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UNC-Asheville began as Asheville-Biltmore College at the recommendation of the Governor's Commission on Education Beyond High School. Image courtesy of NC

The Governor's Commission on Education beyond High School, Office of Archives & History. ^[3]commonly referred to as the Carlyle Commission, published a report in 1962 that led to legislation in 1963 establishing the state's community college system and public universities at [Asheville](#) ^[4], [Charlotte](#) ^[5], and [Wilmington](#) ^[6]. The commission was appointed in 1961 by Governor [Terry Sanford](#) ^[7] to plan for the higher education of the rapidly increasing baby boom high school graduates and to consider other issues relating to the state's change from an agricultural to a technology-based economy. Irving E. Carlyle, attorney and former legislator from [Winston-Salem](#) ^[8], was chairman of the 20-member panel of educators and citizens, and W. Lunsford Crew, president pro tem of the North Carolina Senate from [Halifax County](#) ^[9], served as vice chairman.

The commission's report contained 61 recommendations for higher education on statewide planning and coordination, the [University of North Carolina](#) ^[10] and public senior colleges, comprehensive [community colleges](#) ^[2], students, faculties, finance, and extension and public service. The commission also initiated a comprehensive demographic study, titled *[Community Colleges for North Carolina: A Study of Need, Location, and Service Areas\(1962\)](#)* ^[11], led by [C. Horace Hamilton](#) ^[12] of the [Department of Rural Sociology](#) ^[13] at North Carolina State College (modern [North Carolina State University](#) ^[14]). The Hamilton Report documented the great need for additional institutions of higher education in North Carolina.

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