Withdrawal due to COVID-19 Crisis

Due to the impact of COVID-19 and the disruption and challenges presented to North Idaho College students, the college is providing students with a special option to Withdraw called “W due to COVID-19.” This option applies to one or possibly all courses students are currently enrolled in, and may be selected between April 6, 2020 and April 17, 2020.

What is a W due to COVID-19?

All withdrawals between April 6 and April 17, will be coded with the reason “due to COVID-19”. With the national crisis created by COVID-19, this option will allow students to withdraw from a currently enrolled course with no negative impact to GPA and to “retake” the course in a future term. Taking a W due to COVID-19 will give students a tuition credit at North Idaho College in either the upcoming fall 2020 or spring 2021 term. This credit will cover tuition only. Students will be responsible for fees.

All students should understand that by taking a W due to COVID-19, it does not guarantee a student’s re-enrollment in a particular course in the fall 2020 or spring 2021. Students in competitive programs should consult their program director or advisor to fully understand how this may impact their progression in their program(s).

How does a W due to COVID-19 work?

Students can follow the current process to withdraw by logging into Student Planning and going to the link Course Withdraw Request Form. Once submitted, an Enrollment Services Team member will reach out to each student prior to being withdrawn from any courses. The submission must be completed before April 17th 2020, the last day to withdraw from a spring 2020 course.

You may also call with questions during campus normal operation hours to: 208-769-3311.

Students are also strongly encouraged to speak with their advisor before making a decision to withdraw.

What’s an example of how this works?

“Chris” is currently enrolled in 12 credit hours for spring 2020. Due to COVID-19, he feels he cannot successfully complete 6 credit hours. Chris logs into Student Planning and completes the Course Withdraw Form. The reason for the W will be noted as due to COVID-19. Chris will receive a communication from an Enrollment Services Team member to discuss his interest to withdraw and if he chooses to continue with the process, Chris will receive a W for the two courses (6 credit hours). In the fall term, Chris returns to NIC and enrolls in 12 credit hours. Chris will receive a tuition credit on his account in the fall semester for the 6 credits he withdrew from in the spring.

Why is NIC doing this?

NIC cares about its students and understands the unique challenges and stress that this COVID-19 pandemic has placed on them. Our sincere hope is that students will take time and give the new online delivery format a try, to see if this delivery mode will allow them to successfully complete the semester and receive credit for their coursework and the effort they have already given to this semester. Please keep in mind the last day to withdraw has been extended to April 17 at 2:30 p.m. However, we understand that due to changing work and family responsibilities caused by COVID-19, as well as some
students’ limited access to technology or high-speed internet, completing their coursework as planned may no longer be feasible.

**Timeline to take a W due to COVID-19**

Students have the option to take a W due to COVID-19 anytime between April 6, 2020 and April 17, 2020.

**FAQ’s**

*When will I receive a credit for the classes that I choose to take W due to COVID-19?*

Students will receive a financial credit for these courses in either the Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 term, whichever term that they enroll in first. Financial credits will be placed on the account during the first week of the term.

*What if I withdrew before April 6?*

For students who withdrew before April 6 due to COVID-19, students may submit a hardship appeal if a withdrawal was due to a serious medical issue/mental or death of a close family relative. Hardship Refund Request forms are available at https://www.nic.edu/modules/images/websites/12/file/hardshipRefundRequestForm.pdf

*I can’t afford high-speed internet, are there any other options to complete my coursework online?*

There are many resources offered for both free and reduced cost internet. Please click on the following link for a list.

https://isde-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/cacampbell_sde_idaho_gov/EWanrzdOkltBrOvKATTapqsBP-2-JAvr0jewfDWkMSeL8Q?rtime=--v4t8v7X10g

*Will taking a W due to COVID-19 impact my financial aid?*

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, a W will not impact the completion rate portion of your Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). However, you must still maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA. The Spring 2020 semester will be excluded from all current and future Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) calculations.