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MESABI RANGE COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE* Eveleth, Virginia	Toll-free: 1-800-657-3860 www.mr.mnscu.edu
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MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead, Wadena	. Toll-free: 1-888-696-7282 www.minnesota.edu
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SOUTH CENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE Faribault, Mankato	. Toll-free: 1-800-722-9359 www.southcentral.edu
VERMILION COMMUNITY COLLEGE* Ely *Hibbing, Itasca, Mesabi Range, Rainy River and Vermilion ma District, a consortium of five state colleges	www.vcc.edu

District, a consortium of five state colleges. **Northwest Technical College at Bemidji is aligned with Bemidji State University.

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD	Toll-free: 1-800-593-7246 www.mnstate.edu
ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY St. Cloud	Toll-free: 1-877-654-7278 www.stcloudstate.edu
SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY	Toll-free: 1-800-642-0684 www.southwestmsu.edu
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State Universities

Bemidji

METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY (651) 793-1300 St. Paul, Minneapolis

www.bemidjistate.edu www.metrostate.edu

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO Toll-free: 1-800-722-0544 Mankato

www.mnsu.edu

Start here and get ready for college

Decide whether to start at a two-year state college or a fouryear state university:

- Technical colleges are two-year colleges that teach knowledge and skills leading to specific careers.
- Community colleges are two-year colleges that can get you started on a bachelor's degree. You can take your first two years of college at a community college and then transfer to a four-year college or university to complete your degree. Community colleges also offer career programs leading directly to a job.
- Combined community and technical colleges offer technical and community college programs. You can get a start on a bachelor's degree and transfer after two years, just like you can at a community college. Or you can enroll in a technical program and learn skills that lead directly to a career, just like you can at a technical college.
- State universities are four-year institutions offering courses and programs leading to bachelor's, master's and advanced degrees.

College planning checklist

It's never too early to get started. Look ahead and take the courses throughout high school that will meet entrance requirements at the college or university you wish to attend. Use this checklist to help keep your planning on track.

9th and 10th grades

Take classes that prepare you to continue your education after high school. At least three years each of mathematics, English, science and social studies are recommended. Your high school counselor can help you choose the best courses for you.

Plan ahead and visit your school career center or counseling office to explore resources including career guides and brochures from colleges and universities.

By 11th grade

- Request information from colleges and universities that interest you. Call the admissions offices and ask them to send you a brochure, mail in the reply card in this book or ask for information online at www.mnscu.edu/ Student/requestinfo.php.
- Schedule campus visits by calling admissions offices at several colleges or universities this year or in the fall of your senior year. See "Tips for campus visits" on Page 3.
- Take a standardized college entrance test if you think you may want to start at a four-year university. Check with your high school counselor about the test schedule and which test—either the ACT or SAT test— is required for admission at places you want to attend.

During 12th grade

To apply to a Minnesota state college or university, fill out an application to the colleges or universities that offer programs, environment and location that fit you best. You can print out an application at www.mnscu.edu/Student/ MnSCUApplication.html, call toll-free at 1-888-667-2848 to have one mailed to you, or fill out the postage-free reply card at the back of this book.

A one-time \$20 non-refundable application fee must be sent with the application form to each place you apply. Institutions may waive this fee in case of financial need. Ask the admissions office about its policy. Apply as early as possible.

- Apply to a four-year university in the fall of 12th grade.
- You can apply to a two-year college any time before the semester you want to begin, but applying early gives you a better chance of getting into the programs and courses you want.
- Apply for financial aid in 12th grade, whether or not you have decided which college to attend. The free federal financial aid application is available from high school counselors, college admissions offices or on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov You will be notified about your financial aid eligibility. Look for scholarships, too. College admissions and financial aid offices can help you. (See Page 5 for more information.)

