2014 Western Nebraska Community College Viewbook

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Welcome to Western Nebraska Community College – Welcome from Dr. Todd Holcomb, President

Whether you’re just beginning your college education, transitioning into a new career, building the skills to advance in your job, or seeking personal enrichment, WNCC has the instruction and support you need to succeed. With 89 programs of study, we offer a wide variety of career choices.

If you’re planning to attend a four-year institution, you can complete the first two years of your degree at WNCC and transfer those credits—saving you thousands of dollars. It’s a smart way to get started, because WNCC’s small classes mean you get personal attention and support from your instructors, which can enhance your confidence and skills.

WNCC is the foundation on which your career will be built, and since 1926, more than 185,000 students have pursued their dreams here. In addition to excellent academic instruction from an award-winning faculty, WNCC is a flexible fit with your busy lifestyle. Evening, lunch hour, and weekend classes are offered at campuses in Alliance, Scottsbluff, and Sidney, as well as online. With Cougar Athletics providing nationally recognized sports programs, plus countless student organizations and campus activities, you’ll also make memories to last a lifetime.

The most outstanding colleges have wonderful faculty and staff—and great students just like you. Please join us in continuing to make WNCC a special place to start your future. I look forward to meeting you on campus.

Signed, Dr. Todd Holcomb, President

Affordability

At WNCC, higher education doesn’t have to come at a high price. Compared to other four-year colleges and universities in the area, WNCC is a smart investment— and a great value—costing thousands of dollars less. Check out the chart below to see the 2012-2013 cost of attendance for tuition and fees based on 15 credit hours per semester (30 total credit hours annually).

Information from Chart:

- WNCC, cost for state resident, $2,895.00
- WNCC, cost for South Dakota, Wyoming, and Colorado Residents, $2,895.00
- WNCC, cost for other non-resident, $3,315.00
- UN Lincoln, cost for state resident, $7,984.00
- UN Lincoln, cost for non-resident, $20,734.00

Note: Prices based on 2012-2013 Undergraduate Cost of Attendance / Tuition and Fees based on 15 credit hours per semester/30 total credit hours annually. Additional tuition and fees may apply for international students.
Source: 2012-2013 Cost of Attendance/ Tuition & Fees as published on each college’s public website. The aforementioned costs do not include online or lab fees, room and board, books and supplies, travel, parking, personal and other miscellaneous expenses.

WNCC’s College NOW!
Concurrent enrollment and onsite college courses are offered to junior and senior level high school students throughout western Nebraska. Registration forms and ACT scores must be submitted to the college prior to enrollment.

You can complete your first two years at WNCC before transferring to a four-year college or university, helping you save thousands of dollars on your college education. WNCC has agreements with more than 24 colleges and universities to ensure your associate degree transfers seamlessly.

Some of the four-year colleges WNCC Students transfer to
University of Nebraska Lincoln
University of Nebraska Kearny
University of Nebraska Omaha
University of Wyoming
Colorado State University
Nebraska Wesleyan University
Chadron State College
Bellevue University
Midland University
Nebraska Methodist College
University of Nebraska Medical Center
Regional West Medical Center
Black Hills state University, South Dakota
Grand Canyon University
University of Hawaii
Kansas State University
Oklahoma State University
Oregon State University
Texas A&M

WNCC Students Are Resourceful
Average amount received by students who apply and qualify for financial aid is $4,697.

Total number of scholarships and performance grants available for single and multiple awards to WNCC students is 111.
Total amount of financial aid awarded to students in the 2010-2011 academic year was $8,693,456.

Steps to Apply – First-Time Freshman
1) Research WNCC and its academic programs
2) Visit campus
3) Apply for admission
4) Apply for scholarships
5) Complete the FAFSA (WNCC Code: 002560)
6) Complete the housing contract (if applicable)
7) Register for the NelNet automatic payment plan
8) Send your ACT/SAT score or complete the eCompass test
9) Send your official high school or GED transcript
10) Attend new student orientation
11) Attend an academic advising session, register for classes, and buy your books

Steps to Apply – Nontraditional Students
1) Research WNCC and its academic programs
2) Visit campus
3) Apply for admission
4) Apply for scholarships
5) Complete the FAFSA (WNCC Code: 002560)
6) Complete the housing contract (if applicable)
7) Register for the NelNet automatic payment plan
8) Send your official high school or GED transcript
9) Complete the eCompass test
10) Attend new student orientation
11) Meet with your academic advisor, register for classes, and buy your books

