MODULE 3: ACCESS & AFFORDABILITY
MODULE 3 ROAD MAP

- Tuition and Fees
- Access to Classes
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- Distance Education
- Transfer Education
- Residency Requirements
TUITION & FEES

- Tuition & fees are established by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.
- Nevada’s four community colleges share the same rate.
- Traditionally, every other year, in preparation for the legislative session, NSHE established a tuition and fee committee of presidents, faculty, students, staff, etc. to study tuition and fees and provide a recommendation to the Board of Regents for the next biennium.
They would then vote on modest increases in accordance with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) three-year weighted average, which was based on a two-year lag. This kept Nevada a “low-cost” state or under the median cost for similar institutions in our region as determined through WICHE.

The Great Recession and state budget cuts received during that time changed all that.
In spring 2014, the Board of Regents approved a four-year tuition plan for the first-time ever, allowing students to plan their educational path better.

Community college students will receive a 4% increase over each of the next four years. CSN’s Student Government and the Administration created a shared expenditure plan for the increase. More information about that agreement can be found here.
AMID THE GREAT RECESSION

- Student fees were increased to minimize budget reductions as a result of reduced state appropriations (general fund). These increases included registration fee surcharges and off-cycle fee increases, which at community colleges included a 10% carve out for financial aid for needy students, that have since become permanent.

- Nevada state spending per college student has decreased by 31.2 percent between fiscal years 2008 and 2014.*

# Registration Fees

(For in-state or resident students)

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* Less than 1 percent of students are enrolled in upper division courses at CSN.

**In addition, there is a mandatory $5.50 per credit tech fee.
In Nevada, “tuition” is assessed to out of state students or non-residents. Nevada residents pay “per-credit registration fees.” For out-of-state students this means they pay a tuition in addition to the per-credit registration fees.

But there are other fees…
Colleges and universities may go to the Board of Regents for approval of differential fees for high-cost programs (CSN has not).

Colleges and universities may also establish special fees for additional costs for instruction, such as special course fees used to pay for food for culinary classes or materials for labs, as authorized by the Board of Regents.
EXCESS CREDIT FEE

In 2013, the Board of Regents approved an excess credit fee to incentivize students to effectively work toward graduation. As required by board policy, a 50% excess credit fee on the per-credit registration fee shall be charged to a student who has accrued attempted credits equal to 150% of the credits required for the student’s program of study (60 credits for an associate).
CSN FEES FOR 2014-15

- Application fee $10 (one-time, nonrefundable.)
- Resident registration fees (see slide 5): Lower division is $84.50 per credit
- Excess credit fee if over specific # of credits (See slide 9)
- Technology Fee: $5.50 per credit for all courses
- Online Course Fee $10 per online course

For more info or to see fall 2015-16, go to http://www.csn.edu/pages/629.asp
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Far more detailed information on tuition and fees can be found in the Board of Regents Procedures and Guidelines Manual here:

http://system.nevada.edu/tasks/sites/Nshe/assets/File/BoardOfRegents/Procedures/PGMCH07FEESTUITION.pdf
Now that you know how much it costs to go to CSN and how that is determined, you may be asking…

Is CSN accessible?
The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) provides comparisons for all public two-year community colleges in the west.

Out of 16 states, Nevada community colleges are the 5th most affordable in the West, based on WICHE’s latest data from the 2012-13 academic year.
...CONTINUED... ACCESSIBILITY: WHO'S THE BEST IN THE WEST?

- AVG Tuition/Fees among WICHE States: $2,364
- AVG w/Out CA: $3,319 *
- Nevada’s Community College Average: $2,700

*Because California is often viewed as an outlier among WICHE states, whereas they heavily subsidize higher education, averages with and without California are generally provided for context.
State Tuition/Fee Averages for 2012-13

Source: Tuition & Fees in Public Higher Education and the West (2012)
WHAT IS AFFORDABLE?

One way to view this question is to look at the portion of income students and their families must spend to cover the cost of higher education for one year, including living expenses.

Look at net price (tuition, room & board, minus federal, state and institutional financial aid).
Affordability

Nevada’s 2012 participation rate for students from low-income families was 44th in the nation. Nevada also ranks last in the nation in 2-year college participation rates for students from low-income families at only 6.4 percent. This may be due to the fact that these families do not receive much financial aid. After deducting for financial aid, the average low-income family spends 62.4% of earnings to send a student to a Nevada community college for 1 year.

