

Resolution to Support Nebraska State Educational Attainment Goal

WHEREAS, Legislative Resolution 335 of the Nebraska Legislature was signed April 13, 2022.

WHEREAS, the resolution states in part, “high state educational attainment is strongly correlated with higher state gross domestic product, higher per capita income, greater labor force participation, greater civic participation, improved health outcomes, and high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, projections are that at least seventy percent of Nebraska’s jobs will soon require a degree, certificate, diploma or other postsecondary or industry credential with economic value in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska’s current educational attainment, including degrees, certificates, diplomas, and other postsecondary or industry credential with economic value is approximately fifty-eight percent or Nebraskans age 25 to 34, and approximately fifty-five percent for Nebraskans age 25 to 64;” and

WHEREAS, the National Student Clearinghouse Research report from 2020-2021 ranks Nebraska as tenth in the nation for the largest ratio of individuals with some college but no credential per 1000 students in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the National Student Clearinghouse Research report from 2020-2021 indicates there are over 39 million individuals in the United States with some college but no credential; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Legislature encourages the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System and the Board of Governors of each community college area, the State Board of Education, and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to adopt a seventy percent attainment goal as evidence of their support of such goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Central Community College Board of Governors:

1. That the CCC Board declares it is the goal of the college area to reach at least seventy percent of 25- to 34-year-old Nebraskans to have a degree, certificate, diploma, or other postsecondary or industry-recognized credential with economic value by 2030.
2. That the CCC Board recognizes the Legislature’s declaration of certain fields of study including science, technology, engineering, manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare and teaching as having a particular strategic importance for the state’s ongoing prosperity and will join schools, colleges, universities, businesses, community partners and the state to increase credential attainment in those fields.
3. That as per the legislative resolution, the CCC Board “encourages recent Nebraska high school graduates to continue their education in Nebraska postsecondary institutions and commends Nebraska postsecondary institutions for their efforts to enroll students from outside the state as a means of meeting the state’s goal of growing a larger and more highly educated workforce.”
4. That the CCC Board directs CCC administration to complete reporting requirements established by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education for their annual comprehensive statewide plan and report of progress to the Legislature toward this goal.

APPROVED, this day _____ of _____, 2022.

Signed, _____

John Novotny, Central Community College Board Chair