



# The Essential Role of Program Advisory Committees & The General Advisory Committee

Have you ever wondered how it is that NM stays current with the training needs of employers?

The answer is: **We listen!** Each academic program has an advisory committee comprised of representatives of the related business or industry, owners of small businesses, students and graduates, and individuals from other educational institutions.

These program advisory committees keep faculty and

administration informed of growing trends related to the field of study and formulate recommendations to improve instruction, equipment and facilities.

There is also a General Advisory Committee which works with the college president to serve as an avenue of communication between local employers and service agencies. This group also provides support in guidance for long-term planning.

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## NMCC Introduces Pilot Program Offering Fully-Online Business Degrees

This fall, twenty students from Aroostook County received an educational opportunity worth \$7,642 and an incalculable lifetime value.

In May, the College was informed that a grant application to the Bring College to ME program of the Maine Community College System had been approved for funding of approximately \$160,000. The grant will support a pilot program to provide a fully online associate degree in business administration. The grant provides funding to cover tuition and fees for the sixty-credit program.

According to Dwight Clayton, chair of the business technology department, "This program is designed to provide educational

access to twenty individuals living in Aroostook County who are unable to attend classes on campus due to distance, varying work schedules, childcare or serving as a care giver to an elderly parent or another disabled person."

*The Bring College to ME grant supports NMCC's first associate's degree offered entirely remotely.*

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