Strategic Plan, 2009-13
Progress Report as of May 2011

Our Vision: Leading the nation in educational attainment through access, innovation and excellence

Arrows display current status relative to the progress needed to reach 2013 target:

\[\uparrow = 95\% \text{ level} \quad \rightarrow = 85\% \text{ level} \quad \rightarrow = 75\% \text{ level} \quad \downarrow = 65\% \text{ level} \quad \downarrow = \text{Less than 65\%}\]

Example: For objective 1.4, the actual number of degrees awarded in 2009-10 was 7,868. That number represents 101 percent of 7,820, the number that will keep the NDUS on track to reach the expected target by 2013.

Accessible System

Goal 1: The North Dakota University System is accessible, a view held by all North Dakotans.

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Goal 2: North Dakotans recognize that the North Dakota University System is affordable at a level that can be sustained.

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2.2 North Dakota will rank in the top 10 percent of the most productive states in total funding per degree/certificate awarded. \[\rightarrow\]

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Economic Development Connection

Goal 3: The North Dakota University System increases the overall vitality of the state through exceptional education, research, training, and service.

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Represents progress on qualitative objectives.

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3.4 NDUS students will perform at or above the national average on all nationally recognized examinations.  

3.5 NDUS students will exceed the national average first-time pass rates on all professional licensure examinations.  

3.6 UND and NDSU research activities will, at a minimum, demonstrate overall progress on several research criteria based on an external evaluation including collaborations in and outside of North Dakota, patents, proposals, publications, and new faculty hires.  

3.7 The Centers of Excellence will, at a minimum, meet expectations according to the criteria established by the Centers of Excellence Commission for the annual review.  

3.8 NDUS alumni and students will report levels of satisfaction with preparation in their selected major, acquisition of specific skills, and technology knowledge and abilities that exceed the national average.  

3.9 Employers will report high/increased levels of satisfaction with the preparation of recently hired NDUS graduates benchmarked against historical trends.  

3.10 Increase the number of businesses served by TrainND workforce training by at least 4 percent.  

3.11 Demonstrate progress in knowledge transfer and commercialization through increased performance in the majority of defined metrics (IP licenses, licensing income, agreements, etc.)  

3.12 Increase the number of NDUS students involved in the statewide network of entrepreneurial resources and activity in partnership with the Department of Commerce and other certified entrepreneurial centers throughout the state.  

Flexible and Responsive System  

Goal 4: The eleven institutions comprising the North Dakota University System work together to achieve the vision effectively.  

4.1 The NDUS will report the number of students who successfully transfer into a degree program at another NDUS institution.  

4.2 North Dakota University System institutions will benchmark the number of student credit hours delivered to students attending another NDUS institution against historical data.  

4.3 Integrate the role of each NDUS institution within the overall system mission and strategic plan  

4.4 Increase the awareness of the System and its institutions through a common, consistent message.  

4.5 Increase SBHE opportunity for discussion of strategic policy topics.