# **RNL Regional Workshop** Graduate and Online Enrollment WELCOME to St. Louis

# Housekeeping items

### Introductions

- Name
- Title
- Institution

### Agenda Review

### Round Table Lunch Topics

- Student Success and Retention
- Modern Lead Generation
- OPM 101

### Wi-Fi Network Info on Tables

# Goals for today

Connect with other university leaders

We want you to leave today armed with additional context and research focused on:

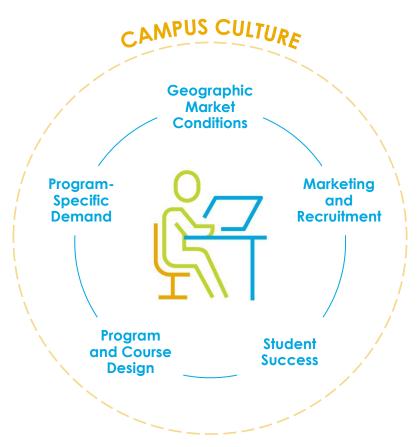
- Growth factors
- Regional geographic and program specific data
- Behaviors and expectations in the non-traditional student market
- Key characteristics of a high-quality marketing and recruitment plan
- Patterns of success we have observed in this market



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We want you to leave today energized with at least one actionable idea you take back to campus

## **Factors Influencing Enrollment**





Regional Data and Market Conditions



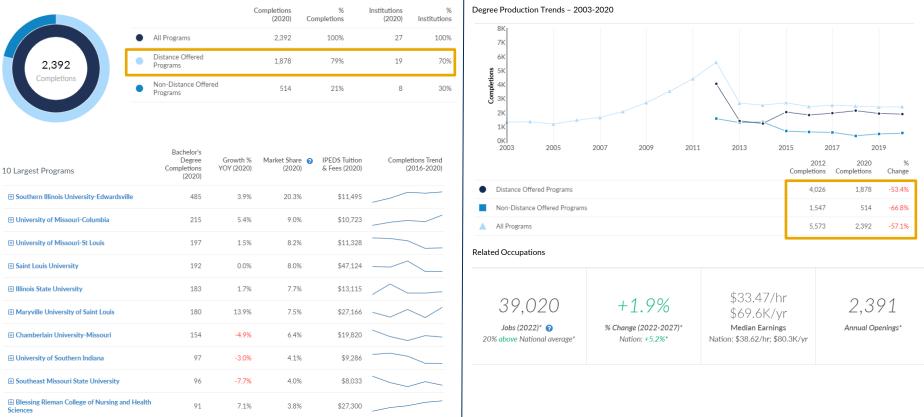
# What do you think are the top online undergraduate programs?

### 25 Largest Online Bachelor's\*

|  | ALL FORMATS              |                    | ONLINE AVAILABLE   |                            |                    | OCCUPATIONS        |                                       |  |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
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| Registered Nursing                               | 2,392                    | (292)              | (11%)              | 1,878                      | (143)              | (7%)               | 2,200                                 | 2%                                     |
| Business/Commerce, General                       | 1,914                    | 210                | 12%                | 1,851                      | 1,213              | 190%               | 6,250                                 | 3%                                     |
| Business Administration and Management           | 1,644                    | (934)              | (36%)              | 1,177                      | 21                 | 2%                 | 16,114                                | 2%                                     |
| Psychology, General                              | 1,947                    | (848)              | (30%)              | 856                        | 524                | 158%               | 877                                   | 8%                                     |
| General Studies                                  | 813                      | (86)               | (10%)              | 683                        | (73)               | (10%)              | 21,738                                | 0%                                     |
| Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Administration  | 549                      | (269)              | (33%)              | 499                        | 119                | 31%                | 1,086                                 | (3%)                                   |
| Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences    | 675                      | 82                 | 14%                | 478                        | 6                  | 1%                 | 414                                   | 6%                                     |
| Accounting                                       | 1,767                    | (110)              | (6%)               | 454                        | 153                | 51%                | 3,675                                 | 0%                                     |
| Health Care Administration/Management            | 527                      | 35                 | 7%                 | 343                        | 37                 | 12%                | 2,379                                 | 2%                                     |
| Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies        | 435                      | (190)              | (30%)              | 335                        | 82                 | 32%                | 19,363                                | (0%)                                   |
| Registered Nursing, Administration, Research and | 714                      | 280                | 65%                | 304                        | (130)              | (30%)              | 2,030                                 | 3%                                     |
| Criminal Justice/Safety Studies                  | 608                      | (5)                | (1%)               | 300                        | 135                | 82%                | 1,023                                 | (3%)                                   |
| Speech Communication and Rhetoric                | 611                      | (56)               | (8%)               | 297                        | 297                | Insf. Data         | 607                                   | 2%                                     |
| Human Services, General                          | 219                      | (53)               | (19%)              | 191                        | (59)               | (24%)              | 2,977                                 | 4%                                     |
| Criminology                                      | 188                      | (94)               | (33%)              | 188                        | 188                | Insf. Data         | 279                                   | (2%)                                   |
| Human Resources Management/Personnel Admin.      | 290                      | (94)               | (24%)              | 180                        | (104)              | (37%)              | 1,356                                 | 2%                                     |
| Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, Other          | 216                      | (141)              | (39%)              | 180                        | (17)               | (9%)               | 18,008                                | (0%)                                   |
| Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies       | 170                      | (72)               | (30%)              | 170                        | (69)               | (29%)              | 21,091                                | 0%                                     |
| Marketing/Marketing Management, General          | 983                      | 126                | 15%                | 160                        | 64                 | 67%                | 780                                   | 8%                                     |
| Trade and Industrial Teacher Education           | 145                      | (195)              | (57%)              | 144                        | 144                | Insf. Data         | 65                                    | 0%                                     |
| Industrial Technology/Technician                 | 180                      | (92)               | (34%)              | 141                        | 64                 | 83%                | 84                                    | 4%                                     |
| Communication, General                           | 492                      | (139)              | (22%)              | 136                        | 134                | 6700%              | 499                                   | 2%                                     |
| English Language and Literature, General         | 714                      | (253)              | (26%)              | 126                        | 79                 | 168%               | 2,526                                 | 1%                                     |
| Computer Science                                 | 973                      | 257                | 36%                | 115                        | 8                  | 7%                 | 2,929                                 | 3%                                     |
| Finance, General                                 | 1,097                    | 172                | 19%                | 114                        | 25                 | 28%                | 1,366                                 | 3%                                     |
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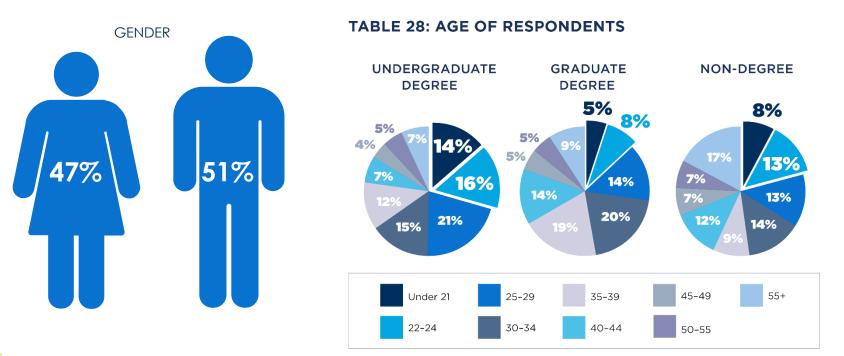
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### BSN is largest online degree, but is contracting. May be reaching saturation.



