Originally formed in 1976, Nebraskans amended the state constitution in 1990 to create a new **Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education** with increased duties and responsibilities. Those duties and responsibilities now include:

- Creating and putting into action a **comprehensive statewide plan** to guide Nebraska’s higher education system
- Partnering with Legislators to develop **innovative and results-driven higher education policy**
- **Helping low-income Nebraska students** attend college by awarding nearly $20 million in need-based financial aid programs and developing state financial aid strategy
- Administering the **Community College Gap Assistance Program**, which offers financial aid to students who want to work in high-need fields
- Ensuring the **efficient use of taxpayer funds** by approving or disapproving postsecondary construction projects that rely on tax funds and reviewing institutional biennial budget requests
- **Approving or disapproving academic programs based on specific criteria:** need, demand, unnecessary duplication, resources, and cost
- **Reviewing and verifying information submitted by institutions** to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System at the U.S. Department of Education
- Assembling and analyzing **statewide data** and publishing reports **tied to the state’s higher education goals**. The Coordinating Commission is the only Nebraska entity that does this kind of work on a statewide level
- Administering roughly **$100 million** in annual State appropriations to Nebraska’s six community colleges
- **Saving Nebraska colleges and universities thousands of dollars** through the administration of a nationwide distance learning agreement
- **Protecting Nebraska students** who attend for-profit institutions in the state by administering the Guaranty Recovery Cash Fund

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**Coordinating Commission BY THE NUMBERS:**

**83** Percentage of 2017-18 Access College Early scholarship recipients who went to college after high school - compared to 54% of other low-income, public school students. The Commission administers this program.

**12,753** The number of low-income Nebraska college students who received a Nebraska Opportunity Grant in 2018-19. The Commission administers this program.

**VIII-14** Article in the Nebraska constitution that created the current Coordinating Commission

**11** Commissioners, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature, who serve as voting members of the Commission

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