

**NORTH CAROLINA
INDEPENDENT
COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES**



**Presentation to Joint Education
Appropriations Committee**

*Supporting, representing, & advocating for North Carolina
independent higher education*

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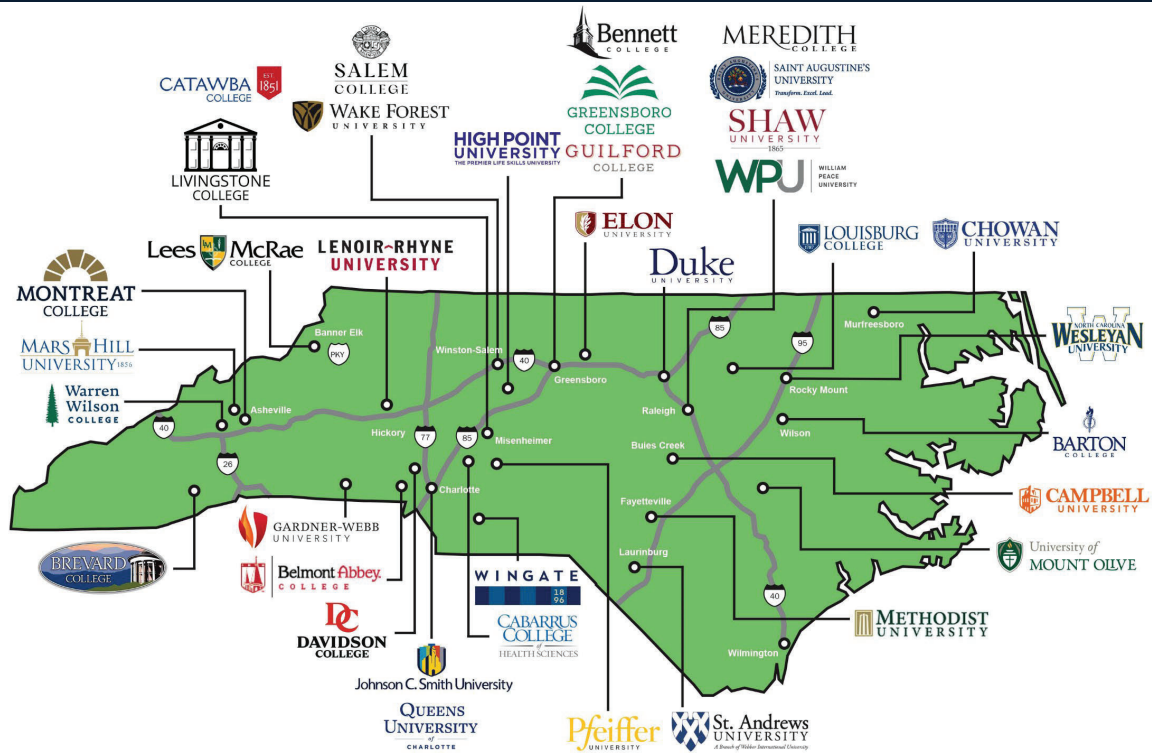
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**PRIVATE COLLEGES.
PUBLIC PURPOSE.
SMALL CAMPUSES, BIG IMPACT!**

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STUDENTS CAN FIND THEIR BEST FIT.

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6,600

Largest campus has 6,600 undergraduate students;

16

16 campuses have fewer than 1,000 undergraduate students.

36

Total campuses

5

Historically Black Colleges/Universities

3

Women's Colleges

1

Two-year College

NCICU BY THE NUMBERS

**NORTH CAROLINA
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83K

students

\$14.2B

Economic Impact

\$1.5B

in research

\$1.3B

in institutional aid

66K

Employees*

*North Carolina's private higher education sector is the largest private employer in the State.

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WE AWARD

1 in 4

Bachelor's Degrees in NC

WE AWARD

1 in 3

Graduate/Professional Degrees in NC

STUDENTS

62K

undergraduates

52% from NC

24K

graduate students

57% from NC

MORE THAN 14K

students received the **NCNBS** in 2023-24

ALMOST 50%

of our NC students receive federal Pell Grants

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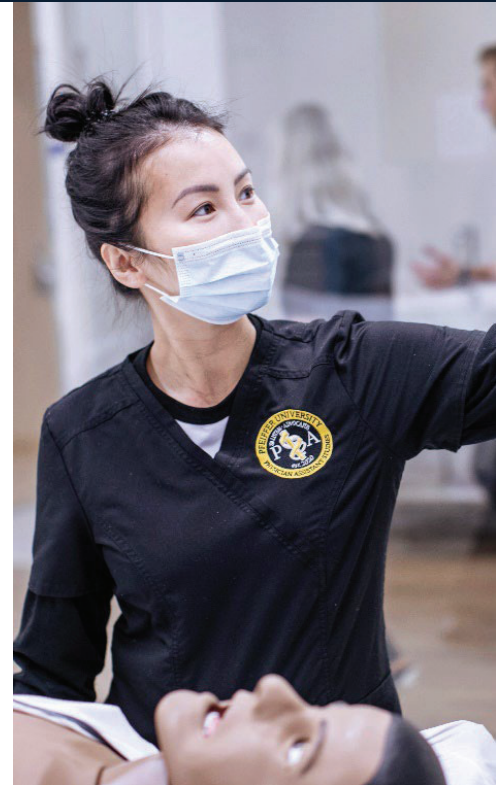
90%
PA
Degrees

71%
Law
Degrees

62%
Pharmacy
Degrees

60%
Medical
Degrees

40%
Nursing
Masters
Degrees



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CURRENT STATE SUPPORT

\$91M

North Carolina
Need-Based
Scholarship

\$3.5M

Awarded to
NCICU Students
Impacted by
Hurricane Helene

3%

NCNBS
represents less
than 3% of the
state budget for
higher education.

REQUESTED STATE SUPPORT

\$8M

An increase in recurring funding of the NCNBS from \$91.1M to \$99.1M.

Restore Lottery funding for NC students

Sports Wagering Proceeds for NCICU teams

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\$20M

In non-recurring funds for Growing the Health Care Workforce.

\$6M

to support the NCICU campuses that have principal preparation programs.

\$9M

in capital recovery funds for the 8 NCICU campuses impacted by Hurricane Helene.

\$8M

For NCICU's 5 HBCUs and 3 MSIs for urgent infrastructure needs.

\$750K

Scholarship for graduates of NCSSM to attend NCICU campuses.

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NCICU Continues Historic Partnerships with NCCCS to Strengthen Transfer Options

- Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement
- Discipline specific articulation agreements
- Developing a portal for students to use
- Campus-specific transfer programs, including a maximum cost for students

A photograph of two female students sitting at a wooden table outdoors. The student on the left is a Black woman with a nose ring, smiling and looking at a laptop. The student on the right is a white woman with blonde hair, looking towards the laptop. The laptop has a sticker that says 'CAMPUS TO CAMPUS' and a heart sticker. The background shows a green lawn and a building.