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### **Prospective Online Student Demographics**



**RNL** Source: 2022 Online Student Recruitment Report, RNL



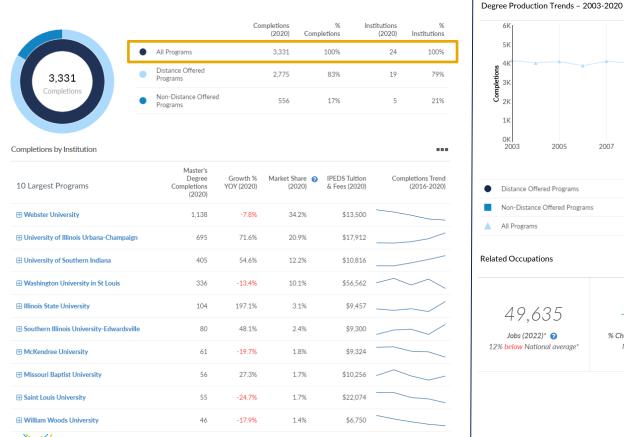
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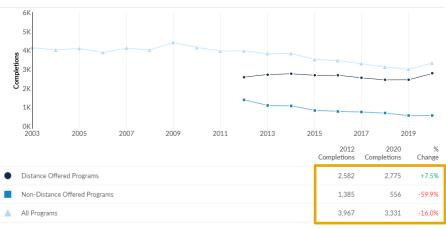
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| Business Administration and Management       | 3,331                    | (185)                        | (5%)               | 2,775                      | 95                 | 4%                 | 9,155                                    | 2%                                     |
| Social Work                                  | 789                      | 100                          | 15%                | 183                        | 183                | Insf. Data         | 529                                      | 3%                                     |
| Computer Science                             | 682                      | 120                          | 21%                | 519                        | 105                | 25%                | 1,664                                    | 3%                                     |
| Business/Commerce, General                   | 638                      | (137)                        | (18%)              | 577                        | 22                 | 4%                 | 3,551                                    | 3%                                     |
| Accounting                                   | 596                      | (303)                        | (34%)              | 302                        | 301                | 30100%             | 2,088                                    | 0%                                     |
| Educational Leadership and Administration    | 546                      | (41)                         | (7%)               | 239                        | 155                | 185%               | 144                                      | 1%                                     |
| Management Sciences/Quantitative Methods,    | 493                      | 493                          | Insf. Data         | 493                        | 493                | Insf. Data         | 403                                      | 5%                                     |
| Family Practice Nurse/Nursing                | 470                      | 166                          | 55%                | 406                        | 125                | 44%                | 147                                      | 18%                                    |
| Curriculum and Instruction                   | 436                      | (81)                         | (16%)              | 403                        | 2                  | 0%                 | 91                                       | 3%                                     |
| Information Science/Studies                  | 378                      | 331                          | 704%               | 358                        | 311                | 662%               | 842                                      | 8%                                     |
| Counselor Education/School Counseling        | 374                      | (35)                         | (9%)               | 228                        | (7)                | (3%)               | 224                                      | 3%                                     |
| Health/Health Care Administration/Management | 369                      | 6                            | 2%                 | 177                        | 159                | 883%               | 1,352                                    | 2%                                     |
| Human Resources Management and Services      | 339                      | (373)                        | (52%)              | 339                        | (345)              | (50%)              | 367                                      | 2%                                     |
| Education, General                           | 334                      | (83)                         | (20%)              | 221                        | 78                 | 55%                | 2,257                                    | 2%                                     |
| Advanced Legal Research/Studies, General     | 308                      | 247                          | 405%               | 229                        | 229                | Insf. Data         | 162                                      | 2%                                     |
| Electrical and Electronics Engineering       | 299                      | (70)                         | (19%)              | 206                        | 39                 | 23%                | 145                                      | 2%                                     |
| Cyber/Electronic Operations and Warfare      | 290                      | 287                          | 9567%              | 290                        | 290                | Insf. Data         | 492                                      | (1%)                                   |
| Counseling Psychology                        | 267                      | (195)                        | (42%)              | 0                          | 0                  | 0%                 | 80                                       | 6%                                     |
| Finance, General                             | 265                      | 47                           | 22%                | 79                         | 27                 | 52%                | 776                                      | 3%                                     |
| Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse          | 256                      | (154)                        | (38%)              | 236                        | 84                 | 55%                | 1,250                                    | 2%                                     |
| Public Administration                        | 222                      | (41)                         | (16%)              | 176                        | 49                 | 39%                | 1,813                                    | 3%                                     |
| Civil Engineering, General                   | 218                      | (103)                        | (32%)              | 182                        | (38)               | (17%)              | 188                                      | 2%                                     |
| Engineering/Industrial Management            | 217                      | (68)                         | (24%)              | 116                        | (20)               | (15%)              | 572                                      | 4%                                     |
| Financial Mathematics                        | 191                      | 166                          | 664%               | 0                          | 0                  | 0%                 | 251                                      | 3%                                     |
| Superintendency/Educational System Admin.    | 190                      | 129                          | 211%               | 129                        | 129                | Insf. Data         | 173                                      | 1%                                     |

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### MBA is the largest degree producer with online programs continuing to grow