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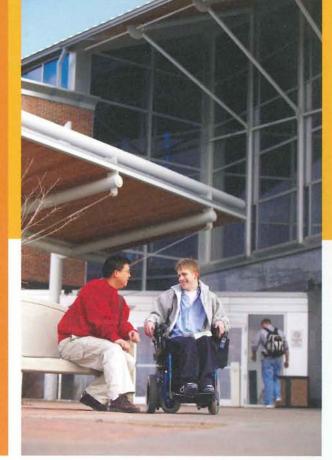
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Tips for campus visits

- Call and ask for a tour appointment. If you are interested in a particular academic program, student activity or sport, ask if you can meet with someone in that area, too.
- Ask about programs and activities, as well as tuition and other costs. Bring a notebook and write down your questions in advance so you remember what you wanted to ask about.
- Check out the library, computer labs, cafeterias, snack bars and bookstore.
- Ask to see a dorm room if you plan to live on campus. If the college has no oncampus housing, ask about off-campus options.
- Look around the campus and neighborhood. Can you picture yourself there?
- Congratulations! You've taken a big step toward choosing a campus that's right for you.

Tips for parents and mentors

- Talk about college with your student and ask what factors would be most important in picking the right college.
- Encourage your student to request more information. Assist in listing questions your student can ask.
- Attend college fairs together, pick up brochures and ask questions of the college representatives.
- Help schedule campus visits. Go when classes are in session. Meet students and professors, especially in areas of interest, and check out residence halls, libraries and student services as well as academic programs.
- Find out about financial aid to help pay for college and fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA form, as soon as possible in 12th grade.
- Have fun! You will be an excellent coach as your student makes these important plans for the future.



Earn college credits during high school

Thousands of high school juniors and seniors earn college credit at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities by participating in the state's Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program. Academically qualified students, including home school students, can take classes at no cost to you as long as you also earn high school credit.

To learn more about PSEO, ask your high school counselor, contact the admissions office at the college or university you want to attend or contact the Minnesota Department of Education at **(651) 582-8471**.

Students with disabilities

Many students with physical and learning disabilities choose Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Buildings are accessible, and numerous accommodations are available to help students with documented disabilities succeed. Contact the disability coordinator at the college or university you want to attend to request accommodations.



College cost comparison

Tuition at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is lower than tuition at many

other colleges, universities and trade schools because the state of Minnesota pays a portion of the cost of your education if you are a state resident.

For every dollar you pay in tuition, the state of Minnesota pays \$1.06 to support your education.

Out-of-state tuition

If you live in Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota or Manitoba, Canada, you are eligible for tuition rates similar to those paid by Minnesota residents. Several Minnesota State Colleges and Universities allow certain other out-of-state students to pay the lower instate rates; check with the college or university about its policy. Generally, out-of-state tuition is double the rate that Minnesota students pay.

Room and board costs

The cost for room and board at a state university ranges from \$4,100 to \$5,100 for one year. Some two-year colleges also provide housing on campus or nearby, and many others can help you find housing in the area. The costs of these options will vary.

2-year colleges

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- 53,618 Century College
- 53.974 Dakota County Technical College 53.750 Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College
- 53,507 Hennepin Technical College
- 53,758 Hibbing Community College
- 53,925 Inver Hills Community College
- 54,004 Itasca Community College
- S3 475 Lake Superior College
- S3.889
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 S3.886
 Minneapolis Community & Technical College

 S3.813
 Minnesota State College Southeast Technical

 S3.901
 Minnesota State Comm. & Tech. College, Detroit Lakes, Wadena

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 Minnesota State Comm. & Tech. College, Fergus Falls

 S3.976
 Minnesota State Comm. & Tech. College, Moorhead

 S3.898
 Minnesota West Community & Technical College

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 North Hennepin Community College

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 Northland Comm. & Tech. College, East Grand Forks

 \$4,072
 Northland Comm. & Tech. College, Thief River Falls
- 53,901 Northwest Technical College, Bernidji 53,571 Pine Technical College
- 54,003 Rainy River Community College
- 53,991 Ridgewater College
- S3.871 Riverland Community College
- 54,013 Rochester Community and Technical College
- 53,610 St. Cloud Technical College
- S3,499 Saint Paul College

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*costs vary by program

- 53,532 South Central Technical College
- S4,045 Vermilion Community College
- S6,000-\$14,900*
 Dunwoody Institute

