

PRESENTING YOUR GPA

when your GPA is 0.0

As an incoming freshman, transfer, or graduate student – your GPA in Registration & Records is 0.0 until completion of your first semester. This can raise questions! How will I qualify for jobs or interviews in ePACK – since the system downloads GPA from Registration & Records? How will I address GPA on my resume? You may feel at a disadvantage, unable to apply for some opportunities.

Here are our suggestions!

In ePACK

When employer contact information <u>is visible</u> – email the contact to state your interest in the position. Attach a copy of your resume. This leaves the decision in the hands of the employer!

When employer contact information <u>is not visible</u> – consult with your career counselor to discuss the best option available. We may forward your resume directly to the employer or apply you manually through ePACK for the opportunity.

On your resume

We suggest that you leave this blank and not estimate, since it cannot be backed up by transcript. Instead, address your current performance in an email or cover letter. Be sure to include GPA from other institutions on your resume -- H.S., transfer, or previous degree. This gives the reader a good idea of your potential at NC State.

If you decide to take the risk because you are performing well and expect to continue – you may elect to estimate your GPA on your resume. (An estimated GPA can never be entered into your ePACK profile.) What's the risk? If you accept a job then find your actual GPA is lower than previously stated, an offer can be rescinded by the employer.

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