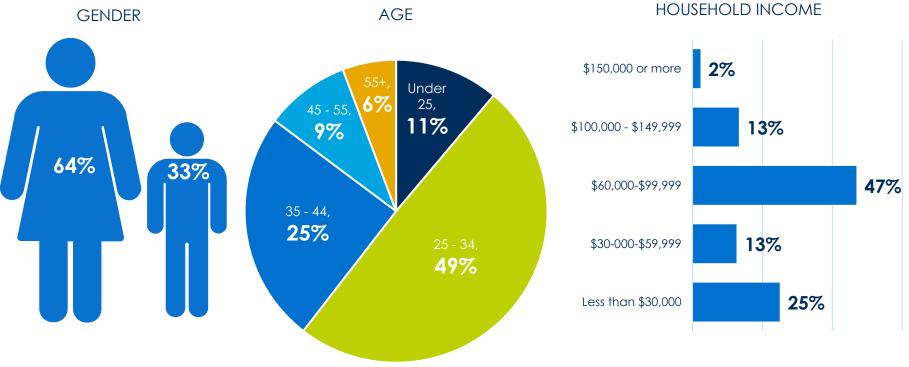


#### Related Occupations

\$29.09/hr 49.635 +2.6%4.684 \$60.5K/vr Jobs (2022)\* 🕜 % Change (2022-2027)\* Median Earnings Annual Openings' 12% below National average\* Nation: +5.0%\* Nation: \$32.41/hr; \$67.4K/yr

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## **Prospective Graduate Student Demographics**





## Landscape, Road Map, and Mirror

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### LANDSCAPE

Do you know how easy or difficult the terrain will be to travel? Is there a demographic cliff coming? Is there a wave of new interest in an academic area that you were not considering?

### **ROAD MAP**

Do you know how to navigate the landscape or terrain? Is there a path forward that makes sense to your program, your school, or your university?

### MIRROR

When you look at your institution, what do you know about it? Do you know if your programs are aligned to the path you want to take? Do you need something else at your institution to be able to take advantage of this strategic path?

### Assessing program choices

A fine balance between market demand and institutional strength





# QUESTION TO CONSIDER To what extent do you factor in geographic and modality demand when prioritizing your existing program offerings as well as investments for new programs?

## Key takeaways

- Growth potential exists in STATES and PROGRAMS.
- Other observations from Scott.
- What are your key takeaways for this session?

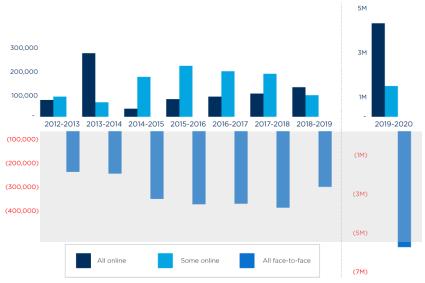




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# Leveraging Research to Drive Enrollment

# Online education has become "mission critical" for most institutions seeking to grow



Source: RNL Analysis of IPEDS fall enrollment data, First Look, Degree Granting Institutions. Retrieved April 2022.

#### TABLE 2: UNDERGRADUATE YEAR-OVER-YEAR FALL ENROLLMENT CHANGE BY FORMAT

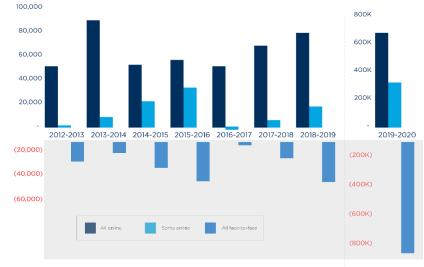


TABLE 5: GRADUATE - YEAR-OVER-YEAR FALL ENROLLMENT CHANGE BY FORMAT



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# 2019-2021 enrollment change portrays a challenging situation for UG-centric institutions

**Enrollment Change by State Fall 2019-Fall 2021** 

#### ND ND SD SD WY NE NE UT NV CO KS Δ7 NM Percent Change -20.0% 20.0% Mapbox @ OSM Map Mapbox © OSM Mapbox © OSM Mapbox © OSM Map

Undergraduate

#### Graduate



Source: National Student Clearinghouse analysis of net enrollment change

### Adult students bring with them high expectations for institutions











What impact (if any) has increasing student expectations had on internal operations, staffing, communication flows, etc.?

### Adult students demand timely response to inquiries

#### What proportion of online students expect response in 3 hours?

| TABLE 31: EXPECTED RESPONSE<br>TIMES AFTER FIRST INQUIRY | UNDER-<br>GRADUATE<br>DEGREE | GRADUATE<br>DEGREE | NON-DEGREE | Those 45+ years of age are more willing to wait |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------|------------|---|
| Personalized email                                       |                              |                    |            |   |
| Immediately  | 27%                          | 19%                | 17%        | 1107  |
| Within 3 hours   | 21%                          | 20%                | 20%        | +45: <b>41%</b>                                 |
| Within a day   | 29%                          | 26%                | 33%        |   |
| More than 1 day  | 23%                          | 36%                | 30%        |   |
| Text message   |                              |                    |            |   |
| Immediately  | 27%                          | 24%                | 20%        | 3107  |
| Within 3 hours   | 25%                          | 27%                | 35%        | +45: <b>36%</b>                                 |
| Within a day   | 25%                          | 23%                | 25%        |   |
| More than 1 day  | 23%                          | 27%                | 21%        |   |
| Phone call   |                              |                    |            |   |
| Immediately  | 29%                          | 24%                | 25%        | 4007  |
| Within 3 hours   | 19%                          | 20%                | 20%        | +45: <b>48%</b>                                 |
| Within a day   | 26%                          | 26%                | 28%        |   |
| More than 1 day  | 26%                          | 31%                | 27%        |   |

Source: 2022 Online Student Recruitment Report, RNL

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### Adult students expect timely admissions decisions

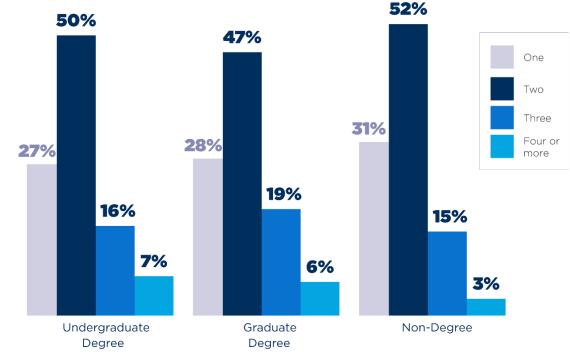
### What proportion of online students expect an admissions decision within a week?

