



**Warren Wilson**  
COLLEGE

## Fast Facts

Warren Wilson is known for its strong academic and environmental emphasis. Outside Magazine has called Warren Wilson “one of the most earth-friendly colleges on the planet.” Warren Wilson College was recognized in the Fiske Guide to Colleges 2019 as one of the top “20 Best Buys” among private colleges and universities, and was honored with the highest rating for overall quality of student life. The guide emphasized the school’s strong international and social justice orientation and commitment to community engagement and service.

Beginning with the fall 2018 incoming class, the Warren Wilson College NC Free Tuition Plan was launched. The program guarantees that every incoming North Carolina student who is eligible for federal or state need-based aid can attend Warren Wilson tuition-free.



- Founded in 1894 as the Asheville Farm School by Presbyterian missionaries to provide a basic education for boys from the Appalachian region, the school became a four-year liberal arts college in 1967.
- Warren Wilson College is located in Swannanoa, North Carolina, 11 miles from Asheville, North Carolina.
- About 60% of Warren Wilson students participate in internships before they graduate.
- 100% of Warren Wilson students participate in community engagement activities.
- Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 9:1
- Princeton Review ranks Warren Wilson’s Career Services as #6 in the country.
- With “quality academic offerings and affordable cost,” Warren Wilson College is, for the 13th time, a “best buy,” according to the “Fiske Guide to Colleges 2019.”
- Warren Wilson College’s Service-Learning Program is one of U.S. News & World Report’s “Top 25 Academic Programs to Look For.”
- 34% of food served on campus is grown & purchased locally or grown on campus.
- Students contribute more than 50,000 volunteer hours per year with over 200 community partners.
- Warren Wilson graduates are nearly 3 times more likely to participate in AmeriCorps, Teach for America, and other non-profit work following graduation.
- BuzzFeed’s “Most Beautiful College on Earth.”
- College Magazine’s “Top 10 Greenest Campuses.”
- Sierra magazine’s “Cool Schools.”
- Warren Wilson College offers 20 majors, 17 concentrations, 28 minors and 4 special advising areas.

Work Colleges are an exceptional group of four-year, degree granting, liberal arts institutions that engage students in the purposeful integration of work, learning, and service. The work college model is student-centered and designed to enhance and enrich the educational experience while reducing the cost of education. Unique to work colleges is the requirement that resident students participate in a work-learning-service program for all four years of enrollment. Working in a supportive campus environment has been shown to have a positive effect on college persistence and degree completion.

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# #6

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## LOW DEBT & CAREER READY\*

**49.6%**

of 2018 graduates had ZERO debt!

**69%**

of 2018 graduates had less than \$10,000 in student loan debt

**64.8%**

of full-time degree seeking students are PELL eligible

**5000**

The number of full-time students participating in the comprehensive work-learning-service program (per federal regulation).

**13:1**

The average student faculty ratio

\*data compiled in Fall 2018 from all WCC member institutions

## WHAT EMPLOYERS WANT

1. Problem solving skills
2. Ability to work in a team
3. Communication skills (written)
4. Leadership
5. Strong work ethic
6. Analytical skills
7. Communication skills (verbal)
8. Initiative
9. Detail oriented
10. Flexibility and adaptability

Source: Job Outlook 2018 | National Association of Colleges and Employers | www.nace.org

## WORK COLLEGES PREPARE AND DELIVER



**91%**

of the respondents\* agreed that the Work Program experience helped to develop/strengthen problem-solving skills.



**87%**

of the respondents\* agreed that the Work Program experience helped to develop/strengthen skills for working cooperatively in groups/teams.



**90%**

of the respondents\* agreed that the Work Program experience helped to develop/strengthen communication skills.



**89%**

of the respondents\* agreed that the Work Program experience helped to develop/strengthen leadership skills.



**85%**

of the respondents\* agreed that the Work Program experience helped to develop/strengthen work ethic.

\*Spring 2018 Graduates from Berea College, Blackburn College, College of the Ozarks, and Warren Wilson College.





## Warren Wilson College prepares students to successfully enter the job market.

**66%**

of Warren Wilson alumni report that their first paying job required them to use skills they gained as an undergraduate  
NATIONAL COMPARISON 59%

**54%**

of alumni report that their first paying job paid enough to support their desired lifestyle  
NATIONAL COMPARISON 48%

**88%**

of alumni report receiving their first paying job within the first six months  
NATIONAL COMPARISON 72%

**98%**

of alumni agree that faculty were a positive influence on personal growth, values and attitudes

**94%**

of alumni agree that they were satisfied with opportunities to meet and interact informally with faculty members

**96%**

of alumni agree that most faculty with whom they had contact at Warren Wilson College were genuinely interested in students

**92%**

of alumni agree that faculty were a positive influence on their intellectual growth and interest in ideas

**88%**

of alumni agree that they developed a close, personal relationship with at least one faculty member

## Warren Wilson College delivers on its commitment to offering a top-tier liberal arts education.





## **Warren Wilson College’s distinctive applied learning model prepares students for an engaged life. One year out from graduation, students report:**

**86%**

of alumni report that their experience at Warren Wilson contributed “quite a bit” or “very much” to their knowledge, skills and personal development in teamwork

**NATIONAL COMPARISON 79%**

**63%**

of alumni report that their experience at Warren Wilson contributed “quite a bit” or “very much” to their knowledge, skills and personal development in civic engagement

**NATIONAL COMPARISON 56%**

**6.1%**

of alumni report that their current primary activity is volunteer or national service (Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, etc.)

**NATIONAL COMPARISON 2.4%**

**TOP 10**

Princeton Review ranks Warren Wilson College among the TOP 10 for students most engaged in community service.

### **Warren Wilson College alumni pursue graduate degrees at some of the world’s best colleges and universities:**

Brown University

Bryn Mawr College

Columbia University

Duke University

Harvard University

Johns Hopkins University

New York University

Oregon College of Art and Craft

University of Southern California

Vermont Law School

### **Warren Wilson College graduates are employed in meaningful careers across a variety of influential industries:**

American Red Cross

Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy

Duke Energy

Duke University Pathology Department

USDA Rural Development

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Waldorf School of Mendocino County

Wired! Lab for Digital Art History & Visual Culture

