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 node, 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 Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Management with a Maritime Logistics specialization and oversees stackable Career Studies Certificates in Logistics.
• **U.S. Naval Community College (USNCC) Consortium Node:** Operates as a designated degree-granting partner for the USNCC, delivering globally accessible online/hybrid curricula where active-duty Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel earn an A.A.S. in Technical Studies or a Career Studies Certificate in Logistics.
• **Distance Learning & Telemetry Infrastructure:** Maintains enterprise-wide online course delivery platforms supporting specialized instruction in supply chain management, marine purchasing, port and warehouse operations, and technical writing.

Workforce & Regional Impact

• **Active-Duty Military Education Pipeline:** Delivers fully transferable maritime logistics associate degrees to active-duty service members globally through the USNCC educational partnership.
• **Maritime Logistics & Supply Chain Output:** Enrolled 13 students in the Maritime Logistics A.A.S. and 146 in Trade Technician CSC during baseline monitoring, feeding specialized logistics and inventory talent directly into the Port of Virginia and regional maritime employers
• **Port of Virginia Workforce Upskilling:** Partnered with the Port of Virginia to deliver customized safety, mechanical, electrical, and fall protection training to more than 250 port and terminal employees.
• **Regional Consortium Leadership:** Serves as an 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 sixth-largest port complex. Through its scalable USNCC military consortium model and customized port upskilling programs, the campus ensures continuous, globally accessible logistics training for civilian and military personnel essential to sustaining national defense mobilizations and commercial supply chain resilience.