| TABLE 38: EXPECTED TIME<br>TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION<br>OF ADMISSION | UNDER-<br>GRADUATE<br>DEGREE | GRADUATE<br>DEGREE | NON-DEGREE |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Within 24 hours  | 11%                          | 15%                | 8%         |
| 1-3 days   | 34%                          | 29%                | 32%        |
| 4-7 days   | 30%                          | 27%                | 31%        |
| 7-14 days  | 18%                          | 19%                | 20%        |
| 14-21 days   | 5%                           | 7%                 | 6%         |
| Longer than 21 days  | 2%                           | 3%                 | 3%         |



### You are competing with more than inertia

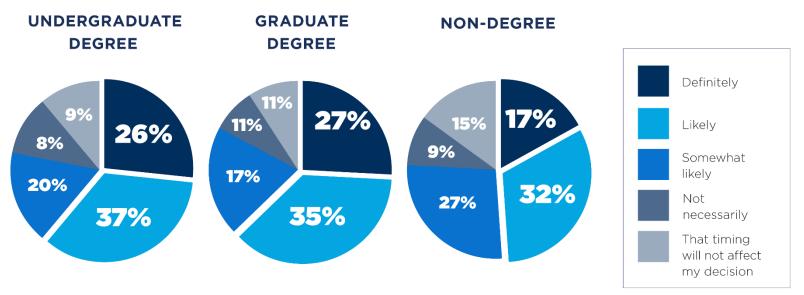
#### TABLE 30: NUMBER OF ONLINE PROGRAMS CONSIDERED





### Adult students reward programs that respond quickly

# TABLE 36: LIKELIHOOD OF ENROLLING IN PROGRAM THAT RESPONDSFIRST TO INQUIRY

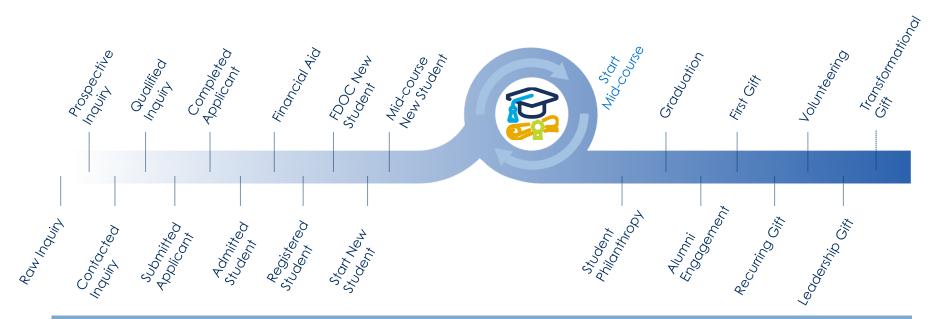


### **Speed impacts enrollment**

# 85% of graduate program applicants are likely to enroll at the first school that accepts them.



### We must consider speed at every stage of the student lifecycle



**Expertise and Insights, Analytics and Surveys** 





How has your campus adjusted to address expectations related to speed at each stage of the funnel?

### Programs in all kinds of subjects are in demand now there are fewer "slam dunks"

What is the SECOND largest graduate degree area in demand online?

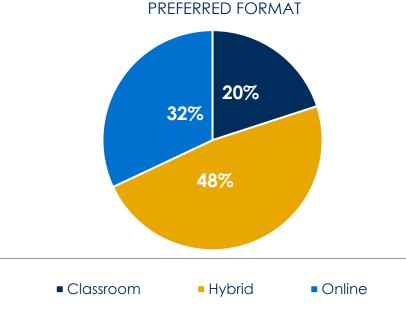
| TABLE 9: INTENDED DISCIPLINE OF<br>STUDY       | UNDER-<br>GRADUATE<br>DEGREE | GRADUATE<br>DEGREE | NON-DEGREE |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Business                                       | 23%                          | 25%                | 25%        |
| Education                                      | 12%                          | 10%                | 9%         |
| Health Professions                             | 12%                          | 7%                 | 15%        |
| Computer/Information Science                   | 11%                          | 16%                | 14%        |
| Counseling/Psychology                          | 8%                           | 5%                 | 7%         |
| Social Services/Public Admin./Criminal Justice | 6%                           | 4%                 | 5%         |
| Arts and Humanities                            | 5%                           | 3%                 | 5%         |
| Social Sciences                                | 5%                           | 3%                 | 4%         |
| Engineering                                    | 4%                           | 10%                | 6%         |
| Biological/Physical/Earth Sciences             | 4%                           | 2%                 | 2%         |
| Communications                                 | 3%                           | 4%                 | 3%         |
| Other  | 7%                           | 10%                | 5%         |
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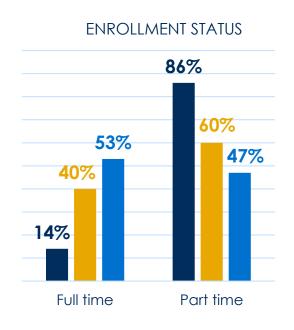


Source: 2022 Online Student Recruitment Report, RNL

### Less than one-quarter of graduate students plan to enroll in a classroom-only program

### **GRADUATE STUDENTS**



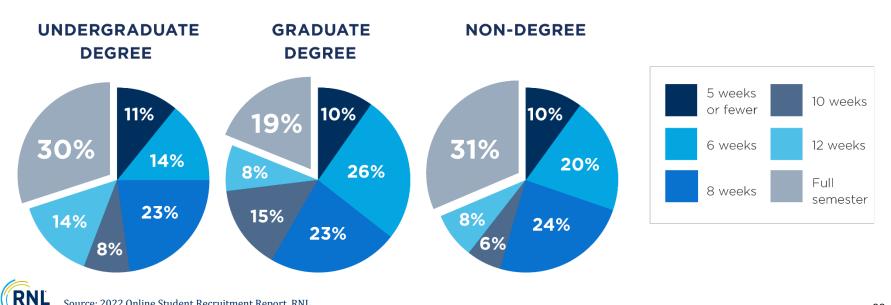




### If your programs are offered in semesters, you don't have a sellable product

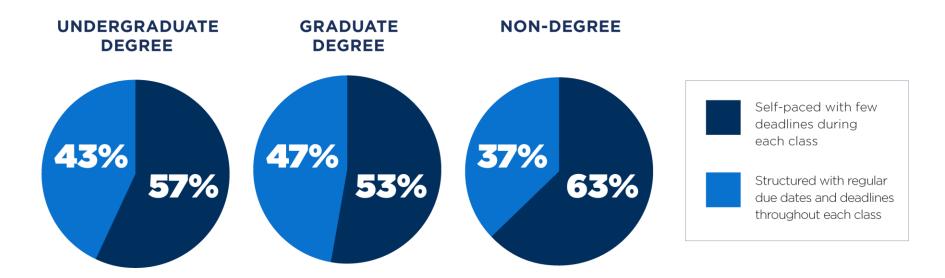
What percent of online students plan to enroll in semester-length programs?

