

PRIVATE COLLEGES

Private Colleges and Universities

Private higher education in North Carolina traces its history to 1772 and the founding of Salem College, one of the earliest colleges for women in the United States. The second-oldest institution of higher education in the state, Louisburg College, was first chartered in 1787. The decade of the 1830s witnessed a flourishing of private colleges. Wake Forest University (1834), Davidson College and Guilford College (1837), Duke University and Greensboro College (1838) were all founded by private citizens determined to spread the benefits of higher education to the people of the state. There were 20 present-day private colleges or their predecessors serving North Carolina by 1877, when the second state-supported college was established.

Today, North Carolina has 36 independently-controlled, liberal arts and research colleges and universities accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. These institutions, affiliated with 12 different religious denominations, enroll over 80,000 students and confer nearly one-third of the bachelor's degrees awarded in the state each year. Private universities confer about half of the state's degrees in law and medicine.

From about the turn of the 20th Century until the early 1960s, enrollment was fairly evenly distributed between the public and private sectors of higher education. Anticipating the effects of inflation on private college tuitions and, in turn, their enrollments, Governor Terry Sanford recommended in 1963 that the state assist North Carolina students desiring to attend North Carolina's private colleges. This recommendation was reiterated in 1968 by the Board of Higher Education, which was concerned by the gradual but constant shift in enrollment away from private colleges due to the tuition differential between the public and private sectors.

In 1968, the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities was organized to speak for and represent the interests of the private colleges and institutions. The purpose of the organization, stated in its constitution, is "to promote and advance the interests of higher education in North Carolina, including both public and independent colleges and universities, with special concern for the dual nature of the system, its quality, freedom and responsibility to serve the educational and cultural needs of the state, nation, and world." Now called North Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities (NCICU), the group works closely with the state university system, community college system, the N.C. Department of Public Instruction and the N.C. Board of Education to address statewide issues in education.

NCICU's board of directors is composed of the presidents of the member institutions. A chair and executive committee are elected from the board. The president

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of NCICU is an ex-officio member of the board and executive committee and is the organization's chief executive officer.

Through the combined efforts of North Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities, concerned citizens and legislators, the first private college student assistance programs were enacted by the General Assembly in 1971. Today the state allocates over \$90 million to needy North Carolina students attending independent colleges and universities in the state.

In 1975, NCICU assumed a wide range of educational and research activities and today provides a range of service activities as an advocate for the institutions in the areas of student recruitment, teacher education, financial aid and research. NCICU administers such programs as campus tours for counselors and cooperative library purchasing. NCICU also provides staff development opportunities for independent constituent groups such as academic deans, admissions directors, directors of development and financial aid directors, as well as developing various publications.

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