

Frontliners and Reconnect Tuition Programs

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State of Michigan Programs - 60 by 30

- Futures for Frontliners
- Reconnect - Announcing in February to begin in summer
- Opportunity Scholarship - Not yet in legislation

Patterned after a similar program in Tennessee which included the Tennessee Promise and Tennessee Reconnect.



Futures for Frontliners

- Program was designed to recognize those serving in frontline occupations between April , 2020 and June 3, 2020 who have not yet earned an associates or bachelors degree.
- The program pays in-district tuition and fees at a community college for students enrolling at least half-time.
- Though the state application for eligibility closed on December 31, 2020, eligible applicants have until the Fall 2021 semester to enroll.
- Scholarship is available for up to four years to complete an occupational certificate or associate's degree program.

Degrees and Certificates



Bachelor of Science

Maritime or

Marine Technology



**Bachelor's Degree
at Transfer
Institution**

**NMC
University
Center**

- 2+2
- MTA



**Associate of
Science & Arts
(ASA)**

Focus on general education
requirements with some
specialization that transfers.

**Job Market
or Transfer**

Industry Certification Focus

**Associate of Applied
Science (AAS)**

Level 2 Certificate

Level 1 Certificate

Frontliners @NMC

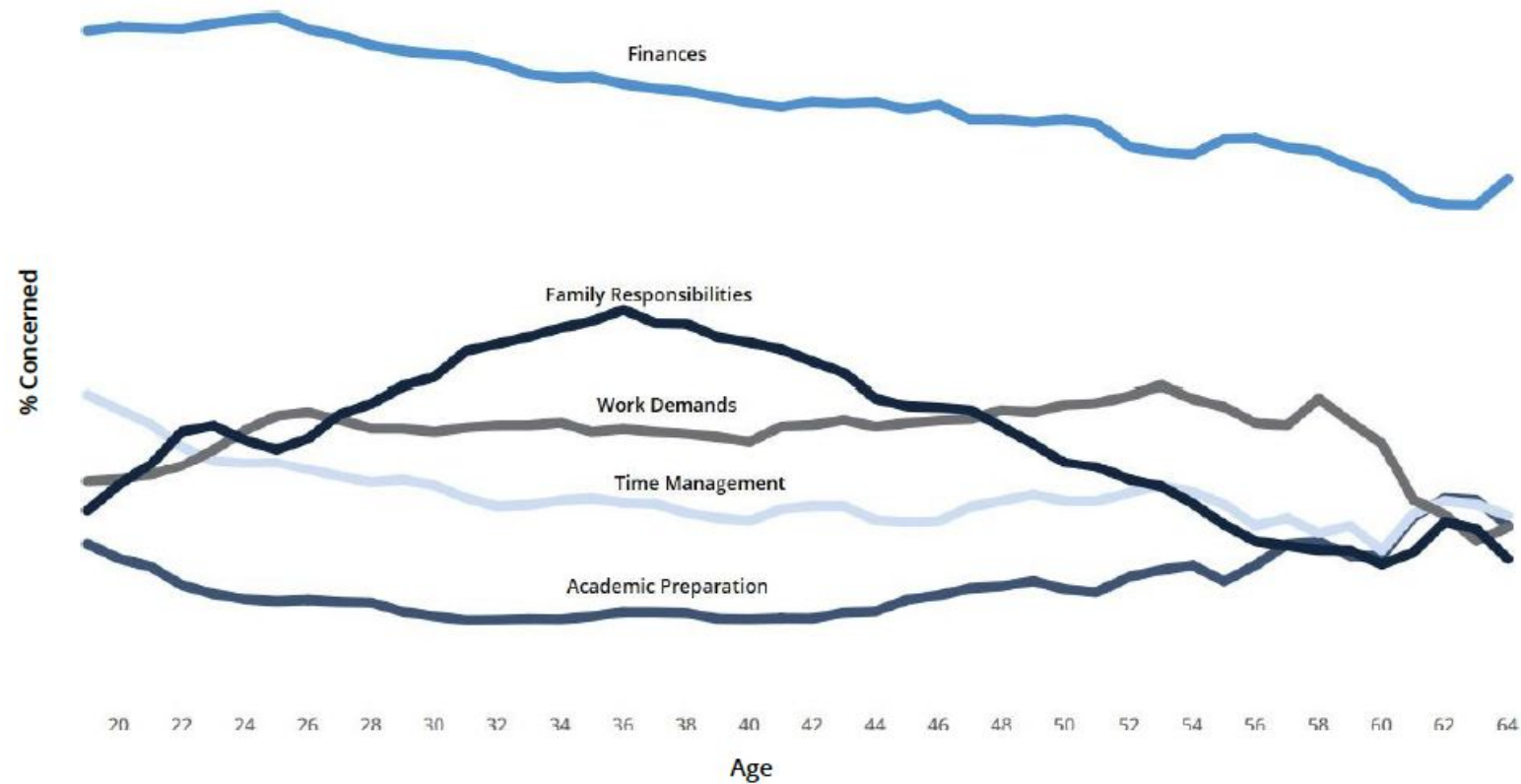
- Over 1,500 applicants to state listing NMC as their destination.
- Out of 723 eligible applicants, 470 have enrolled at NMC for the Spring semester.
- Ineligible applicants due to industry verification can still qualify if they can complete the verification process by 2/1/2021.
- Those who remain ineligible may automatically have application submitted for Michigan Reconnect.