Steps to Apply – Transfer Students
1) Research WNCC and its academic programs
2) Visit campus
3) Apply for admission
4) Apply for scholarships
5) Complete the FAFSA (WNCC Code: 002560)
6) Complete the housing contract (if applicable)
7) Register for the NelNet automatic payment plan
8) Send your official transcripts from each college/university you attended
9) Send your official high school or GED transcript
10) Meet with your academic advisor, register for classes, and buy your books
Steps to Apply – International Students

1) Research WNCC and its academic programs
2) Email the Registrar at registrar@wncc.edu
3) Complete the International Student Admissions Application
4) Send official high school or GED transcript, translated into English
5) Provide proof of financial support for $11,200 U.S. dollars (bank statement, letter from bank, etc.)
6) Send TOEFL score (500 written; 172 electronic)
7) Complete the housing contract (if applicable)
8) Register for the NelNet automatic payment plan
9) Attend new student orientation and complete the eCompass test
10) Meet with your academic advisor, register for classes, and buy your books
11) Attend a special meeting for all new international students

Schedules to Fit Your Lifestyle

WNCC is “best in class” for an education that offers maximum flexibility and convenience to fit your busy lifestyle. Evenings? You bet. Lunch hours? Yep. Weekends? Sure thing. Online? Absolutely. With 89 programs of study, it’s easy to plan a bright future.

Contact admissions@wncc.edu to learn more about available programs and campus locations.

Area Points of Interest

Do you think your college experience happens just on campus? Think again! Western Nebraska’s rich local heritage and natural wonders offer a world of things to see and do.

Come experience WNCC in person—it’s where all the action is!

**Lake Minatare State Recreation Area:** With more than 2,000 acres of water, it’s ideal for boating, water skiing, and swimming.

**Segway West Tours:** Sightseeing on a two- to three-hour tour is a great way to get to know Landmark Country.

**Carhenge:** Spend an afternoon at the fun and funky replica of Stonehenge made of cars with a car art reserve.

**Hiking & Biking:** It’s easy to enjoy the great outdoors with several hiking and biking trails throughout Scotts Bluff County.

**Golf:** Tee up on your choice of more than a dozen panhandle public golf courses.

**Fishing:** Catch brown and rainbow trout splashing around in area streams.
**Hunting:** Deer, dove, rabbit, turkey, pheasant, and waterfowl hunting are offered in five diverse wildlife management areas. Hunting guides can also show you the way.

**Swimming:** Take the plunge and visit the area’s local swimming pools.

**Bowling:** Let’s roll! Get your game on with friends at five local bowling alleys.

**Skating:** Feel the need for speed? The Playhouse Skate and Fun Center is located in nearby Gering.

**Drive-in Movies:** Catch the latest flick from the comfort of your front seat at the Sandhills Drive-in.

**Box Butte Reservoir:** This 1,600-acre, seven-mile-long reservoir on the Niobrara River has more than 14 miles of shoreline perfect for camping and water-related activities.

**Laing Lake and Park:** Walk, jog, picnic, play disc golf, or enjoy the free skate park.

**Motocross:** It’s a dirty job but somebody has to do it. So suit up and shift into gear at the Alliance MX Track.

**Winter Sports:** Enjoy a winter wonderland of activities with ice fishing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and Nordic skiing. Downhill skiing is available in nearby Wyoming and Colorado just a couple of hours away.

**Fitness Center:** Get out of the dorm and work on your form! The Scottsbluff Campus offers a fully equipped weight room and fitness center.

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**Academic Advising**

Your academic success is the number one priority at WNCC. Counselors and advisors are assigned to each student to help plan their programs of study. They work with you to outline the courses you need to meet the requirements for graduation, to change a program, or to transfer to another college. Faculty advisors have special training and experience in your specific academic field of interest. They can also provide you with information on time management, study skills, test taking, and stress management.

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**Career Advising Center**

Besides helping you make wise career choices, the comprehensive career services at WNCC can supplement your classroom experience by providing hands-on internships. Part- and full-time job listings, career and lifestyle exploration assessments, job search skills, résumé and cover letter writing assistance, and interviewing techniques are all services available to you.

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**Counseling Center**

Resolving the personal difficulties that can interfere with your college experience is the mission of the Counseling Center. It can help you gain the skills, abilities, and knowledge you need to achieve your educational and personal goals. Confidential individual, group, and substance abuse counseling are offered to assist students in need.
Disability Services
WNCC offers services to give students with disabilities an equal opportunity for success. These students may enroll in regular courses and participate fully in the services and activities of the College. While there are no special classes or fees for students with disabilities, WNCC makes reasonable accommodations in the learning environment to assist disabled students in meeting the academic standards of the College.

