

Luthier Program FAQs

What is required to attend?

- ✓ You first need to submit an application for review
- ✓ Age (must be over the age of 18) and proof of Identification
- ✓ English language/comprehension
- ✓ Ability to sit/stand for multiple hours at a time

How do I apply for the NCC Luthier Program?

1. Visit www.northampton.edu and click the orange Apply Now button to be redirected to the Application Website.
2. Click the blue Apply Button in the upper right-hand corner. After creating an account, answer the application questions and click the blue Submit button. Your application will be reviewed and you will be contacted with more information about enrollment and payment.

Where is the class located?

All classes are located in the Martin Guitar Luthier Lab at Northampton Community College, Fowler Campus. The address is 511 E. 3rd Street, Bethlehem, Pa 18015

What is included in the Room & Board Package?

Room and Board is available at an additional cost. Housing is in the NCC College Apartments located at the Northampton Community College Main Campus, 3835 Green Pond Rd, Bethlehem, Pa 18020 - short 15-minute drive to the Fowler Campus. Uber Transportation to and from class is included in the Room and Board package. Part of your Room and Board Package is a 14 Swipe Meal plan with a \$200 Flex option. A 'Swipe' includes any entry into the dining hall for breakfast, lunch or dinner (including weekends). Meals are offered in a buffet style, so the student can eat as much or as little as they would like. Swipes do not roll over from week to week. Flex dollars is a declining balance that can be used in the College Center Food Court, the Den (late night snack bar located in the Residence Hall Commons) or Zime (the Café at the Fowler Campus) for use of purchasing snacks or grab-n-go items.

Will I have a roommate?

Yes. Each apartment has two private bedrooms and bathrooms; therefore, you will be paired with another Luthier Student. The apartment also includes a full kitchen (refrigerator, oven, stove, microwave, sink, cabinets), dining room/living room (love seat, two chairs, coffee table, TV stand/bookshelf, dining room table with four chairs).

Do I need to stay on campus? No, staying in a college apartment is optional. However, if you choose not to stay on campus, meals and transportation to and from class is your responsibility.

How much is the program and how do I pay?

Tuition is \$19,578. Room, Board and Transportation is \$6,422. A down payment of \$3,000 is due at enrollment. Payment is full is due 45 business day prior to the start of class. We offer several different ways to pay for the Luthier Program:

- Pay in full using a Credit Card
- Pay with a check
- Wire Transfer
- Payment Plan using a credit card or check
- Additional Questions? Email luthier@northampton.edu

Is Financial Aid Available? No, not at this time.

I am a US Veteran. Can I use my GI Bill for tuition assistance? Yes! The Luthier program is approved for GI Funding. Email veterans@northampton.edu for more information

What is the refund policy? Students who wish to withdraw from the NCC Luthier Certification Program must formally request withdrawal in writing. Refund percentage is of the total program cost. Refund tiers are as follows:

- 100% Refund - Less \$250 administration fee, more than 45 business days prior to the first day of class
- 50% Refund – Withdraw 45-30 business days prior to the first day of class
- 0% Refund – Withdraw less than 30 business days prior to the first day of class

Send written requests for withdrawal to luthier@northampton.edu. For assistance, call 1.877.543.0998.

What is the closest airport? Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) is the closest to Bethlehem and very easy to navigate. Larger airports in the area include Newark (EWR) and Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). They are about an hour and a half from Bethlehem. Transportation to and from airport is your responsibility.

I am bringing my own car; do I get a discount since I do not need transportation to and from class? Housing, Transportation and Meals is included as a package. Parking is free at both the Main Campus and Fowler Campus.

Do I receive a diploma/degree? At this time, the Luthier Program is not accredited; therefore, you will receive a certificate of completion with an official transcript.

Can International students apply for the Program? Yes! International Students can apply. Please email luthier@northampton.edu for more information.

Is there a waitlist? Yes! If your desired program is full, your application will be placed on a waiting list and if a student withdraws you will be notified.

Do I need woodworking experience to attend the school? No, we have designed the program to accommodate all levels of craftsmanship.

Do I have to buy any tools? No, all materials and tools are included in your tuition, including all PPE (dust mask, ear plugs, safety glasses). You may wish to purchase a binder, notebook, pens, USB and pencils for taking notes.

Can I tour the school? Yes! Email Luthier@northampton.edu to set up a private tour of the lab.