#### **TABLE 11: PREFERRED LENGTH OF COURSES**



### Online students vary in their demand for structure

#### **TABLE 13: PREFERENCE: SELF-PACED OR STRUCTURED**





## Key takeaways: RESEARCH

- A growth strategy must include more online programs.
- Graduate offerings should include a hybrid and/or online option.
- We can't apply old practices to new modalities and expect that they will be successful.
- The pandemic advanced, but did not significantly accelerate, demand for online/hybrid programs these have been in demand for years.
- Speedy response to initial inquiry, application, and other contact is expected and those who meet those expectations will benefit from increased demand.
- What other takeaways do you have from this session?



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# A Holistic View of Generating Inquiries

### Integrated media strategy







### How do you build and track your lead generation strategy to meet enrollment goals across channels?

How do you measure lead generation ROI?

### **Enrollment goals drive media recommendations**

|              | Dashboards          | ~ |                       |                       |                          |                |                    | ۲                   |
|--------------|---------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Ē            | Enrollment Planning | ^ |                       | IN                    | QUIRY GOALS ACADEMIC PER | IOD GOALS      |                    |                     |
|              | Plans               |   | ACADEMIC PERIOD GOALS |                       | Search                   |                | ۹                  |                     |
| ; <b>0</b> ; | Inquiries           | ~ |                       | lame Code             | ↓ Start Date             | End Date       | Helix Start Target | Client Start Target |
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|              | Administration      | ~ | Summer 2022 1 Se      | sion Summer220nline1  | May 16th, 2022           | Jul 1st, 2022  |                    |                     |
|              |                     |   | Summer 2022 DE Se     | sion Summer220nlineDE | May 16th, 2022           | Aug 19th, 2022 |                    |                     |
|              |                     |   | Spring 2022 11 Set    | sion Spring220nline11 | Mar 7th, 2022            | Apr 22nd, 2022 |                    |                     |
|              |                     |   | Spring 2022 1 Se      | sion Spring220nline1  | Jan 10th, 2022           | Feb 25th, 2022 |                    |                     |
|              |                     |   | Spring 202            | 2 DE Spring220nlineDE | Jan 10th, 2022           | Apr 22nd, 2022 |                    |                     |
|              |                     |   | Fall 2021 Sess        | on 2 Fall2021Temp2    | Oct 18th, 2021           | Dec 3rd, 2021  | 71                 | 71                  |
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|              |                     |   | Fall 2021 Sessio      | n DE Fall2021TempDE   | Aug 23rd, 2021           | Dec 3rd, 2021  |                    |                     |
|              |                     |   | Summer 2021 II Se     | sion SUM210NL2        | Jun 28th, 2021           | Aug 13th, 2021 | 61                 | 71                  |
|              |                     |   | Summer 2021 DE Se     | sion Summer210nlineDE | May 10th, 2021           | Aug 13th, 2021 |                    |                     |
|              |                     |   | Summer 2021   Se      | sion SUM210NL1        | May 10th, 2021           | Jun 25th, 2021 | 136                | 135                 |

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### **Detailed monthly media plans**

|             | Dashboards          | ~      |                  | University      |   |           |                            |               |              |               |               |                        | •             |
|-------------|---------------------|--------|------------------|-----------------|---|-----------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <u>₩</u>    | Enrollment Planning | ~      |                  |                 |   |           |                            |               |              |               |               |                        |               |
|             | Goals               |        | 🖽 PLANNING       |                 |   | June 2021 |                            |               |              |               |               | ø                      | • ×           |
|             | Goals               |        |                  |                 |   |           | 50% through the mont       | 1             |              |               |               |                        |               |
|             | Plans               |        |                  |                 |   |           | 40% of planned budget sper |               |              |               |               |                        |               |
|             | Inquiries           | ~      |                  |                 |   |           | Goals                      | Planned       | Actual       | Capped        | Uncapped      | Recommend              | Historical    |
| <b>***</b>  | inquines            | Ť      | 0                |                 |   | Budget    | \$ 235,000.00              | \$ 199,000.00 | \$ 80,524.48 | \$ 133,876.95 | \$ 160,492.82 | \$ 263,726.31          | \$ 211,944.84 |
| <b> </b> ∼₹ | Acuity              | ~      | Campaign Summary |                 |   | Inquiry   | 1,325                      | 918           | 677          | 1,021         | 1,354         | 1,582                  | 1,372         |
| _           |                     |        | Paid             |                 |   | Budget    | \$ 235,000.00              | \$ 199,000.00 | \$ 80,524.48 | \$ 133,876.95 | \$ 160,492.82 | \$ 263,726.31          | \$ 211,944.84 |
| <b>B</b>    | Administration      | $\sim$ | Falu             |                 |   | Inquiry   | 1,325                      | 918           | 677          | 1,021         | 1,354         | 1,395                  | 1,242         |
|             |                     |        | Affiliate        |                 | > | Budget    | \$ 10,000.00 🗹             | \$15,500.00   | \$15,390.00  | \$ 21,380.00  | \$ 30,780.00  | \$ 12,014.85           | \$ 18,088.25  |
|             |                     |        | Anniate          |                 |   | Inquiry   | 200 🖉                      | 233           | 308          | 393           | 616           | 202                    | 309           |
|             |                     |        | Paid Search      |                 | ~ | Budget    | \$ 165,000.00 🗹            | \$ 124,500.00 | \$ 43,852.96 | \$ 77,650.61  | \$ 87,706.02  | \$ 179,413.70          | \$ 138,110.46 |
|             |                     |        | Tald Search      |                 | • | Inquiry   | 800 🖉                      | 483           | 252          | 437           | 504           | 866                    | 680           |
|             |                     |        | Brand            |                 | > | Budget    |                            | \$ 50,000.00  | \$ 21,116.65 | \$ 32,177.77  | \$ 42,233.18  |                        | -             |
|             |                     |        | brand            |                 |   | Inquiry   |                            | 211           | 139          | 211           | 278           |                        |               |
|             |                     |        | Generic          |                 | > | Budget    |                            | \$ 10,000.00  | \$ 3,067.63  | \$ 6,135.36   | \$ 6,135.36   |                        | -             |
|             |                     |        | Generic          |                 |   | Inquiry   |                            | 57            | 12           | 24            | 24            |                        | -             |
|             |                     |        | Program          |                 | ~ | Budget    |                            | \$ 64,500.00  | \$ 19,668.68 | \$ 39,337.48  | \$ 39,337.48  |                        | -             |
|             |                     |        | riogram          |                 | • | Inquiry   |                            | 215           | 101          | 202           | 202           |                        |               |
|             |                     |        |                  |                 |   |           | Budget                     | \$ 64,500.00  | \$ 19,668.68 | \$ 39,337.48  | \$ 39,337.48  | Inquires / Day (Avg: I | 3)            |
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|             |                     |        |                  |                 |   |           | CPI                        | \$ 300.00     | \$ 194.74    | \$ 194.74     | \$ 194.74     |                        |               |
|             |                     |        | Paid Social      |                 | > | Budget    | \$ 60,000.00 🗭             | \$ 55,000.00  | \$ 19,969.76 | \$ 32,778.00  | \$ 39,938.46  | \$ 72,297.76           | \$ 55,746.13  |
|             |                     |        | Palu Social      |                 |   | Inquiry   | 325 🗭                      | 189           | 116          | 189           | 232           | 327                    | 253           |
|             |                     |        | Display          |                 | > | Budget    | - 2                        | \$ 4,000.00   | \$ 1,311.76  | \$ 2,068.34   | \$ 2,068.34   |                        | -             |
|             |                     |        | Сторнау          |                 |   | Inquiry   | 🖒                          | 13            | 1            | 2             | 2             |                        | -             |
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## Media recommendations inform media spend

