## **Holidays**

The College normally observes 12 paid holidays per year. The College's standard holidays are: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day (2), Christmas (6).

## State Employees' Credit Union

Many benefits are available including financing, savings options, checking accounts, ATM access, and direct payroll deposit.

# **Employee** Development

The College is a learning-centered institution, which encourages its employees to be life-long learners. Classes for professional development and tuition reimbursement are offered to full-time employees pursuing advancement in their field contingent upon available funding.

## **Educational** Leave

Paid and unpaid educational leave is available to qualifying employees. Educational leaves may not exceed one semester each calendar year.



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Mitchell was one of many colleges started in North Carolina in the early to mid 1800's. Mitchell has survived because long before "community" became an official part of its name, the school was truly this community's college. Without that support, it would have been one of the casualties.

In 1967, Mitchell College President John Montgomery summed up the relationship well. "Mitchell College belongs to the past, stands in the present, and is ready to share in the future. The real treasures of the college lie in the people of this community—their commitment, their dedication, and their sense of community."









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#### **Health** Insurance

All eligible employees receive individual medical insurance through the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Health Plan. Eligible dependents may be insured at an additional cost through payroll deduction. Visit www.shpnc.org for information regarding available employee and eligible dependent plans. Benefits become effective the first of the month following eligibility.

#### **Dental** Insurance

Optional dental coverage is available through payroll deduction on a pre-tax basis for the fulltime employee and dependents.

#### **Vision** Insurance

Optional vision coverage is available through payroll deduction on a pre-tax basis for the fulltime employee and dependents.

## **Supplemental** Insurance Options

Full-time employees may enroll in supplemental insurances which are offered through our cafeteria plan. These include term life, cancer, accident, and sickness coverages, along with flexible spending accounts for medical and/or dependent care expenses. Premiums may be pre-taxed through payroll deductions. An annual Open Enrollment period is offered each fall for revisions.

# **Payroll**

All full-time employees are required to have direct deposit. All part-time employees are eligible for direct deposit.

### **Retirement** Plan

Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System of North Carolina. Employees contribute 6% of their salary, and the College currently contributes 18.86% (effective 7/1/18). This is a defined benefit plan. The annual benefit is based on 1.82% of the average final compensation times the years of creditable service. A death benefit is provided

equal to the highest 12 months' salary in the previous 24 months. A minimum of \$25,000 and a maximum of \$50,000 is paid if the employee dies after a minimum of one year of contributing service within 182 days (6 months) of separating from the College.

# **Short-term** Disability

Provided through the Retirement System, a full-time employee is covered after one year of contributing membership service. If the employee becomes disabled for longer than the 60-day waiting period, he or she may be eligible for the short-term disability benefit of 50% of the monthly salary. Short-term disability benefits are subject to FICA for the first six months and are payable for up to one year.

# Long-term Disability

Also provided through the Retirement System, a full-time employee is covered after five years as a contributing member. If the employee becomes disabled for longer than one year, the plan benefit is 65% of salary per month during the first 36 months of disability. After 36 months, the benefit may be reduced based on Social Security or Workers' Compensation payments.

# **Longevity** Pay

Longevity pay is provided for full-time employees with aggregate qualifying service with the State of North Carolina according to the following schedule:

Years of State Service	Longevity Pay Rate	
10-14 yrs.	1.50% of salary	
15-19 yrs.	2.25% of salary	
20-24 yrs.	3.25% of salary	
25 or more yrs.	4.50% of salary	

## **Jury** Duty

Employees are entitled to leave with pay for serving on a jury.

## Sick Leave

Full-time, non-instructional staff employees earn sick leave at a rate of 7.5/8.0 hours each month for a total of 90/96 hours (12 days) per year; faculty earn ten (10) days per year. Sick leave may be used for illness or medical-related appointments for the employee or an immediate family member. Three days of sick leave may be used during the bereavement period for the death of a member of the employee's immediate family. Sick leave is cumulative indefinitely, and accrued sick leave may be credited toward state service for retirement purposes.

### **Annual** Leave

Annual leave is awarded according to years of service for full-time, non-instructional staff. Full-time faculty do not accrue vacation leave but are provided breaks between academic terms. For full-time staff, annual leave is cumulative to a maximum of 240 hours for facilities support services staff and 225 hours for administrative staff on June 30, at which time the excess is converted to sick leave.

Aggregate Years of Service	Hours Earned Per Month	Total Hours Earned Per Year
Less than 2 yrs.	8	96
2 less than 6 yrs.	10	120
6 less than 9 yrs.	12	144
9 less than 15 yrs.	14	168
15 less than 20 yrs.	16	192
20 + yrs.	18	216