Source: NSHE 2012-13 Financial Aid Report (pp. 18-19)
ARE CAMPUS ACCESSIBLE?

- CSN has three main campuses (a fourth on the way).
- CSN has eight sites and centers.
- CSN offers on-location courses and training.
- CSN provides dual credit opportunities in multiple high schools.
Campuses, sites, centers, clinical partnerships, dual credit programs

- CCSD
- Local Businesses
- Clinical Partnerships (200+)
- Apprenticeship Sites

Las Vegas
- City Hall
- Local businesses operating out of state (6+)

The College of Southern Nevada
CSN provides regular financial aid workshops at nights and on weekends for students and their families to help complete the complex Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and understand the process.

CSN Financial Aid has a hotline 702.906.0830 to help students get answers to their questions.

**To-Do List to Obtain Financial Aid:**
Financial aid includes:

- Grants
- Loans
- CSN Scholarships
- Millennium Scholarship
- College Work Study
- CSN Access Funds
# Financial Aid

## Pell Grant Summary

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The Pell Grant Program is a needs-based program and grants are awarded to eligible undergraduates who have not yet earned a degree.

*Year to Date – Award Year Extends Through Summer 2015*
LOANS

Total Federal Direct Loan Funds Disbursed (subsidized and unsubsidized): $43,493,919 to 7,224 recipients

Average loan amount per recipient: $6,021

Students must complete entrance or financial awareness loan counseling prior to receiving a loan.
SCHOLARSHIPS

- The CSN Foundation raises funds for scholarships. Students apply each spring, using an electronic portal.

- There are 109 available scholarships from which to choose. Some have GPA, degree/certificate program or need-based requirements. These are in addition to non-institutional scholarships from third parties, e.g. the Coca Cola Scholarship.

- Scholarship Donor List: [http://www.csn.edu/pages/621.asp](http://www.csn.edu/pages/621.asp)
# MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP

**FALL 2014 DATA**

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COLLEGE WORK STUDY

Work study is a federal program that leverages resources from schools to provide opportunities for financial aid students to earn money to pay for college.
DISTANCE EDUCATION

CSN offers 25 degree and certificate programs completely online through more than 5,000 course sections.

CSN’s e-learning "campus" continues to see substantial growth in enrollments semester after semester while traditional "on ground" class enrollments stay relatively flat. CSN continues to respond quickly to this growth in E-learning demand by offering more and more to our E-Learning students in wrap around online support services.
CSN has increased access to online wrap around student services for our E-learning students to most recently include:

* Tutoring through Smarthinking
* Academic Advising through chat rooms
* Access to librarians through chat rooms
* Student Lingo (online student success modules)
* CSN online orientation
CSN has developed a new E-Learning Librarian position. The person selected for this position will focus on the alignment of library resources to the E-Learning student.

CSN's "information literacy" curriculum is currently under re-development to be offered in a 100% online environment and will supplement the traditional "on ground" offering of our information literacy course.
...CONTINUED... DISTANCE EDUCATION

CSN offers an "E-Learning Instructor Certification" program for our faculty to engage in to help ensure our faculty stay cutting edge in e-Learning pedagogy, course design and assessment of student learning.
TRANSFER EDUCATION

CSN’s Transfer Rate: 20%  (based on cohort of full-time, first-time degree seeking students that transfer w/in 150% of normal time to complete a degree or certificate program).

CSN students who complete an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Business Degree are guaranteed to transfer to a four-year NSHE institution as a junior.
CSN houses UNLV and Nevada State College Transfer Advisors on campus who help students nearing the completion of their associate degree transfer seamlessly to our sister institutions.

CSN provides the most affordable pathway toward a bachelor’s degree in Southern Nevada.
NEVADA RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

To receive in state tuition in Nevada, you must meet Nevada residency requirements as established by the Board of Regents.

The following categories qualify for Nevada resident status:

- A member of the Armed Forces of the United States
- Full-time licensed personnel employed by a public school district in Nevada
- A teacher who is currently employed full time in Nevada
A professional or classified employee of the University and Community College System of Nevada

Company relocation (also applies to spouse and children)

Family relocation to the state

Nevada high school graduates

A student who has lived in the state for a period of 12 months

Member of a Native American tribe currently residing on tribal land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of Nevada
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