|    | Dashboards          | ~ |             |          | Univers        | ity            |              |           |                |              |            |                |              |
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|    | Goals               |   |             |          |                |                |              |           |                |              |            |                |              |
|    | Plans               |   |             | JIRY GOA | ALS            |                | 2021-06      |           |                |              | to         | <b>a</b> 202   | 21-08        |
| :  | Inquiries           | ~ | Channel     |          | Jun 2021       | Recommendation | Historical   | Jul 2021  | Recommendation | Historical   | Aug 2021   | Recommendation | Historical   |
| ~* | Acuity              | ~ | Totals      | Budget   | \$235,000.00   | \$263,726.31   | \$211,944.84 | \$0.00    | \$206,925.48   | \$172,899.71 | \$0.00     | \$84,649.30    | \$155,664.74 |
|    |                     |   | rotaio      | Inquiry  | 1,325          | 1,582          | 1,372        | 0         | 1,342          | 1,205        | 0          | 603            | 1,211        |
| ₿  | Administration      | ~ | Paid        | Budget   | \$235,000.00   | \$263,726.31   | \$211,944.84 | \$0.00    | \$206,925.48   | \$172,899.71 | \$0.00     | \$84,649.30    | \$155,664.74 |
|    |                     |   | Channels    | Inquiry  | 1,325          | 1,395          | 1,242        | 0         | 1,186          | 1,043        | 0          | 496            | 1,055        |
|    |                     |   | Affiliate   | Budget   | \$10,000.00 🗹  | \$12,014.85    | \$18,088.25  | \$0.00 🕜  | \$6,137.31     | \$12,060.20  | \$0.00 🗹   | \$1,495.79     | \$10,659.00  |
|    |                     |   | Annate      | Inquiry  | 200 🗹          | 202            | 309          | 0 🖉       | 119            | 196          | 0 7        | 25             | 225          |
|    |                     |   | Paid        | Budget   | \$165,000.00 🕜 | \$179,413.70   | \$138,110.46 | \$0.00 🗹  | \$132,495.05   | \$113,624.68 | \$0.00 🖻   | \$63,170.86    | \$103,534.64 |
|    |                     |   | Search      | Inquiry  | 800 ピ          | 866            | 680          | 0 🖉       | 715            | 604          | 0 🖉        | 346            | 561          |
|    |                     |   | Paid Social | Budget   | \$60,000.00 🕜  | \$72,297.76    | \$55,746.13  | \$0.00 🗹  | \$68,293.12    | \$47,214.83  | \$0.00 🖻   | \$19,982.65    | \$41,471.09  |
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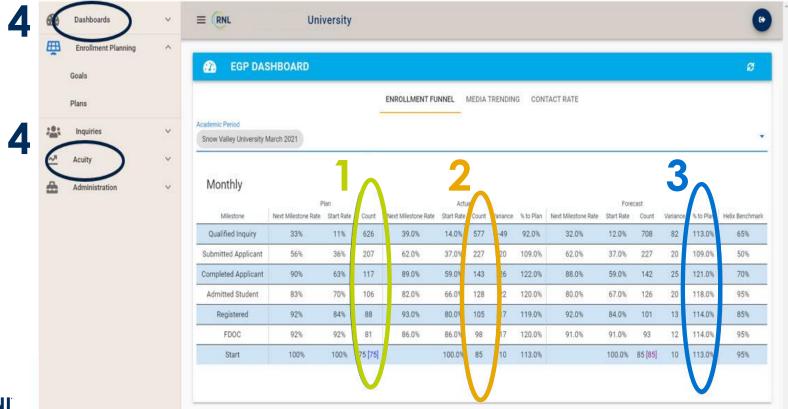


## Inquiry collection

|     | Dashboards          | ~ |         |            | University                     |            |           |              |                    |                 |                 |  |
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| Ē   | Enrollment Planning | ~ |         |            |                                |            |           |              |                    |                 |                 |  |
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| ~*  | Acuity              | ~ |         | Inquiry Id | Received Date $ \psi $         | First Name | Last Name | Inquiry Id   | Channel Name       | Source/Vendor   | Source Campaign | Program                                  |
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## **Transparent tracking and training**



