community and would love to help out however we can. If you're even just curious about the possibility, please reach out! We'd love to talk. You can contact Dave Sperry, director of Venture Program, at 704-687-0699 or [David.Sperry@uncc.edu](mailto:David.Sperry@uncc.edu).

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### State Employee's Credit Union

Did you know the State Employee's Credit Union offers the following:

- Carowinds Amusement Park Discounts (April to Sept only)
- Low-Cost Tax Program for a flat rate of \$75 per return
- SECU app where you can check balances, move money, pay bills, send messages to SECU, and coming soon, ability to deposit checks remotely using your phone's camera
- Free coin sorter
- Free shredding once a year

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### State Employee's Association of North Carolina (SEANC)

SEANC is the South's leading state employees' association, with 46,000 members in all 100 counties across every function of state and local government. It is the one association standing up for state and local employees and retirees inside and outside of the General Assembly, working to enhance your pay, protect your rights, secure your retirement and make your health plan affordable. They offer affordable [group insurance plans](#) that help protect you in times of need – everything from term life to vision to dental to identity theft. And your membership can get you [discounts](#) all over the state at restaurants, shops, events, amusement parks and more. Find out more by visiting [seanc.org](http://seanc.org) today. There is strength in numbers!

Materials:

Membership booklet: [seanc.org/assets/2020-SEANC-Membership-Guide.pdf](http://seanc.org/assets/2020-SEANC-Membership-Guide.pdf)

Insurance guide [seanc.org/assets/2020-SEANC-Insurance-Guide.pdf](http://seanc.org/assets/2020-SEANC-Insurance-Guide.pdf)

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### Opportunities for Educational Enrichment for Staff

Below is a link to all graduate certificate programs currently offered. This is a great way for staff to get their feet wet again after completing a bachelor's degree. There are no entrance exams and these programs were designed to provide a springboard into a Master's program or as a standalone addition to supplement a bachelor's degree. There are over 60 programs for staff to choose from.

[gradadmissions.uncc.edu/admissions/graduate-certificate](http://gradadmissions.uncc.edu/admissions/graduate-certificate)

### Certificate in Workplace Competencies

The Certificate in Workplace Competencies is perfect for staff members who have completed their bachelor's degrees and want to strengthen fundamental professional skills and learn the nuances of the workplace.

The program will help you improve written and verbal communication, build your online presence, learn how to create impactful presentations, and enhance your ability to manage new initiatives.

It's only 12 credits and staff can use the tuition benefit for up to 3 courses per year. There are still spots available for this fall. It's easy to [apply](#). Please contact Dr. Jill Huerta with questions at [jhuerta2@uncc.edu](mailto:jhuerta2@uncc.edu).

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### NinerTech

The NinerTech store provides even match pricing with other full retail stores, if someone has it lower than NinerTech then they will sell it to you for that price! They can even order the item for you even though they may not have it listed or in stock. They also offer software support and in store repairs. They have also updated their website. So check it out at [ninertech.uncc.edu](http://ninertech.uncc.edu).

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### Golden Nuggets

Do you know a staff member who deserves a little extra gold in their sluice pan for going above and beyond the call of duty, and representing UNC Charlotte in a manner we can all be proud of? Then, give them a "Golden Nugget" for all their hard work! It's easy to do, just visit [stafforg.uncc.edu/golden-nugget-award/golden-nugget-award](http://stafforg.uncc.edu/golden-nugget-award/golden-nugget-award) to learn more.

