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Scotia Seminary in Concord, ca. 1891.
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^[5]Barber-Scotia College was founded in Concord in 1867 as Scotia Seminary, a [Presbyterian](#) ^[6] preparatory school for young, newly freed [African American](#) ^[7] women. For more than a generation the institute prepared these women to become teachers, social workers, and members of other professions. Over time the school grew, and significant changes in programs and policy were initiated. In 1916 the curriculum was expanded and the school's name changed to Scotia's Women's College. In 1930 the college merged with Barber Memorial College of Anniston, Ala., and the name Barber-Scotia College was adopted two years later. The first bachelor's degrees were awarded by Barber-Scotia in 1945.

Barber-Scotia College became coeducational in 1954. By the early 2000s the college was an accredited four-year liberal arts institution, continuing its historical relationship with the [Presbyterian Church](#) ^[6] (U.S.A.). The student population continues to be primarily from North Carolina and South Carolina, although students have come from many states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and several foreign countries.

Educator Resources:

Grades K-8: <https://www.ncpedia.org/historically-black-colleges-and-universities-K-8> ^[4]

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Barber-Scotia College: <http://www.b-sc.edu/> ^[8]

Barber-Scotia College, NC Highway Historical Marker L-102: <https://www.ncdcr.gov/about/history/division-historical-resources/nc-highway-historical-marker-program/Markers.aspx?MarkerId=L-102> ^[9]

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