

NSHE Institutional Advisory Council 2021 Legislative Fact Sheet

Community College Capacity Enhancement Funding Requests



CSN - \$5.8 million per year: The funding will add additional programs in Health Sciences, Advanced Manufacturing, Cyber Security, and dual enrollment with local high schools. It will also support short-term training and weekend college options in high-demand occupations.



GBC - \$700,000 per year: The funding will establish and expand high-value programs such as Paramedic, Human Services/Substance Abuse Counseling and Land Surveying. The GBC Nursing program will also be expanded to include our Ely location to serve rural communities.





TMCC - \$2.25 million per year: The funding will expand high-demand courses to ensure full-time students are able to progress seamlessly through degree pathways. In addition, the funding will expand advising and support staff to improve persistence and completion.



WNC - \$300,000 per year: This funding will support pathways in dual credit programs to expand Jump Start College, Jump Start Career, Rural Nursing, as well as access and retention efforts for underserved students.

Formula Budget Changes in Governor’s Recommended Budget

 College	\$ Original FY21	\$ Gov. Recommended FY23	 Change
CSN	\$109,024,754	\$103,743,133	-4.8%
GBC	\$13,974,209	\$14,046,456	0.5%
TMCC	\$38,294,670	\$35,745,537	-6.7%
WNC	\$14,914,956	\$13,407,332	-10.1%

Expanding Access:



Silver State Opportunity Grant: This grant helps fund full-time, low-income community college students and follows a shared responsibility model whereby the total cost of attendance (tuition, fees, and living expenses) is shared by state and federal government and the student. The Governor's budget includes \$4.4 million for each year of the biennium for this program.



Nevada Promise Scholarship: This last-dollar scholarship is for recent Nevada high school graduates who apply for financial aid, meet with a mentor, and complete community service and a training. The scholarship covers all basic tuition not funded by any other state and federal aid at a community college. The Governor's budget generously included \$7.3 million to continue the program over the biennium.

Community College Capital Projects:



GBC: Welding Lab Addition and Renovation \$6,340,320 total (\$5,740,320 state & \$600,000 GBC): A college priority since 2009, this project will expand the current welding shop/classroom space by 4,500 square feet, nearly doubling the current square footage; renovation of the 4,830sf existing welding lab; and includes an institution/donor match of \$600,000.



WNC: Marlette Hall Renovation \$1,496,771: Originally constructed in 1998, Marlette Hall is a large lecture hall. The renovation will modernize the space and allow for collaborative learning.

Governance Issues:



The Community College Four-Year Degree GBC was the first Nevada community college to create a bachelor's of applied science in the late 1990s. Since then, Nevada's community colleges have added more than 30 four-year degrees. These degrees are in niche fields and/or are not available elsewhere in the service area. There are 30 states, including Puerto Rico, in which community colleges provide bachelor's degrees. Nevada's community colleges are among 186 or 17.7% of U.S. community colleges that offer these degrees.



Nevada Community College Classification IPEDS is a data collection system managed by the National Center of Educational Statistics (NCES) at the U.S. Department of Education.¹ As soon as a college offers a single baccalaureate degree, its classification changes from two to four year. But the U.S. Department of Education has an additional classification for community colleges that is "4 year, primarily associate's." This is the classification in NCES and IPEDS for all of Nevada's community colleges and has NO impact on their ability to pursue or access federal grant opportunities designated for community colleges.



Grants Nevada community colleges aggressively pursue alternative funding. Following the Great Recession, our community colleges received \$24 million in Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grants, more than 15 other states, including neighboring Utah and Idaho, and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. This money launched 26 programs and led to 4,094 credentials.²

THE HISTORY OF NEVADA'S INSTITUTIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS

Following an interim legislative study on community college governance, the Board of Regents created Institutional Advisory Councils for each community college in 2015. These councils, made up of local business and community leaders, were designed to enhance these colleges' responsiveness to their communities and local input into key college policy decisions. Along with a newly created NSHE Vice Chancellor of Community College position, these changes were meant to create a "system within a system."

¹ Source: <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/about-ipeds/>; and <https://nces.ed.gov/about/>

² State Profiles. TAAACT. DOL: Available at:

<https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/ETA/TAACCCT/pdfs/All%20TAACCCT%20State%20Profiles.pdf>