Q1: Why did we introduce accelerated programs in our university?

A1: In order to attract and retain higher performing students. Packaging our curriculum in this way and offering financial incentive via the Trustee Award may allow CCU to obtain higher performing students that would have otherwise gone elsewhere. The benefits of the program are targeted to increase retention of those students. Finally, we should also see an impact on summer enrolments by offering more of these courses in the summer.

Q2: What are the main benefits of the Degree in Three (DN3) Program?

A2: While the benefits of the Degree in Three Program may vary by college and/or degree, they typically include the following:

- Access to early (priority) registration
- Access to applicable Learning-Living Communities
- Access to a cohort of high performing student leaders
- Smaller class sizes
- One-on-one advising
- Opportunity to participate in specialized internships and hands-on learning experiences
- Finishing college early, maximizing one’s earning potential
- The potential for receiving a $5,000 Trustee Award for those that meet the criteria (see the following link for more information regarding award criteria: http://www.coastal.edu/provost/trusteeaward/)
- Students that enroll in online courses during the summer session(s) may benefit from the Summer Online tuition rates

Q3: Do students need to be enrolled in the DN3 Program to be eligible for the Trustees Award?

A3: No. However, it is highly recommend that students do both.

The Trustee award is open to all first-time freshmen entering Coastal Carolina University, beginning with the Fall 2014 semester. To qualify for the Trustee Award, the student must meet the following conditions:

- The student entered Coastal Carolina University as a first-time freshman, no earlier than Fall 2014.
- The student completed his or her undergraduate degree within three (3) years (36 consecutive months following initial enrollment).
- The student earned all collegiate credits at Coastal Carolina University or via a CCU-sponsored study abroad program, excluding all credits earned in high school that transferred to the University.
- The Trustee Award Application must be submitted online by the last day of the student's first semester. (Click here to apply)
- Award certification occurs during the graduation process; thus, the student must apply for disbursement of the award during this process with certification that he or she has complied with the first two bullets above.
- The Trustee Award is payable in cash to the student following his or her certification of graduation. The student will receive a 1099 and is responsible for all applicable taxes.
Q4: Can a student enrolled in this program study at another institution and transfer credits back in to Coastal?

A4: No. They will be ineligible for the Trustee Award and the DN3.

Q5: Can the TOEFL be accepted as an alternative to the SAT/ACT for international students?

A5: Yes. A TOEFL can be accepted in lieu of the SAT/ACT requirement. The recommended score is a 71.

Q6: Are transfer students eligible for the DN3 Program?

A6: No. The Degree in Three Program is for students that entered Coastal as first time freshmen.

Q7: What makes a person a first time freshman applicant as opposed to a transfer applicant?

A7: A first time freshman is defined by admissions as:

- Any student who has not participated in a major semester (Fall or Spring) at an accredited institution following their graduation from High School

- Or

- Any student with less than 6 credits of college level work

Q8: What are the available graduate programs for the Get More in Four Program?

A8: Available graduate degrees include:

- Master of Accountancy (MAcc)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Arts in Writing (MA in Writing)
- Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS)
- Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)

Q9: Do DN3 Coordinators at the College level have discretion as to which students can be admitted to the program?

A9: The program was created as a mechanism to attract and retain high performing students, hence the following criteria are listed online:

- Cumulative High School GPA of **3.5 or higher**
- SAT Math & Critical Reading combined score of **1100 or higher**, or
- ACT composite score of **24 or higher**

(Note that the TOEFL can be accepted in lieu of the SAT/ACT requirement. The recommended score is a 71.)
Students that do not meet the above criteria may apply and college-level program coordinators DO have discretion as to who they let into the program. There is also discretion as to if a program wants to have additional program requirements (e.g., an essay).

Q10: Can a student enroll in the DN3 program at any point during their college career (i.e., as a Sophomore or Junior)?

A10: Yes, if accepted by the Program Coordinator, but they will not be eligible for the Trustee Award unless they applied during the first semester of Freshman year. Transfer students are not eligible.

Q11: Are study abroad courses considered credits earned at CCU?

A11: Yes, credits taken through a study abroad program at Coastal, where tuition is paid to Coastal, are CCU credits.

Q12: How is a student in an accelerated program designated in DataTel?

A12: Students’ accounts are marked with a “DN3” hold using the PERC screen in Datatel. Once admission is granted, the granting agent should add this marker to indicate to the rest of the university that this student is enrolled in a Degree in Three program.

Q13: Is there a minimum GPA requirement to stay in the DN3 program?

A13: Not a university-wide requirement, but each college/degree program may have their own requirements. Get More in Four participants may also be subject to higher GPA requirements to enter graduate study at CCU. Program Coordinators should be aware of graduate program requirements for DN3 students and should communicate them clearly to the students enrolled.