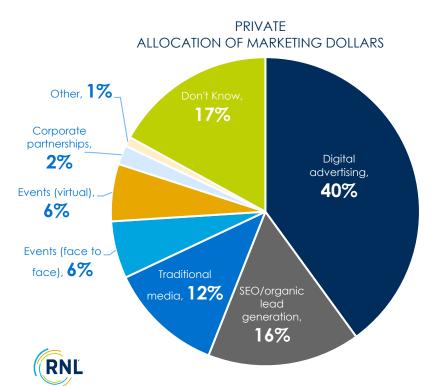


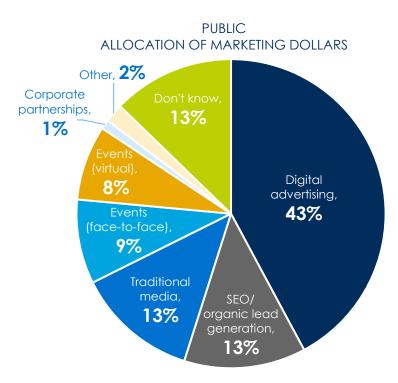


# How do you generate leads on your campus?

### How the typical marketing budget is being spent

#### THE MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT BUDGETS FOR GRADUATE AND ONLINE PROGRAMS



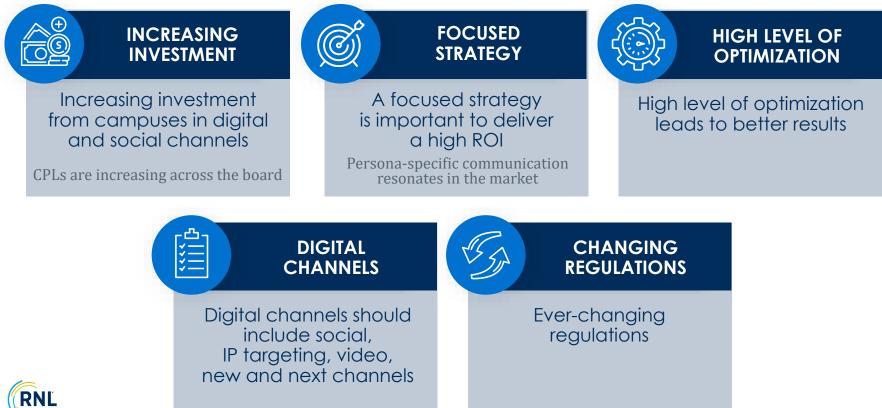


### Integrated media strategy





# Paid digital lead generation trends



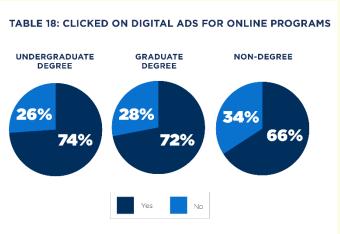
# 68% of prospective students use social media in their search

#### PREFERRED SOCIAL MEDIA FOR PREFERRED CONTENT ON SOCIAL **GRADUATE PROGRAM INFO** Videos $\triangleright$ 57% 42% LINKEDIN 15% **Photos** 50% NONE 7% **SNAPCHAT** Links to news 48% **42%** YOUTUBE YouTube 55% 13% PINTEREST FACEBOOK Short text 43% P **Event** invites 34% $\overrightarrow{}$ 30% INSTAGRAM 24% **6%** TWITTER TIK TOK 22% Live events Э. RNĽ

### Online students most frequently use digital channels to engage with an institution

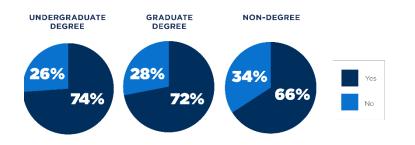
|                       | TABLE 15: SOURCES USED TO FIND<br>ONLINE PROGRAMS OF INTEREST | UNDER-<br>GRADUATE<br>DEGREE | GRADUATE<br>DEGREE | NON-DEGREE |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
|                       | Search engines  | 89%                          | 85%                | 95%        |
|                       | College/program search sites                                  | 77%                          | 78%                | 61%        |
|                       | Ads on social media   | 58%                          | 73%                | 57%        |
|                       | Someone I know  | 53%                          | 56%                | 56%        |
|                       | Ads on websites   | 54%                          | 52%                | 46%        |
|                       | Ads on streaming TV   | 51%                          | 47%                | 36% TA     |
|                       | Ads on broadcast or cable TV                                  | 46%                          | 50%                | 39%        |
| Lower usage           | Videos on YouTube or elsewhere                                | 44%                          | 48%                | 48%        |
| but important         | Printed materials from institutions                           | 38%                          | 36%                | 31%        |
| to include in the mix | Ads in newspapers, magazines, etc.                            | 34%                          | 38%                | 27%        |
|                       | Printed rankings guides                                       | 32%                          | 31%                | 27%        |
|                       | Ads on streaming radio  | 28%                          | 27%                | 18%        |
|                       | Billboards/other outdoor ads                                  | 28%                          | 24%                | 19%        |
|                       | Ads on local broadcast radio                                  | 26%                          | 26%                | 13%        |
|                       | Ads on podcasts/other streaming audio                         | 26%                          | 18%                | 18%        |
|                       |   |                              |                    |            |

What are the three most common initial sources of information?

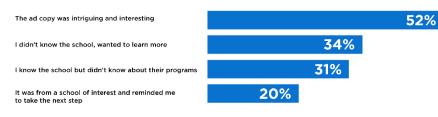




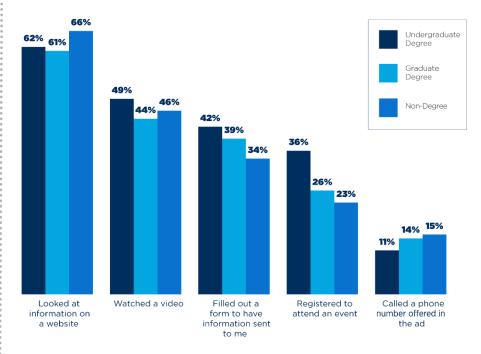
### Online students click ads that speak to their "persona"



#### MOST COMPELLING REASON TO CLICK ON DIGITAL AD



#### TABLE 19: ACTION AFTER CLICKING DIGITAL ADS



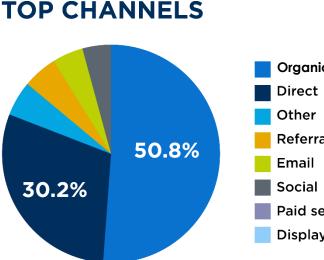
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### Integrated media strategy





### Organic lead generation is a lower volume but higher converting lead source



Organic search Direct Other Referral Email Social Paid search Display Approximately **50%** of all higher education website traffic comes from search engines.

