

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
U.S. Department of Transportation
Center of Excellence (CoE) for Domestic Workforce Training and Education

**Tidewater Community College –
Norfolk, Virginia**

The Secretary of Transportation redesignates Tidewater Community College (TCC), incorporating the Norfolk Campus and Regional Administrative Network nodes, as a Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE). Located in downtown Norfolk adjacent to major port terminals and naval installations, this node serves as the administrative, executive, and academic lead for TCC's maritime logistics, naval community college partnerships, and regional workforce governance.

Operational Footprint & Assets

- **Maritime Logistics Executive Suite:** Directs the A.A.S. in Management (Maritime Logistics specialization) and stackable Logistics Career Studies Certificates.
- **U.S. Naval Community College (USNCC) Pilot II Node:** Designated primary degree-granting partner for the USNCC, delivering online/hybrid Associate of Applied Science degrees in Technical Studies (Maritime Logistics) to active-duty Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel.
- **Tri-Cities Regional Training Center (Suffolk, VA):** Houses the Huntington Ingalls–Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) Advanced Apprenticeship Engineering program, featuring 3 dedicated classrooms, 1 computer laboratory, and 1 maritime engineering lab.
- **Distance Learning & Telemetry Infrastructure:** Maintains enterprise-wide online course delivery for supply chain management, purchasing, warehouse operations, and technical writing.

Workforce & Regional Impact

- **Maritime Logistics & Supply Chain Output:** Enrolled 13 students in Maritime Logistics AAS and 146 in Trade Technician CSC during 2022–2023, feeding logistics management talent to the Port of Virginia and maritime employers.
- **Port of Virginia Workforce Upskilling:** Partnered with the Port of Virginia to deliver customized safety, mechanical, electrical, and fall protection training to over 250 port employees during 2022–2023.
- **Active-Duty Military Education Pipeline:** Delivers fully transferable maritime logistics associate degrees to active-duty service members globally through the USNCC partnership.
- **Regional Consortium Leadership:** Active steering member of the National Maritime Workforce Alliance (NMWA) and regional workforce councils.

Strategic Outlook

The Norfolk and Regional Network node provides essential strategic management and supply chain coordination for the nation's fifth-largest port complex and the Atlantic Fleet. Its USNCC partnership and port upskilling programs ensure continuous, globally accessible logistics training for military and civilian maritime personnel during national defense mobilizations.