

## UNC Hickory?

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This week the state's university system is considering several sites for a new university- in Hickory. Plans could include Appalachian State University operating what would initially be a satellite campus. The campus itself would be built over a 10-12 year period and serve more than 10,000 students. A university would not only be good for the local economy. Experts say the facility would make education more accessible to the area. The four-county Hickory Metro currently ranks 12<sup>th</sup> out of the state's 14 metropolitan areas in the percentage of residents with a college degree, according to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments.