

PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING PEER INSTITUTIONS

1. Step 1 is the selection of a subset of institutions from the entire universe of (Title IV) institutions. In most cases, the criteria for selecting this subset are:

- Control—public/private
- Land grant?
- Medical school?
- Broad Carnegie class—research university/community college, etc.

There are cases in which one or more of these criteria must be relaxed.

2. Within the selected subset of institutions, a second set of criteria is applied. These criteria include:

- Size—FTE enrollment
- Full-time/part-time mix
- Distribution of degrees by level—associate, bachelor's, graduate, first professional
- Program mix—especially the level of involvement of the institution in some of the typically high-cost programs such as the health professions and engineering
- Research emphasis—dollar volume of research and the ratio of research to instructional expenditures
- Selectivity—open admissions to highly selective

3. The above criteria are established in ranges. Institutions meet these criteria only approximately; very seldom are exact matches found on all relevant criteria. As a consequence, judgment inevitably enters the selection process. The questions become ones of:

- Extending the ranges (for example, accepting institutions either larger or smaller than originally sought)
- Relaxing some of the initial criteria (for example, including public as well as private institutions)

In all cases, the attempt is made to relax those criteria likely to have the least impact on the dependent variables of interest (resources available per student, faculty salaries, etc.). In all cases an attempt is made to match characteristics of the institution as a whole rather than single (especially signature) program areas.

Recommended 2006 Peers for UNC Constituent Institutions

Appalachian State University

Bowling Green State University-Main Campus
California State University-Chico
California State University-Fresno
College of Charleston
Eastern Illinois University
George Mason University
Georgia Southern University
James Madison University
Miami University-Ohio
Sam Houston State University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Towson University
University of Northern Iowa
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Western Illinois University
Western Washington University

Our consultant approved Bowling Green State University-Main Campus, George Mason University, and Miami University-Ohio as competitive peers for ASU.

East Carolina University

Florida International University
Northern Illinois University
Ohio University-Main Campus
Old Dominion University
SUNY at Buffalo
Texas Tech University
University of Louisville
University of Missouri-Kansas City
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Western Michigan University
Wright State University-Main Campus
University of North Dakota—Main Campus
University of Nevada—Reno
University of South Carolina-Columbia
Virginia Commonwealth University

Our consultant approved SUNY at Buffalo, the University of Louisville, and the University of South Carolina-Columbia as competitive peers for ECU.

Elizabeth City State University
Black Hills State University
Central State University
Christopher Newport University
Coastal Carolina University
Concord University
Eastern Oregon University
Lyndon State College
Savannah State University
SUNY College at Old Westbury
Texas A & M University at Galveston
The University Of Virginia's College at Wise
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
University of Maine at Farmington
Western State College of Colorado

Fayetteville State University
Angelo State University
Bowie State University
California State University-San Marcos
Eastern Connecticut State University
Francis Marion University
Lake Superior State University
Northern State University
Northwest Missouri State University
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
SUNY College at Oneonta
Tarleton State University
University of North Alabama
University of Wisconsin-Parkside
Western Oregon University

North Carolina A&T State University
Cleveland State University
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Jackson State University
Montana State University-Bozeman
New Jersey Institute of Technology
North Dakota State University-Main Campus
Portland State University
South Dakota State
Tennessee Technological University
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
University of South Alabama
University of Tennessee-Chattanooga
University of Texas at El Paso

Our consultant approved the New Jersey Institute of Technology as a competitive peer for NCA&T.

North Carolina Central University
California State University-Bakersfield
Chicago State University
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Florida A&M University
New Jersey City University
Rutgers University-Camden
Salem State College
Tennessee State University
The University Of Tennessee-Chattanooga
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
University of Houston-Clear Lake
University of Texas at Dallas
University of West Florida
Valdosta State University
Washburn University
West Texas A & M University

Our consultant approved Florida A&M University and the University of Texas at Dallas as competitive peers for NCCU.

North Carolina School of the Arts.
California Institute of the Arts
Cleveland Institute of Music
Columbia College Chicago
Cornish College of the Arts
Maryland Institute College of Art
Massachusetts College of Art
Memphis College of Art
Milwaukee Institute Of Art Design
San Francisco Art Institute
Savannah College of Art and Design
SUNY College at Purchase
The Juilliard School
The University of the Arts

North Carolina State University
Iowa State University
Cornell University
Georgia Institute Of Technology-Main Campus
Michigan State University
Ohio State University-Main Campus
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus
Purdue University-Main Campus
Texas A & M University
University of California-Davis
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Our consultant approved Cornell University, the Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison as competitive peers for NCSU.

University of North Carolina at Asheville

Bucknell University
Eastern Connecticut University
Evergreen State College
Furman University
Lafayette College
Mary Washington College
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
New College of Florida
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Richard Stockton College
St Mary's College of Maryland
SUNY College at Geneseo
Truman State University
Union College
University of Minnesota-Morris

Our consultant approved Bucknell University, Lafayette College, and Union College as competitive peers for UNCA.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Duke University
Emory University
Johns Hopkins University
The University Of Texas at Austin
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Los Angeles
University of Florida
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh-Main Campus
University of Southern California
University of Virginia-Main Campus
University of Washington-Seattle Campus
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Our consultant approved Duke University, Emory University, and Johns Hopkins University as competitive peers for UNC-CH.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

George Mason University

Georgia State University

Kent State University

Portland State University

San Diego State University

University of Central Florida

University of Delaware

University of Louisville

University of Maryland-Baltimore County

University of Nevada-Las Vegas

University of Rhode Island

University of Texas at Arlington

University of Texas at San Antonio

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Western Michigan University

Our consultant approved the University of Delaware, the University of Louisville, and the University of Rhode Island as competitive peers for UNCC.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Bowling Green State University-Main Campus

College Of William and Mary

Florida Atlantic University-Boca Raton

George Mason University

Georgia State University

Miami University-Ohio

Northern Illinois University

Ohio University-Main Campus

Portland State University

SUNY at Binghamton

University of Alabama

University of Delaware

University of Massachusetts-Lowell

University of Southern Mississippi

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Western Michigan University

Our consultant approved the College of William and Mary, Miami University-Ohio, and the University of Delaware as competitive peers for UNCG.

University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Austin Peay State University
California State University-Stanislaus
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Morehead State University
Nicholls State University
Northeastern State University
Northwest Missouri State University
Pittsburg State University
Plymouth State University
Radford University
Salisbury University
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Southern Oregon University
SUNY College at Fredonia
The University of Tennessee-Martin
University of North Alabama
Western Connecticut State University
Westfield State College

Our consultant approved Morehead State University and Radford University as competitive peers for UNCP.

University of North Carolina at Wilmington

California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo
College of Charleston
College of New Jersey
Humboldt State University
James Madison University
Murray State University
Rowan University
Sonoma State University
Towson University
Truman State University
University of Northern Iowa
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Western Washington University

Our consultant approved the University of Texas at Dallas as a competitive peer for UNCW.

Western Carolina University

Bloomsburg State University
Georgia Southern University
James Madison University
Murray State University
Northern Michigan University
Radford University
Salisbury University
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Sonoma State University
SUNY College at Brockport
Towson University
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Western Kentucky University
Winona State University

Our consultant has approved James Madison University, Towson University, and Western Kentucky University as competitive peers for WCU.

Winston Salem State University
Armstrong Atlantic State University
Colorado State University-Pueblo
Florida Gulf Coast University
Georgia College and State University
Jacksonville State University
Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
Longwood University
Murray State University
Radford University
The University Of Tennessee-Chattanooga
University of Central Arkansas
University of Louisiana at Monroe
University of Maryland-Eastern Shore
University of North Alabama
University of South Carolina Upstate
Winthrop University