Reconnect

- Must have graduated from high school with a diploma or certificate of completion or a high school equivalency certificate.
- Must not have previously earned an associate or baccalaureate degree
- Must be 25 years of age or older at the time of application.
- Must meet the criteria for federal student aid except the requirement of past Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) which is not a Reconnect eligibility criterion.
- Must be a Michigan resident and maintained continuous Michigan residency for at least the preceding 12 months.

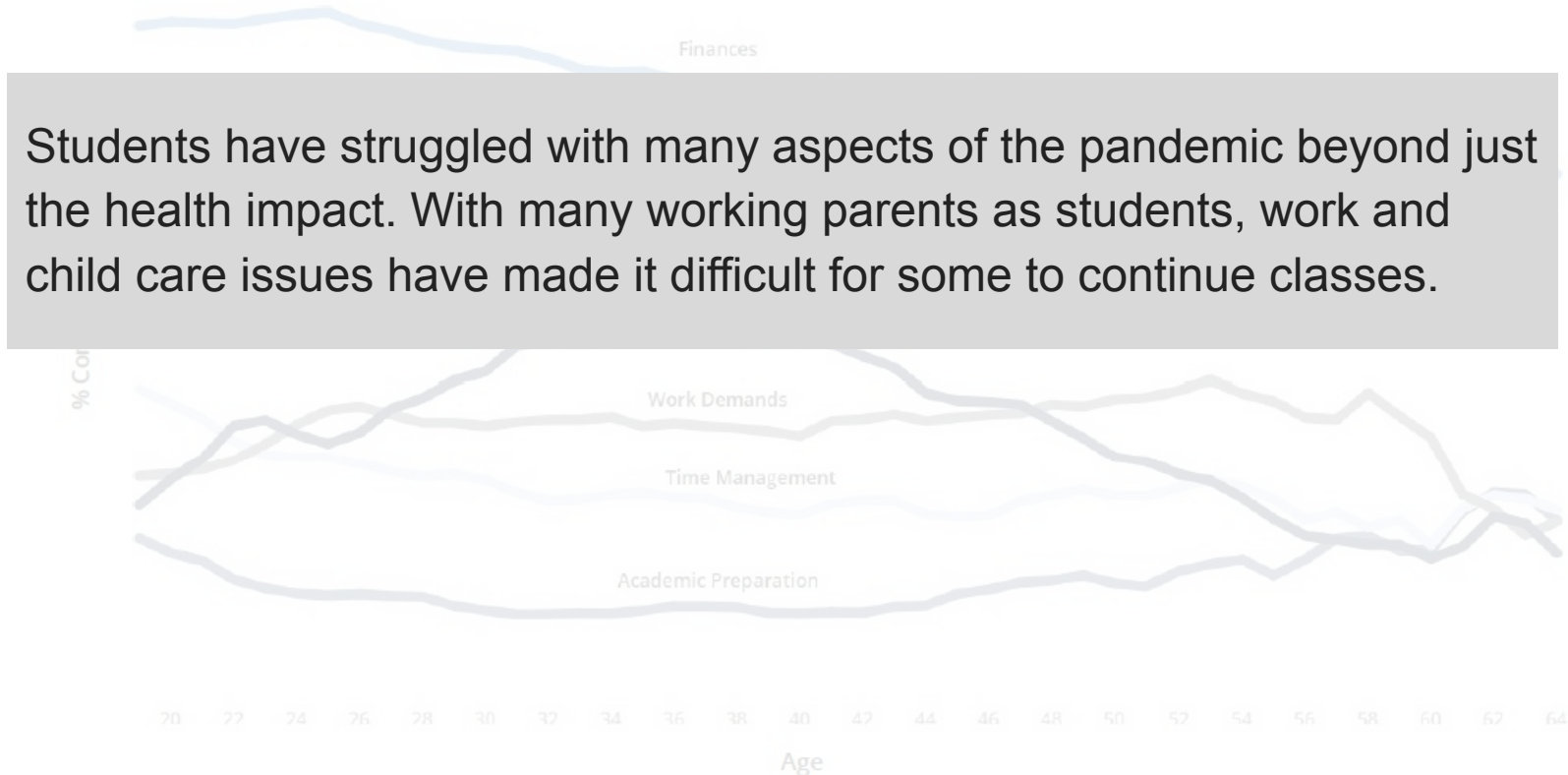
Reconnect Student Concerns

Figure 3: Reconnect Grant Applicant Concerns, by Age



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Support for Frontliners and Reconnect

- State hiring Navigators to help applicants through the enrollment process
- Leveraging Michigan College Access Network advisors to assist with hotline
- Single point of contact at NMC
- Scholarships
- More flexible NMC course offerings

Wraparound Services

- Pre-enrollment Writing, Math and Technology support
- Academic and career advising
- Success Coaching, Tutoring, Math & Writing/Reading support
- Employment readiness assistance in conjunction with Michigan Works!

Questions?

