

## Coastal Carolina University Off Campus Housing FAQ

### **How do I find a place to live off campus?**

Start by checking out <http://offcampushousing.coastal.edu/>. You will need to create a log-in to get started. From there you will be able to search property listings in the area that range from traditional style apartments to houses and condos. The site will also tell you how far each property is from campus.

### **Do you recommend any off campus properties?**

Off Campus Student Services does not “recommend” any off campus properties. However, we are in contact with all of the property managers from the listings on the website and work with those individuals on a regular basis. Using the website is the best way to find a property where the staff is familiar with the needs of college students.

### **I am new to Coastal and don't know anyone in the area, can you help me find a roommate?**

After you log-in to <http://offcampushousing.coastal.edu/>, look for the “MESSAGE BOARDS” tab toward the top of the page. The message boards are a place for you to post if you are looking for a roommate and for you to find postings from other students who might be looking for you. You can also use the message boards to post items (such as books, furniture, or other home goods) for sale and even look for carpool options.

### **How do I pay for off campus housing?**

Students who receive more financial aid than needed to cover direct expenses (ie. tuition and fees) may use their excess financial aid to pay or assist in paying for off campus housing and other educationally related expenses. You may view your CCU direct charges via WebAdvisor (<http://webadvisor.coastal.edu>). If you signed up for Direct Deposit, the excess funds will be deposited directly into your bank account once the refund process has concluded. If you do not have Direct Deposit, then your excess funds will be mailed to your permanent address as listed with the Registrar in the form of a University check.

Please note that most students find it necessary to make initial apartment deposits and/or monthly rent payments from personal funds until the refund process is complete. Keep in mind that settlement checks are only issued when all financial aid funds have arrived to Coastal and a credit balance is produced.

### **Is there a shuttle from any off campus housing to campus?**

There is not currently a shuttle to carry students from off campus housing to campus. However, there are a number of housing options within walking distance. Also once students arrive on

campus in the morning we do recommend using the shuttle as one means of getting from class to class. Using the on campus shuttles is more efficient than driving between buildings and will help save gas.

**Is there anything else I need to know?**

Yes, Off Campus Student Services encourages all students living off campus to obtain renter's insurance. This insurance is available at a low cost (typically \$10-\$20 per month) and will help protect you in the event of a theft, fire, or other damage to your belongings. You may be able to get this insurance through the same company your parent or guardian uses for their home owner's insurance or through one of the many reputable companies in the Conway/Myrtle Beach area.

**If any of your questions or concerns are not addressed here please feel free to contact:**

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