TRIO Programs
Student financial aid programs help students overcome financial barriers to higher education, while TRIO programs are educational opportunities that help students overcome class, social, and cultural barriers. TRIO assists qualified college students, high school students, and veterans who’ve honorably served in the U.S. military with federally funded support services, including:

Upward Bound helps high school students improve their academic achievement and prepare for higher education.

Veterans Upward Bound helps qualified veterans improve their educational skills before and while they attend college, as well as with financial aid and scholarship applications.

Your Educational Success (Y.E.S.) assists qualified college students persist toward completion of a bachelor degree.

Supplemental Instruction offers students weekly review sessions so they can improve their understanding of course material and improve their grades.

Single Parent Network (SPiN) supports through monthly networking/educational/support group meetings, as well as nominal financial assistance and free educational materials.

Support Services
Tutoring: Want to develop your potential as an independent learner? It’s easy with quality, one-on-one or small group learning assistance that’s available to you at no cost. WNCC offers certified tutors who have a teaching certificate, or peer tutors who are students who successfully completed the courses they tutor and were recommended by faculty or the division chair. The majority of peer tutors also receive training in tutoring skills by attending a nationally certified course. Walk in or make an appointment at the Tutoring Center, Writing Center, or Math Center. Online tutoring by SMARTTHINKING also is free of charge and available 24/7.

Military & Veteran Affairs: The Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) program provides academic, career and financial assistance to qualified veterans at no cost, as well as organized social and cultural activities.
Living Accommodations

Conestoga Hall
Opened in 2007, the two-story hall accommodates 148 coed students and offers the latest in campus living with well-equipped suites in various layouts—super single suites, double suites, and four-plex suites. In addition to spacious rooms, Conestoga residents enjoy:

- Two computer labs
- A quiet study/music area
- Onsite student kitchen
- Student lounge with fireplace
- Two laundry facilities
- Dining services in the neighboring Bishop Dining Hall

Pioneer Hall
This three-story round residence hall offers affordable on-campus living to approximately 80 coed students. Single- or double-occupancy rooms are available with a community corridor sharing a central bathroom. It’s the active place on campus with a lounge complete with:

- Piano
- Pool tables, air hockey, and table tennis
- Two big-screen TVs (one with gaming access)
- Computer lab
- Laundry facilities
- A student kitchen
- Onsite dining services
- Flexible meeting space

College View Apartments
Located adjacent to the Sidney Campus, students can experience college life with apartment-style living. Fully furnished two- and three-bedroom air-conditioned units are available.

WNCC Clubs and Organizations

- Art Club
- Campus Ventures
- College Democrats
- College Republicans
- Cosmetology Club
- Cougar Spirit Dance Cub
- Criminal Justice Club
- Dramatic Arts
- Electronic Gaming Club (EGC)
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
- Health Professions Club
• Intercollegiate Athletics
• Intramural Athletics
• Motorsports Club
• Music Activities
• Phi Theta Kappa
• Residence Hall Council
• Student Ambassadors
• Student Council (Alliance)
• Student Government (Scottsbluff)
• Student Publications: The Spectator and Emerging Voices
• Student Senate (Sidney)
• Student Veterans Organization
• Theatre Club
• Top of the Pole Club
• United Leaders for Cultural Diversity
• Visual Arts
• VocAir Flying Club

Cougar Athletic Teams
• Baseball
• Men’s Basketball
• Women’s Basketball
• Men’s Soccer
• Women’s Soccer
• Softball
• Women’s Volleyball

Employment Opportunities
WHETHER YOU’RE LOOKING TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP toward a lifelong career or are seeking personal fulfillment, WNCC is committed to your success. With a world of educational choices, convenient locations, flexible schedules, and affordable tuition, you’ll get a good start on a great future.

Some Employers Hiring WNCC Graduates:

• Burlington Northern
• Cabela’s
• Cessna
• City of Fort Collins
• Duncan Aviation
• High West Energy
• InterTECH
• League of Human Dignity
• Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
• Oglala Sioux Tribe
• Orcom Solutions
• Physical Therapy West
• Prema
• Pureology Serious Colour Care
• Regional West Medical Center
• Roswell Correctional Facility
• Scotts Bluff County Sheriff’s Office
• St. Joseph’s Children’s Home
• Star Herald
• Summit Dental Group