



NATIONAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

# NCCTO<sup>®</sup> TEST CENTER

## TRAVEL & AREA INFORMATION

BB&T CENTER/BUILDING, 20<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
200 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET, SUITE 2020  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202  
800.969.3926, EXTENSION 2

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## **CHARLOTTE TRANSPORTATION**

### **BUS SERVICE** (<http://charlottenc.gov/cats/bus/routes/Pages/default.aspx>):

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.**”

**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:**

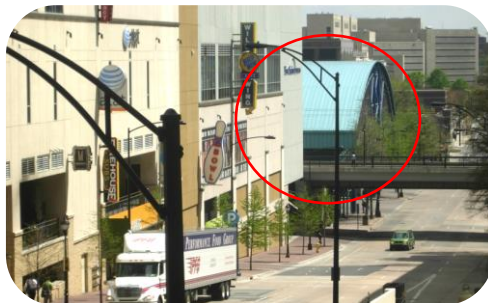
There is only ONE bus stop at the airport where you can catch the bus to uptown. It can be found from the baggage claim level (the lower level), outside **Zone D doors**. Travelers arriving at the airport from the uptown area via the Airport Sprinter are dropped off at this same stop.



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



### **From Uptown to Airport:**

Proceed to the main CATS bus terminal (see previous page) and look for Airport Sprinter bus stop sign at mid-block on 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.

### **HOTELS IN UPTOWN CHARLOTTE**

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

To make the process of traveling to Charlotte easier for candidates taking an exam at the NCCTO, the NBEO 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.

Holiday Inn  
230 North College Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202  
Jami Hill  
(704)335-5400 ext. 470  
[www.hicharlotte.com](http://www.hicharlotte.com)  
[hillj@gfhotels.com](mailto:hillj@gfhotels.com)

Corporate ID: 100277881

**Book Here!**

\*Rates are based upon availability



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**Weekday (Monday – Thursday) \***

Standard: \$139

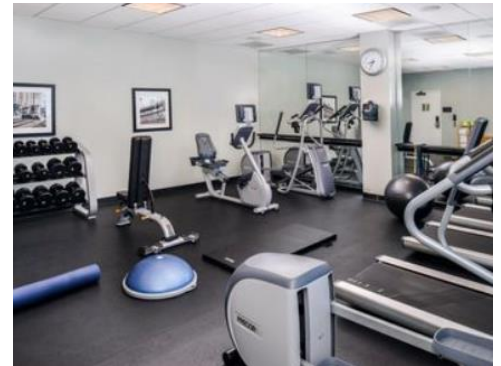
Club: \$159



**Weekend (Friday – Sunday) \***

Standard: \$119

Club: \$139



**General Hotel Information**

- 296 Well-Appointed Guestrooms
- Microwave and Refrigerator in Every Room
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Same Day Dry Cleaning/Laundry Service
- Hairdryer and Iron/Ironing Board
- In-room Keurig Coffee Machine
- AM/FM Alarm Clock Radio
- Seasonal Rooftop Pool
- Fitness Center
- Complimentary Shuttle (3-mile radius of hotel)
- **IHG Reward Points**

**Dining**

- Caffe Siena
- Room service

**Business Center**

- 24-hour complimentary computer access
- 24-hour fax and copy service

**Entertainment**

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

**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:
    - \$20 self-parking
    - \$26 valet parking



**Sheraton Charlotte Hotel**  
**555 South McDowell Street**  
**Charlotte, NC 28204**  
**Vice President of Sales & Marketing: Richard Brooks**  
**(980)237-5643**  
**[Richard.Brooks@pyramidhotelgroup.com](mailto:Richard.Brooks@pyramidhotelgroup.com)**

**\$159 Corporate Rate**  
**Book your corporate rate.**



- 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 Wi-Fi
- Complimentary Self-Parking
- No Early-Departure Fees



Le MERIDIEN



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Charlotte, NC 28204

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**\$169 Corporate Rate**  
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- 24-hour Fitness Center with Indoor Pool
- Dry Cleaning Service Available
- Car Service Provided
- 65,000 square feet of quiet meeting space
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Hyatt House Charlotte Center City  
435 E Trade Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202  
Director of Sales: Tracy Moorcones  
(704)373-9700  
[Tracy.Moorcones@hyatt.com](mailto:Tracy.Moorcones@hyatt.com)

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

\$162 Corporate Rate  
[Book Now!](#)



#### Hotel Highlights

- Studio Suite style rooms
- Rooms equipped with full desk and kitchenette
- Onsite restaurant
- Room service available
- Rooftop pool terrace

#### Room Rate Inclusions

- Complimentary hot breakfast with omelets made to order
- Complimentary Wi Fi
- Complimentary fitness center

#### Convenient Location

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





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**Hilton Garden Inn Charlotte Uptown**  
**508 East Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.**  
**Charlotte, NC 28202**

**Corporate Account #: 2752814**

**20% off Best Available Rate**

**\*rates are available based on the occupancy of the hotel and are not guaranteed.**



### **GREAT BENEFITS AND A SPECIAL RATE FOR YOU TOO.**

Did you know the National Board of Examiners in Optometry® has a special rate with the 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
- Hilton HHonors Points & Miles

Whether you're traveling for business or pleasure, click below to book your discounted rate online or by calling (800) 331-9454 and use your Corporate Account #: 2752814.

[Click here to book online.](#)





**COURTYARD**<sup>®</sup>  
BY MARRIOTT



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**Courtyard Charlotte City Center**  
237 South Tryon Street  
Charlotte, NC 282042

**Director of Sales: Tanique Odom**  
(704)926-5804

[tanique.odom@marriott.com](mailto:tanique.odom@marriott.com)

**Room Rate: 15% off**

**[Book your corporate rate.](#)**



**Courtyard Charlotte City Center makes an ideal home away from home.**

**Our hotel is not only located nearby to the NBEO office, but also close to diverse restaurant and grocery options. Here are some amenities you will appreciate:**

- Free Wi-Fi
- Onsite fitness center
- Mini- fridge, microwave, and work desk in every room
- Evening room service: Ruth's Chris Steakhouse
- 24-hour market

