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Record Breaking Fall Enrollments at Northwest Iowa Community College

The 2006-2007 academic year proves to be record breaking for fall enrollments at Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA. NCC has enrolled 1,224 students this fall, about a 12% increase over last years fall enrollments of 1,082. This represents about 22% overall increase in enrollments since fall of 2000.

Jan Snyder, Vice President of Institutional Advancement & Enrollment Services, commented, "The reason for NCC's increase in fall enrollments can be attributed to several factors: successful retention initiatives, new program development, new methods of delivery (internet courses), and the expansion of high school programs."

By offering alternatives to traditional, on-campus classes, more students are able to take classes at Northwest Iowa Community College. In 1994 the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) videoconferencing classrooms were added; two years later, 7x7 (accelerated semester) courses began; and in the year 2000, NCC became a part of the Iowa Community College Online Consortium (ICCO) which began offering Internet instruction.

"Students at NCC work and some have families; many are pursuing second careers and have other life issues that often don't allow them to be on campus at a given time. Offering varying methods of delivery and instruction helps us to provide more opportunities to more students," said Snyder.

Each year, high school students from Area IV communities are able to take college level courses through NCC by means of the Iowa Communications Network, online and in some cases even at the convenience of their local high school. NCC Vice President of Instruction & Learning Services, Kathy Brock, explains the value to the high school student, "Students benefit, and this allows them to determine if a particular career is of interested before enrolling full time in a program and it also allows them to graduate from high school with college credit courses already completed. This accelerates their completion of college and saves tuition cost as well."

Northwest Iowa Community College offers over 40 programs of study, including trade & technical programs which allow a student to graduate in one or two years, health and business

programs offering the skills needed to be successful in the workforce, and Arts & Science transfer programs allowing a student to take their first two years of courses at NCC, then transfer to a four-year college or university.

Fall enrollments since 2000

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2005...1082

2004...1078

2003...1079

2002...1018

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