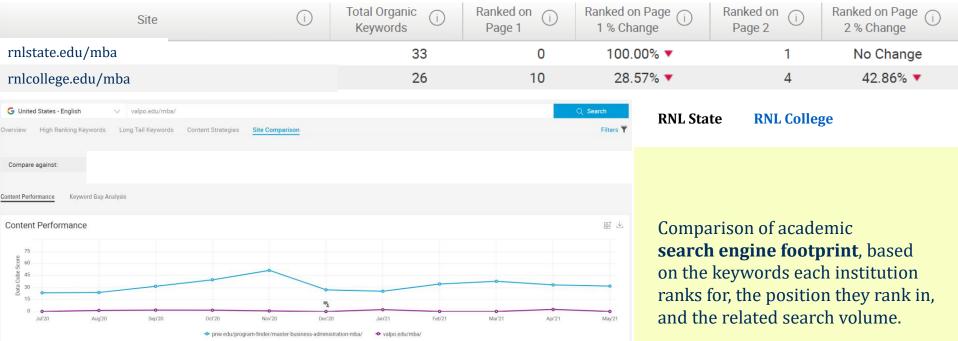
**77%** of students will use a search engine to access a website EVEN if they know which school they want to look up.

Organic leads are approximately **7X** more likely to convert compared to other sources.



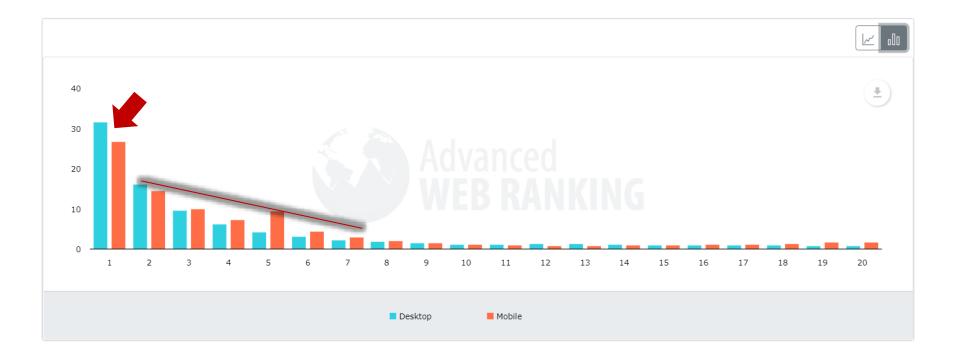
# Key performance indicators - SEO

### RNL State University vs. RNL College





# National click-through rates per ranking position







# What does SEO look like on your campus: web copy or optimized content?

Is SEO generating quality leads on your campus? Why or why not?

### Online students are focused on practical factors

#### TABLE 26: MOST IMPORTANT ENROLLMENT FACTORS

48% Cost of tuition 42% and fees 52% 35% Total time to 34% complete my 35% degree 27% The match between 31% program content and my interests 36% 24% The reputation of 32% the institution 29% Undergraduate Positive career 27% Degree opportunity/job 26% placement info 26% Graduate on graduates Degree Personal attention 19% from faculty and Non-Degree 25% staff from inquiry 18% through enrollment

(Respondents chose their three most important factors.)



## Great example of utilizing SEO to drive leads

#### Google

#### how to pay for my masters degree

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https://www.franklin.edu > blog > how-to-pay-for-a-ma...

#### How to Pay for a Master's Degree: 6 Big Tips For Working Adults

Look for scholarships and grants that match your personal background, industry and experience. Start with professional associations you belong to and branch out ...

#### People also ask

| How do people pay for a master's degree? | ~        |
|--|----------|
| How can I not pay for my masters degree? | ~        |
| Does FAFSA cover a master's degree?      | ~        |
|  | Feedback |

https://www.forbes.com > advisor > student-loans > ho...

#### How To Pay For Grad School - Forbes Advisor

Aug 11, 2021 - How To Pay For Grad School · 1. Start Looking for Free Money · 2. Apply for Assistantships · 3. Utilize the Federal Work-Study Program · 4. Research ... Compare Student Loan Rates... · Federal Loans For Graduate... · Private Loans For Graduate...

https://www.usnews.com > paying > articles > 2013/03/12

#### Use These 5 Strategies to Pay for Graduate School

Mar 12, 2013 - Get an employer to pay for graduate school. Secure a graduate school scholarship. Work for the graduate school. Borrow smart. Use available ...

Work For The Graduate School · Borrow Smart · Find The Best Student Loans...





How to Pay for a Master's Degree: 6 Big Tips For Working Adults



#### Master's Degree Paying for School

You know a master's degree can be pivotal to your success. You've read how it can help advance your career, increase your salary, or transition into a brand new field. But, how will

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# Given the mix of your lead generation activity, do you have a healthy and balanced lead generation strategy?

What activities or additional strategies could help you generate more quality leads?

# Key takeaways

- Leverage multiple lead gen sources to increase ROI on lead gen investments.
- Use a targeted approach to ad spend strategies.
- Always evaluate new sources for leads think outside the box.
  - Corporate partnerships.
  - Alumni lists by program.
  - New social channels.
- What are other key takeaways from this session?





# **RNL Regional Workshop** Graduate and Online Enrollment

# The Framework for Growth

## Building a strong foundation for growth



Decisions driven by data and analytics



Direction guided by a comprehensive strategic plan



Culture of investment



Remember your mission



# **Strategic Enrollment Planning**

*The four-phase recursive process* 



# Mission statements

### A few examples for attendee institutions...

...committed to excellence and distinction in the discovery, dissemination, and application of knowledge."

...enable our students to be productive, ethical, and socially responsible participants in the rapidly changing global marketplace."

...providing leading-edge management programs in a world-class, innovative, and inclusive environment throughout our regions."



# Thank you for attending!

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Please complete evaluation form and leave at the table or hand to an RNL staff member.

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Resources are at the check-in table and online. An email will be sent out with a copy of the slides from today.

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- Conversion
- Instructional design
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