

North Carolina INDEPENDENT Colleges & Universities

Some students remain on campus, but are practicing social distancing

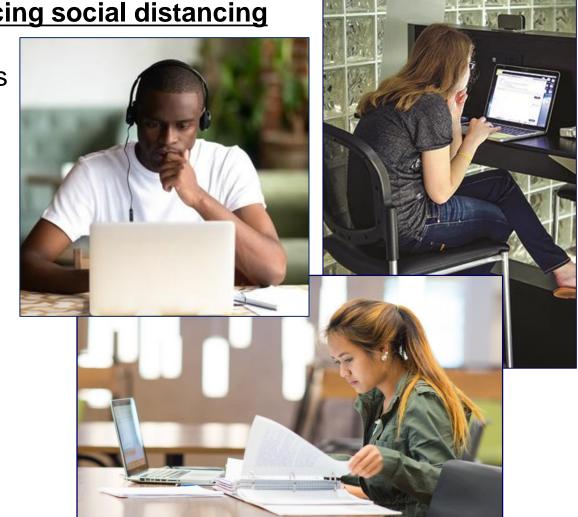
- International students
- Students from cities with high COVID 19 outbreaks
- Homeless students
- Meals take-out only

Remote learning:

Virtual classes and labs

Virtual tutoring and counseling





POLICY CHALLENGES



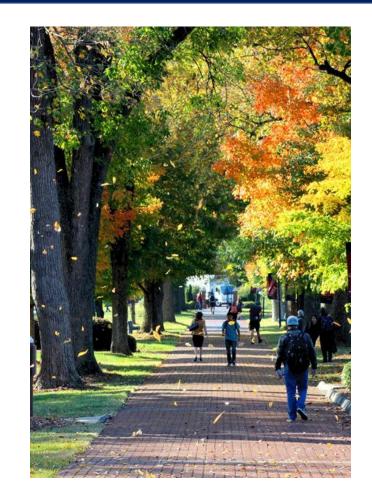
- Student teaching and counselor interns and students in pre-internship field experiences cannot complete the required weeks

 Seniors are deeply concerned about being able to graduate in May
- Students seeking admission to education preparation programs (EPPs) in fall 2020 cannot take the required test: Praxis Core
- Students seeking admission to EPPs in fall 2020 may not have the required 2.7 GPA since most spring 2020 classes have become pass/fail



FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

- Costs of moving all instruction to remote learning
- Costs of software and of hardware for some faculty and students
- Room and board issues
- Contractual costs with multiple vendors
- Costs of closing programs including Maymester and summer programs
- Cancellation of tours and visits by students
- 80% of students receive some type of financial aid, including institutional aid
- Unemployment of students and parents





FEDERAL RESPONSE

- Primary support: Federal funding based 75% on PELL grant recipient FTE and 25% on non-PELL grant recipient FTE
- Federal funds to be divided evenly between the institutional costs associated with COVID-19 and student costs of attendance
- Additional \$1B in financial support for HBCUs and minority-serving institutions (MSIs)





REQUESTED STATE RESPONSE - POLICY



- Waiver of the legislated number of weeks required for student teaching and counselor internships, and for pre-internship field experiences, for spring and summer 2020
- Waiver of Praxis Core test for EPP admission for the 2020-21 academic year
- Waiver of the 2.7 individual, and 3.0 cohort GPA for students entering EPPs in the 2020-21 academic year
- Delay implementation of sanctions on EPPs by one year



REQUEST FOR STATE RESPONSE – FINANCIAL



Options for consideration

 Restore \$20m in state financial aid to prerecession level of \$108m in the North Carolina Need Based Scholarship (NCNBS)

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

- Provide special one-time support of \$10m in non-recurring fund assistance for students whose families have been affected by COVID-19
- Restore eligibility of independent college and university students for state
 lottery scholarship aid approximately \$5m

REQUEST FOR STATE RESPONSE – FINANCIAL

In recognition of the education value (90k students, 1/3 of bachelor's degrees and 1/3 of graduate/professional degrees in the state) and economic impact (\$14B, 66k employees) of the State's private higher education sector:

 Request one-time support to the 36 independent colleges and universities based on a formula similar to the federal response: determined by 75% number of NCNBS recipients; 25% number of non-NCNBS recipients – \$36m in non-recurring funds

