Credentials & Clear Pathways in Minutes



Finish First NC

Finish First NC (FFNC) is a powerful tool that identifies students who have fulfilled requirements to complete credentials but have not claimed them, and indicates which students are within striking distance of completing a credential.

FFNC highlights these students in a matter of minutes so you can immediately award credentials and equip advisors with personalized information to guide students. The NC Community College System Office and Wake Technical Community College are offering FFNC at no charge to NCCCS colleges.



They've Earned It. Let Them Claim It.

FFNC helps colleges find students who have completed the requirements for degrees, diplomas and certificates but have not been awarded these credentials. Awarding students the credentials they've worked for benefits your students, your college and your community.

Enhanced Proactive Advising

FFNC empowers advisors with information on which students are close to completion. No more spending days auditing and sifting through student progress towards a credential. FFNC presents clear pathways in minutes, streamlining your proactive advising process.



What are Your Data Telling You?

Every institution has opportunities for growth. FFNC strengthens your ability to make informed, data-driven decisions so your policy changes, course scheduling, program design, and communication with students support your strategic plan and desired outcomes.

Find out more:

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A High-Impact, High-Volume Low-Resource, Low-Cost Solution

Empowers Advisors and Students

FFNC provides specific information about clear pathways to completing certificates, diplomas and degrees. Students and their advisors can make informed decisions about the best next steps.

Streamlines Student Services

FFNC drastically cuts the time it takes to identify students at or close to completion. Instead of days and weeks, FFNC gives you this information in a matter of minutes.

Promotes Data-Informed Course Scheduling

Academic departments can use FFNC to determine which courses students need to take to finish their degrees, and schedule those courses for the upcoming semesters.

Saves Students Money

Rather than meandering from course to course with no clear idea of where they lead, students within striking distance of earning a credential are shown exactly how they can make it across the finish line, saving them money on education costs.



Increases Completions and Graduation Rates

Because FFNC indicates which students have already fulfilled the requirements for receiving a credential, you can award the credentials immediately, increasing your completion rates

Facilitates Proactive Advising

FFNC streamlines the process of finding students who will soon fulfill requirements for credentials. This equips advisors with information needed to encourage these students to finish and claim their credentials.

Personalizes Re-Enrollment Outreach

FFNC shows you the specific courses a student needs to take in order to complete a credential. Strengthen your touchpoints with each student by sending targeted, personalized information that will encourage him or her to re-enroll.

Adds Labor Market Value

FFNC shows which students can immediately be awarded a degree, diploma or certificate. With credential in hand, a student's hard work can translate into greater earning power in the marketplace. Local employers benefit from having a more credentialed workforce.

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