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## **Charlotte Transportation**

**BUS SERVICE** (<u>http://charlottenc.gov/cats/bus/routes/Pages/default.aspx</u>): The Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) offers an Airport Sprinter bus to and from the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport and Uptown Charlotte. Transit time each way is between 25 and 35 minutes, depending on traffic. The signs on buses are marked "**Sprinter to Airport**."

# The NBEO is not responsible for CATS bus stops, fees, or times please check their website for up to date information.

#### From airport to uptown Charlotte:

The ONLY bus stop at the airport where you can catch the bus to uptown, can be found from the baggage claim level (the lower level), outside **Zone D doors**. Travelers arriving at the airport from the uptown area via the Airport Sprinter are dropped off at this same stop.



The fare for this airport-uptown express bus route is **\$2.20 each way**. You can catch the Sprinter typically every 20 minutes during weekdays and typically 30 minutes during nights and weekends.

#### Bus stop:

**The bus stop** closest to the NCCTO is found at the Charlotte Transportation Center on East Trade Street, between Brevard and College Streets. This bus stop has a turquoise arched roof and is **2 blocks** from the NCCTO.



#### From uptown to airport:

Proceed to the main CATS bus terminal (see above) and look for Airport Sprinter bus stop sign at midblock on South Brevard Street.



#### **OTHER SERVICES**

**Taxi and Ride Shares:** These services are also available at the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, on the Baggage Claim level (**lower level**).

After the exam, you will typically find taxis on College Street by taking a right out of the building, past the intersection of College and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

#### Reserving a Hotel Room in Uptown Charlotte:

To make the process of traveling to Charlotte easier for Candidates taking Part III CSE, the NBEO/ NCCTO has obtained special contracted rates with the hotels listed below. Though many other hotels exist in the Uptown Charlotte district, currently only the hotels included in this document have provided NBEO candidates with **negotiated corporate room rates** (see the hotel flyers on the pages that follow).

Only a limited number of rooms are set aside for use with these negotiated rates; it is best to reserve early to secure the special room rate. The NBEO/NCCTO cannot guarantee any special dates or room availability at any time. Please be aware that each hotel may have particular "black out" dates for other events hosted in Charlotte at the same time as your exam, and the NBEO rate will be unavailable on those days. It is highly recommended to book as early as possible to obtain the NBEO rate. If you run into any issues with reservations, please contact the hotel directly for more information. You may also email the hotel you would like to stay with and ask for a list of blackout dates and plan accordingly.

The link on the flyer for the hotel will take you directly to the hotel's website that includes a description of the facility and allows you to make a reservation using the NBEO room rate.



230 North College Street Charlotte, NC 28202 Phone: 704.335.5400 <u>www.HICharlotte.com</u>

#### ... Not your typical Holiday Inn

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#### **General Hotel Information**

- 296 Well-Appointed Guestrooms
- Microwave & Refrigerator in Every Room
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Same Day Dry Cleaning/Laundry Service
- In-Room Keurig Coffee Machine
- Hairdryer, Iron/Ironing Board
- AM/FM Alarm Clock Radio
- Seasonal Rooftop Pool
- Fitness Center
- IHG Reward Points

#### Dining:

- Caffe Siena- full service restaurant and bar Weekday: 6:30am-12:00am Weekend: 6:30am-2:00am
- Room Service 6:30am-10:00pm

#### **Business Center:**

- 24-Hour Complimentary Computer Access
- 24-Hour Fax & Copy Service

#### **Complimentary Shuttle:**

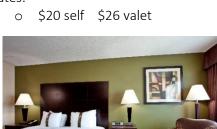
• 3-Mile Radius of Hotel

#### Restaurants, Bars and Entertainment:

• A wide variety of cuisines and entertainment options just steps away from the hotel.







To reserve a room, please click the link below: If you have any issues reserving a room, please contact Jami Hill

Book Here! Corporate ID: 100277881

#### hillj@gfhotels.com | 704.335.5400 EXT. 470

Please note that when making a reservation the Credit Card used is to hold and guarantee the room. Payment is taken at the time of check-in.

#### NBEO 2020 Preferred Rates:

\*Rates are based upon availability

Weekday (Monday – Thursday) Standard: \$135.00 Club: \$155.00

Suite: \$175.00

Weekend (Friday – Sunday) Standard: \$100.00 Club: \$120.00 Suite: \$150.00

Club and Suite Level guests enjoy a Complimentary Breakfast Monday-Friday and an Evening Reception with Beer, Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Monday-Thursday.

#### Airport and Parking Information:

- 10-Minutes from Charlotte Douglas Airport (CLT)
- Parking is located adjacent to the hotel in the Wake Forest Parking Garage. Daily In / Out privileges.
- Daily rates:

# NATIONAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

2020 \$159 Corporate Rate

For more information contact: Richard Brooks Vice President of Sales and Marketing Richard.Brooks@pyramidhotelgroup.com

> 555 South McDowell Charlotte, NC 28204 980-237-5643

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#### Participating properties:

Sheraton Charlotte Hotel Le Méridien Charlotte



- Starwood Preferred Guest Program
- 24 hour Fitness Center with Indoor Pool
- Dry Cleaning Service Available
- Car Service Provided
- 65,000 square feet of quiet meeting space
- Complimentary Wifi
- Complimentary Self Parking
- No Early Departure Fees







# Le MERIDIEN CHARLOTTE

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2020 \$169 Corporate Rate

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Hyatt house Charlotte Center City

# National Board of Examiners in Optometry

## Hotel Highlights:

- Studio Suite style rooms
- Rooms equipped with full desk & kitchenette
- Onsite restaurant open from 4pm -11 pm
- Room service available from 4pm-11 pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Floor rooftop pool terrace
- Newly Renovated Rooms as of February 2018

## **Rates Include:**

- Complimentary hot breakfast + made-to-order omelets.
- Complimentary wireless internet throughout.
- Complimentary fitness center

# **Negotiated Discount**

\$162

BOOK NOW !

3 pm day before arrival cancellation policy

Or Call 1 - 888 -426 - 7942 and reference company code: **01975** 

# **Convenient Location:**

- 3 blocks from testing site!
- Walking distance to numerous restaurants & shopping
- Next door to the Spectrum Center





Hyatt house Charlotte Center City

Charlottecentercity.house.hyatt.com









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Did you know National Board of Examiners in Optometry has a 2018 special rate with Hilton Garden Inn Charlotte Uptown? It's true. You can reduce travel costs and guarantee that you'll always stay at a hotel with great benefits, such as free Wi- Fi, friendly service, clean rooms, 24 -hour business center, and Hilton HHonors Points & Miles.

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Hilton Garden Inn Charlotte Uptown

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