NIC Priority Initiatives

These programs speak to the core values of North Idaho College and a commitment to constantly adapt and evolve to meet the educational needs of students and the workforce needs of the communities NIC serves.

High School “Pathfinders”

The vision of the High School Pathfinders initiative is to have four North Idaho College employees located within Region 1 high schools in Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, and Shoshone counties to support the high schools' efforts to encourage students to go on, explore all career pathways, and transition to college. The focus will be on the more remote and rural areas of NIC’s service region, to reach students, promote dual credit offerings, and place an emphasis on assisting students in developing an understanding of their skills and interests. With that knowledge they can identify and pursue one of many pathways for their goals/career from credentials to certificates and degree options. Cost: $364,100.

Computer Science Program

Expansion of the Computer Science Program at North Idaho College will build upon the initial investment made by the college to support the growth of the NIC/UI Computer Science Program in Coeur d’Alene. Increasing capacity and strengthening the first two years of the program at NIC will build a pipeline of NIC graduates transferring to the University of Idaho and ultimately fueling local industry. Cost: $312,900.

First-Year Experience

The First-Year Experience will be a comprehensive and yearlong program that intentionally addresses the barriers and reasons that students drop out during their first year of studies. First-Year Experience Coordinators will provide supplemental educational experiences and coordinate existing college resources to help students learn to navigate college processes, develop effective study skills, and successfully engage the college and community in ways that will support their timely completion of a degree or certificate. Cost: $174,500.

Summer Completion Initiative

The Summer Completion Initiative enables Idaho residents with existing credits but no degree to attend North Idaho College tuition-free for Summer Session 2018 for up to six credit hours. The purpose of this initiative is to leverage the summer term to increase retention and completion rates and create an opportunity for former students who are missing a handful of credits to achieve degree completion. This is a pilot project, expected to serve 2,000 students. Cost: $302,900.
Nic serves a five-county region in northern Idaho, with a main campus in Coeur d’Alene, the Workforce Training Center in Post Falls, and outreach centers in Bonners Ferry, Sandpoint, and Kellogg. Nic opened its 110,000-square-foot Parker Technical Education Center on the Rathdrum Prairie in the fall of 2016.

Nic has more than 80 degree and certificate programs as well as noncredit learning and training opportunities for students, community members, and employers. Popular programs of study are: Nursing, Business, Education, Computer Science, and General Studies.

Nic plays a key role in the region’s economic development by preparing competent, skilled employees for area business and industry.

Founded in 1933, Nic is a comprehensive community college serving a diverse area of urban and rural communities in the five northern counties of Idaho.

Approximately 5,500 students are enrolled at North Idaho College each semester, mostly from the Panhandle of Idaho, but students come from across the state, the country, and around the world, drawn to the beauty of the region and the hidden gem of teaching excellence found at Nic.

Nic’s demographic is 40 percent male and 60 percent female with the largest age group 19 or younger, although the average student age is 25.

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