



Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Northwestern Connecticut Community College Joyner Health Science Center Winsted, Connecticut

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About the Art in Public Spaces Program:

Connecticut's Art in Public Spaces program was established in 1978 and requires 1% of the cost of construction or renovation of publicly accessible state buildings be allocated for the commission or purchase of artwork as part of the building's construction project. The [Connecticut Office of the Arts](#) and the Department of Administrative Services jointly administer the Art in Public Spaces Program. Visit the [Art in Public Spaces](#) program webpage for further information about the program and to view past installations throughout the state.

Project Summary:

The Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) and Northwestern Connecticut Community College (NCCC) are currently seeking the qualifications of artists for public art at NCCC in Winsted, CT associated with the Joyner Health Science Center. Interior and/or exterior site-specific installations may be considered by one or more artists.

Budget: \$135,000.00

RFQ Deadline: September 7, 2016

Eligibility:

Artists MUST register a portfolio in the Art in Public Spaces Registry. Submit a new registration or update an existing profile by the deadline indicated above. Review the [registry webpage](#) for more information about the registration process. The NCCC project is open to both in-state and out-of-state artists with preference given to in-state artists.

About Northwestern Connecticut Community College:

[Northwestern Connecticut Community College \(NCCC\)](#) is one of twelve community colleges in the [Connecticut State Colleges and Universities \(CSCU\)](#). The mission of NCCC is to inspire learning through accessible, high quality education. Founded in 1965, NCCC celebrates more than 50 years of serving the communities throughout the Litchfield Hills, and takes pride in offering a strong liberal arts education to students.

NCCC's student body is made up of many first-time, first-generation college students and a substantial number of non-traditional students. The full-time and part-time student population was 1,614 in the fall of 2014. Women represent 68.7% of that number, over 59% of NCCC's students are under the age of 25, and 73.8% attend part-time. NCCC offers approximately 30 degree programs and 20 certificate programs.



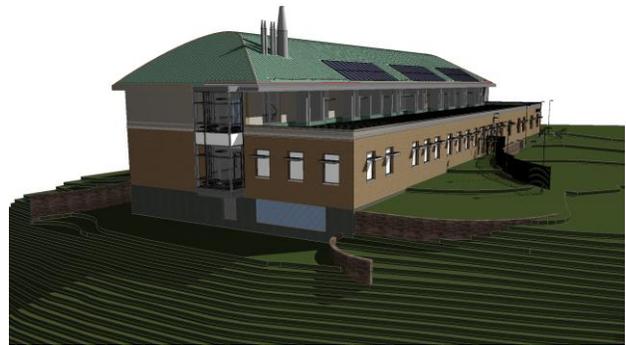
NCCC is a significant part of the local and regional community with a 20-town service area in the northwest corner that comprises 20% of the geographic area of Connecticut but only 5% of its population. Located in Winsted, a bucolic small town recognized for its historic architecture, the campus is comprised of 11 buildings. Some are preserved historic homes converted into campus office buildings while others are new structures that complement the community. The core of the campus is located adjacent to the town green with the new Joyner Health Science Center located up the road from campus along the Route 44 / Route 8 interchange.

A point of pride for the college is the robust arts community of the surrounding region. NCCC is a member of the [Northwest Connecticut Arts Council](#) and a member of the [Five Points Gallery](#) educational consortium, which fosters art education and opportunities for NCCC's art students. The college partners with several other art programs and organizations throughout the community including the [American Mural Project](#) and [Whiting Mills Galleries](#). The [Washington Art Association](#) and [Kent Art Association](#) are also within the college service area and provide added arts opportunities for students. NCCC fosters a dynamic art program of its own and the college maintains a gallery with rotating art exhibits that provide students with a strong foundation so they may transfer with success to a wide array of high quality 4-year art schools.



The Joyner Health Science Center will be the home to the Veterinary Technology, Allied Health, and Nursing programs.

The ground level houses a one-story technical veterinary suite and a veterinary lab/classroom wing that stacks beneath the second floor allied health lab/classroom wing. The entry opens to a stair with a two-story glass enclosure connecting the two stories.



The fully accredited [Veterinary Technology](#) program offers students the opportunity to earn either a certificate or associate degree and prepares students for employment opportunities in veterinary offices, biological research facilities, drug and feed manufacturing companies, and in the animal production industry. The program provides classroom, laboratory, and field experience and prepares students for immediate employment in the region or the ability to transfer seamlessly to the College of Agriculture and National Resources at the University of Connecticut.

Many of the courses in the [Allied Health](#) program prepare students for careers in dental hygiene, medical assisting, physical therapist assistant, radiology technology, respiratory therapy, and others. Allied Health, Health Information Management and Medical Assistant students may qualify to take National Healthcare Association exams to become certified phlebotomist, EKG technicians, billing and coding specialists, medical administrative assistants, electronic health records specialists.

NCCC's [Nursing](#) program will utilize space within the new building. The program is unique in that it offers students an accelerated 18 month course of study consisting of four consecutive semesters with a curriculum built upon courses from the social and biological sciences, liberal arts, and nursing.

The overall design of the new building separates the program functions with animals (Veterinary) on the first floor and humans (Allied Health and Nursing) on the second floor. However, the new campus building provides a unique opportunity for students of these various programs to co-mingle in a shared lounge on the first floor.

Project Description:

The college has expressed an interest in public art that connects to the greater vision of NCCC and the community while considering the users of the Joyner Health Science Center. Interior and exterior locations are under consideration at this time and the project opportunity may be split between one or more artists/projects.

The public artwork for NCCC should instill a welcoming presence that promotes a sense of community. It may highlight the positive impact of a community college educational experience and spur contemplation. The work of art may speak to student growth and development and the path toward reaching future goals. Artists may also consider any of the following terms and/or phrases; creativity, innovation, journey, collaborative learning, and engagement.

Note: Construction of Joyner Health and Science Center is underway. Therefore, artists must factor in all costs associated with fabrication, installation, and returning the surrounding site to pre-installation conditions. The artist will likely install after the building is occupied and must conduct their installation in accordance with NCCC's schedule and terms. Also be aware that projects commissioned through the Art in Public Spaces program generally require the services of a Connecticut licensed engineer which is the responsibility of the artist to procure.

Project Timeline *(all dates are subject to change):*

RFQ Deadline:	September 7, 2016
Artist selected by:	Winter 2016/17
Projected fully executed contract / project start date:	Summer 2017
Project installation / work completed by:	Anytime according to NCCC schedule

For ALL questions related to the Art in Public Spaces program and the NCCC opportunity, please contact:
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