

POTENTIAL GOALS FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The following is a list of potential goals that may be established for the North Dakota University System:

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Attainment	Increase the education attainment rate of North Dakota residents to provide that the proportion of the population aged 25 to 64 with a certificate, associate's degree, or baccalaureate degree will be among the top ____ states in the country.																
Access	<p>Postsecondary education institutions will continually assess evolving needs and priorities in a timely manner and adjust programs as necessary to address the evolving needs and priorities of the students and people of North Dakota.</p> <p>The North Dakota University System will develop innovative teaching methods, including expansion of online and flexible class schedules, to allow all North Dakotans to have ready access to both two-year and four-year degrees in a wide range of academic programs.</p>																
Affordability	<p>Higher education in North Dakota will be affordable to both the students and the taxpayers of the state.</p> <p>Tuition and fees as a percentage of median household income will be less than the following at each institution type:</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Goal</td><td>North Dakota Average (2007-08)</td><td>National Average (2007-08)</td></tr><tr><td>Doctoral institutions</td><td>_____</td><td>14.7%</td><td>14.6%</td></tr><tr><td>Four-year institutions</td><td>_____</td><td>11.4%</td><td>11.5%</td></tr><tr><td>Two-year institutions</td><td>_____</td><td>8.8%</td><td>5.7%</td></tr></table>		Goal	North Dakota Average (2007-08)	National Average (2007-08)	Doctoral institutions	_____	14.7%	14.6%	Four-year institutions	_____	11.4%	11.5%	Two-year institutions	_____	8.8%	5.7%
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Student success	<p>North Dakota will rank in the top ____ states for on-time and six-year total graduation rates at four-year institutions.</p> <p>The number of new freshman students at two-year institutions that receive an associate's degree within two years will be at least ____ percent.</p> <p>The number of new freshman students at four-year institutions that receive a bachelor's degree within four years will be at least ____ percent.</p> <p>Higher education will work effectively with elementary and secondary schools to improve teaching and learning at all levels of education and to facilitate the transition from one level of education to another.</p>																
Workforce	<p>The University System will produce graduates who are educated to meet the needs of the state's employers.</p> <p>The University System will be responsive to the training needs of the state's employers.</p>																
Contribution to economic development	<p>The University System will conduct research and develop private sector partnerships to contribute to the expansion and diversification of the state's economy.</p> <p>The University System will increase the number of degrees awarded in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics-related fields by ____ percent within ____ years.</p> <p>The University System will increase research expenditures by ____ percent within ____ years.</p>																