

Nebraska's Private Colleges & Universities Fact Sheet

Academic Quality	Service Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award 40 percent of the state's bachelor's degrees. • Produce one-half of state's health sciences bachelor's and advanced degree graduates, including nursing. • Award more teacher education degrees than the Nebraska State College System. • Offer personalized learning with average student-faculty ratio of 14:1. • Student-based learning with faculty scholars committed to teaching. • Nationally-ranked institutions providing innovative educational programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nebraska's private colleges educate more than 31,000 students a year. • Serve Nebraska residents with weekend, evening, and distance degree programs. • More than 75 percent of all NICF students receive financial assistance. • Family incomes for private college students are similar to those at state schools. • Enroll the highest percentage of minority students in four-year colleges and universities in the state. • Provide countless cultural, educational, and public service programs.
Community Outreach	Economic Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 1953 NICF has promoted Nebraska's independent colleges and universities. • Provide efficient and effective way to invest in independent higher education. • Sponsor annual <i>Nebraska Independent College Week</i> for students and families. • Educate high school students about college options through <i>Early Awareness Program</i>. • Partner with Time Warner Cable to showcase NICF member colleges. • Reach out to underserved audiences to encourage their enrollment in college. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 58 years, NICF has raised \$43 million for operating and scholarship support. • Independent colleges and universities generate a \$1.42 billion spending impact in Nebraska. • Attract students to the state and produce graduates who stay to pursue careers. • Provide more than 4,800 private sector jobs for Nebraska's economy. • Combined, independent institutions are in the top ten of the largest employers in Nebraska. • Save taxpayers \$5,000 per student in state-provided support for \$100 million savings.

Bellevue University ▪ College of Saint Mary ▪ Concordia University
Doane College ▪ Grace University ▪ Midland University
Nebraska Wesleyan University ▪ Union College ▪ York College