



NEBRASKA'S
COORDINATING COMMISSION
FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

To: Governor Jim Pillen
Brandon Metzler, Clerk of the Legislature

From: Dr. Michael Baumgartner, Executive Director
Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Date: December 1, 2025

RE: Nebraska Career Scholarships Report – Private Non-profit Colleges & Universities

In 2020, the Nebraska Legislature and Governor Ricketts created the Nebraska Career Scholarship for community college students through passage of LB1008, an appropriations act. The scholarship provides financial assistance to students pursuing degrees in programs of study leading to high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand careers. The program was administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED).

In 2022, through LB902, the Nebraska Career Scholarship was codified, and private, non-profit colleges and universities were added to the program.

In 2024, the passage of LB1392 transferred authority to administer the programs from DED to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE). Fiscal year 2025 was the first year of CCPE administration. As required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §85-3006, enclosed you will find the annual report for the private, non-profit colleges and universities. Should you have any questions regarding this information please do not hesitate to contact me at mike.baumgartner@nebraska.gov or 402.471.0029.



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**Nebraska Career Scholarships Annual Report
Private Non-Profit Colleges & Universities
2024-25 Year-end Report**

Statutory Authority Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-3006

**Committee Draft
November 20, 2025**

**Nebraska Career Scholarship Program
Participating Institutions**

Bellevue University
Bryan College of Health Sciences
CHI-Alegent Health School of Radiology
Clarkson College
College of Saint Mary
Concordia University
Creighton University
Doane University
Hastings College
Midland University
Nebraska Methodist college
Nebraska Wesleyan University
Union Adventist University
York University

Data Element A: The total number of students enrolled in the program in the prior academic year, and the total number of students enrolled in the program as of September 30 for the current academic year.¹

Academic Program	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Computer Information Systems	2,638	2,177
Education	1,021	1,142
Engineering	63	72
Health Care	5,446	5,492
Mathematics	162	150
Totals	9,330	9,033

Data Element B: The total number of scholarship recipients in the program as of September 30 for the current academic year and the total number of such scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in the program for the current academic year.

Academic Program	September 30, 2024		September 30, 2025	
	NCS Recipients Enrolled	Newly Enrolled NCS Recipients	NCS Recipients Enrolled	Newly Enrolled NCS Recipients
Computer Information Systems	35	7	23	3
Education	105	74	106	12
Engineering	10	10	6	0
Health Care	443	181	286	59
Mathematics	21	3	16	1
Totals	614	275	437	75

¹ Totals were derived by adding the data from each of the institutions. Not all institutions awarded NCS to students in all academic programs.

Data Element C: The total number of students retained in the program and a comparison of the retention rates between scholarship recipients and non-scholarship students.

Academic Program	2023-24 Students			
	Total Retained to Fall 2024	Retention Rate of Total Students	Scholarship Recipients Retained to Fall 2024	Retention Rate of Scholarship Recipients
Computer Information Systems	1,491	69.0%	20	71.5%
Education	628	68.8%	3	100.0%
Engineering	55	88.0%	0	
Health Care	3,506	76.9%	249	75.2%
Mathematics	117	70.8%	18	83.0%
Totals	5,797		290	

Academic Program	2024-25 Students			
	Total Retained to Fall 2025	Retention Rate of Total Students	Scholarship Recipients Retained to Fall 2025	Retention Rate of Scholarship Recipients
Computer Information Systems	1,288	55.0%	19	66.7%
Education	670	74.5%	93	88.4%
Engineering	55	45.0%	6	78.0%
Health Care	3,428	71.7%	321	83.5%
Mathematics	65	56.8%	17	85.5%
Totals	5,506		456	

Data Element D: The total number of graduates for the immediately prior academic year, the number of scholarship recipient graduates for such academic year, and a comparison of the graduation rates for scholarship recipients and non-scholarship students.²

Academic Program	2024-25 Graduates			
	Total Number of Graduates	Graduation Rate of all Students	Total Number of Scholarship Recipient Graduates	Graduation Rate of Scholarship Recipients
Computer Information Systems	726	24.7%	3	16.1%
Education	247	28.4%	0	0%
Engineering	0	0%	0	0%
Health Care	1,256	34.2%	74	28.1%
Mathematics	40	39.1%	6	33.3%
Totals	2,269		83	

Data Element E: The number of scholarship recipients obtaining employment in the state within five fiscal quarters of completion of an eligible program of study using Nebraska Department of Labor (DOL) data.

Of the Career Scholarship recipients who graduated between July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024, 40 students, or 87.1%, obtained employment in the state of Nebraska within five fiscal quarters of completion.

² Creighton & Midland Universities were unable to provide data. York University was unable to provide graduation rates.