



The NC Early College Network (ECN) is a peer learning community of schools that use a dual enrollment strategy to permit students to earn high school and college credits concurrently. Since its inception in 2017, the ECN has convened principals, counselors, college liaisons, and teachers to share best practices, learn from one another, and advocate together to support student access and success in high school and beyond.

2026–2027

North Carolina Early College Network Membership Options & Benefits

July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027

Whether you register for a comprehensive, all-inclusive membership or build-your-own options, the ECN provides the following opportunities:

- Network and build relationships with other early college leaders and educators
- Engage in role-alike network events for professional learning and opportunities to address problems of practice
- Access shared resources through RTI's online networking platform
- Receive reduced-price registration for the annual Early College Summit

Once you have made your membership selection, register at <https://amaze.rti.org/network/early-college-network-2026>.

The ECN offers two membership options:

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Option 1: Standard Membership is inclusive of all networking supports for principals counselors, college liaisons, and instructional staff described in the member benefits listed below.

Option 1: Standard Membership \$4,100

All networking and professional learning for principals, counselors, college liaisons, teachers, and students
(See Member Benefit descriptions below)

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Option 2 is an a la carte **Build Your Own Membership Option** that allows schools to build the membership package that works best for their team. Specific a la carte pricing is included in the following descriptions of member benefits.

Additional Add-on Options are listed further below. These include pre-registration for the **2027 Early College Summit**, and options for **onsite professional learning** to provide targeted learning and support aligned with school priorities.



Principals

\$1,750

Welcome to the ECN Virtual Kickoff and Networking Session

Resource sharing and asynchronous networking via AMAZE

One **In-person New-to-the-Network Principals Session** with hybrid option (for new ECN principals)

Two **In-person Statewide Leadership Professional Learning and Networking Sessions** (one Fall, one Spring)

- Hosted at RTI headquarters with hybrid option
- Principals and instructional leaders convene to learn about current issues affecting cooperative innovative high schools, address problems of practice, and hear policy updates
- Principals are invited to bring a “leadership partner” from their school or district

Six **Monthly Virtual Networking Sessions** for principals and instructional leaders

- Principals convene virtually to address problems of practice, share expertise, and discuss policy updates
- Principals are invited to bring a “leadership partner” from their school or district

One **Professional Learning Pathway** registration. Includes the following activities focused on a selected learning topic (see Learning Pathway description further below for topics and other details):

- Virtual kickoff workshop
- Themed study visit
- Three virtual peer-coaching sessions to support planning and implementation of new practices
- Virtual showcase event to share learning across the network



Counselor/College Liaisons

\$1,750

Welcome to the ECN Virtual Opening Session

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Two **In-person Statewide Networking Sessions** at RTI with hybrid option

- Hosted at RTI headquarters with hybrid option
- Counselors/college liaisons learn about current issues affecting student college readiness, address related problems of practice, and share expertise

Six **Monthly Virtual Networking Sessions**

- Counselors/college liaisons convene virtually to engage in professional learning, share expertise, and address problems of practice

Two **Professional Learning Pathway** registrations. Each registration includes the following activities focused on a selected learning topic (see Learning Pathway description further below for topics and other details):

- Virtual kickoff workshop
- Themed study visit
- Three virtual peer-coaching sessions to support planning and implementation of new practices
- Virtual showcase event to share learning across the network

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Instructional Staff

\$1,400

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Three **Professional Learning Pathway** registrations. Each registration includes the following activities focused on a selected learning topic (see Learning Pathway description further below for topics and other details):

- Virtual kickoff workshop
- Themed study visit
- Three virtual peer-coaching sessions to support planning and implementation of new practices
- Virtual showcase event to share learning across the network

Access to monthly online **Role-Alike Communities of Practice** for core instructional staff (no limit). Includes:

- Role-alike resource sharing on Amaze for Math, Science, ELA, and Humanities teachers
- Monthly, virtual content meetups to exchange expertise, share resources, and address common problems of practice

Professional Learning Pathway Description

Purpose

This year, the ECN is launching **Professional Learning Pathways** to provide more targeted, sustained professional learning aligned to member priorities. These pathways respond directly to member feedback indicating that:

- On-site **study visits** are among the most valuable learning ECN experiences,
- **Virtual workshops** on high-value topics were impactful this past year, and
- Members want **ongoing follow-up and implementation support** beyond stand-alone events.

Each pathway weaves these high-impact learning experiences into a coherent, themed sequence that supports deeper learning over time. Pathways are designed to help participants move from exploration to planning to implementation in a peer learning setting. Each pathway is grounded in the **Essential Practices for College and Career Ready Instruction Toolkit** to anchor learning in shared language, evidence-based practices, and practical tools that support improved instruction and student outcomes.

Approach

Each learning pathway follows a consistent “**Learn-See-Do-Share**” structure, described below. To the extent possible, activities will include role-alike grouping to maximize opportunities for near-peer learning and building of relevant expertise.

LEARN: Each pathway begins with a 90-minute virtual orientation workshop that introduces the pathway theme and engages participants in guided exploration of the Essential Practices Toolkit.

SEE: Participants then take part in a themed, on-site study visit to an ECN school for the opportunity to observe innovative practices in action.

DO: Participants then take part in up to three virtual peer-coaching sessions for further learning, planning, and implementation support.

SHARE: ECN members are invited to a virtual showcase event to “make practice public” where we will share learning, celebrate successes, and reflect on insights to inform future growth.

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Pathway Topics

Participants are invited to choose **one learning pathway** to join for in-depth learning:

1. **Core Practices for Rigorous and Engaging Instruction:** This pathway focuses on strengthening high-impact instructional practices that promote rigor, relevance, and student engagement aligned to college and career-ready outcomes. Great for new and veteran early college staff and school leaders.
2. **Integrating AI Across the Curriculum:** This pathway supports educators in using artificial intelligence thoughtfully and responsibly to enhance instruction, assessment, and student learning across content areas.
3. **Supporting Multilingual Learners:** This pathway centers effective instructional strategies and schoolwide practices that improve access, equity, and achievement for multilingual learners.
4. **Making Work-based Learning Work:** This pathway helps schools design, implement, and strengthen high-quality work-based learning experiences that connect students to careers, employers, and postsecondary pathways.

Additional Services (add-ons)



Pre-registration for the 2027 Early College Summit

\$575 per person*

*Early registration rate

School-Based Professional Development and Coaching Support

Pricing based on
service design

Customized professional learning and coaching provided to school teams.
Typically includes:

- Up to six on-site and/or virtual professional learning workshops
- Follow-up on-site and/or virtual coaching sessions to support job-embedded planning and implementation
- Professional learning is intended to be tailored to the needs of school staff.
Possible topics for focus include:
 - Essential Practices for College and Career Reading Instruction
(choose to focus on one or more of the six practices)
 - Integrating AI into Instruction
 - Building Academic Mindsets
 - Supporting First-Generation Students
 - Supporting Multilingual Learners
 - Supporting Special-Needs Students
 - Building Family and Community Partnerships
 - Other topics available upon request

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