 \$12,925
 Rasmussen College

 \$13,600
 Aveda Institute

 \$14,900
 Minnesota School of Business/Globe

Brown College

Annual tuition and fees 2004-2005

4-year colleges and universities

Minn	esota State Universities
\$5,446	Bemidji State University
\$4,392	Metropolitan State University
\$4,841	Minnesota State University, Mankato
\$4,590	Minnesota State University Moorhead
\$4,981	St. Cloud State University
\$5,034	Southwest Minnesota State University
\$5,165	Winona State University
\$7,477	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
\$7,510	University of Minnesota, Duluth
\$8,467	University of Minnesota, Morris
\$17,770	Concordia – Moorhead
\$17,905	St. Mary's University of Minn.
\$19,928	Concordia – St. Paul
\$19,990	Bethel College
\$20,758	Augsburg College
\$20,760	College of St. Scholastica
\$21,050	College of St. Catherine
\$21,828	University of St. Thomas
\$22,083	Hamline University
\$22,148	College of Saint Benedict
\$22,148	St. John's University
	Gustavus Adolphus College
	Minneapolis College of Art & Design
and a second	St. Olaf College
	Macalester College
\$30,666	Carleton College

The costs for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities are for average full-time tuition and fees per year for Minnesota residents. The costs do not include room and board for any institution listed. Some colleges and universities charge additional fees. Fees may vary depending on program. For exact tuition and fees, contact the admissions office at the college or university that interests you.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid Web site: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Links to campuses:

www.mnscu.edu/system/VisitACampus.html

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Financial aid can reduce your costs

You might be surprised: About one-half of students attending Minnesota State Colleges and Universities receive financial aid to help pay the cost of college. Tax credits for students also can help reduce your net costs.

Types of aid: Most financial aid for students at state colleges and universities comes from federal and state grants, which you do not need to pay back. You also may be eligible for student loans, which need to be repaid later. Eligibility is based partly on your family's need. **Scholarships:** You may qualify for scholarships available through high schools, community organizations, colleges and universities. Scholarships can be awarded for academic achievement, financial need, membership in a group, or your talents. You can get free information about scholarships from a high school counselor or the financial aid office at a college or university.

How to apply for financial aid: Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid after January 1 of your senior year. You can obtain a form online at **www.fafsa.ed.gov** or pick up the form at your school counselor's office. You can get help with filling out the form at the financial aid office where you plan to attend or from your high school counselor.

Deadlines: Apply as soon as possible. Students must submit applications within 14 days after the beginning of a term to receive a State Grant for that term. Term start dates vary, so contact your campus admissions office to find out about the deadline.

How financial aid works Here are examples of how financial aid is helping three full-time students pay for college.

For all three students, federal and state grants (which do not need to be paid back) cover a significant part of the cost. The tuition and fees are the only costs paid directly to the college or university. The total costs are estimates that could be much lower, depending on your circumstances.

Tax credits: Some college students also benefit from two federal tax credit programs, the Hope Scholarship and the Lifetime Learning tax credit. These may apply to you or your family, depending upon your financial circumstances.

Tasha's costs for one year

Tasha is a freshman at a state university. She has a brother in high school, and her parents have no significant savings. Her family's income: \$27,000.

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Tasha's financial aid

Federal grants (do not need to be paid back):	\$ 3,800	
Minnesota grant (does not need to be paid back):	1,652	
Work study earnings:	3,000	
Student loan (to be paid back after graduation):	2,625	
Total financial aid:	\$ 11,077	

Cost to Tasha's family:*** \$ 1,739

*Estimated cost of campus dormitory and food service.

This is an estimate of expenses including transportation, books, clothing and social activities. *Some families take out an additional bank loan to pay the net costs of college.

Jeremy's costs for one year

Jeremy is a freshman at a two-year college in the Twin Cities. He has a sister in college, and his parents own a home but have no other significant savings. His family's income: \$42,000.

College costs for one year	
2004-2005 tuition:	\$ 3,437
Fees:	388
Estimated room and board:*	7,200
Estimated living expenses:**	6,116
Cost of attendance:	\$17,141
Jeremy's financial aid	
Federal grants (do not need to be paid back):	\$ 2,800
Minnesota grant (does not need to be paid back):	676
Work study earnings:	4,000
Student loan (to be paid	2 625
back after graduation):	2,625
Total financial aid:	\$10,101

Cost to Jeremy's family:

*Estimated cost reflecting apartment rent rate and food costs in the Twin Cities. The estimates are used to calculate financial aid. If a student lives at home with his or her parents, the actual cost could be much less, although the financial aid amounts may remain the same.

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**This is an estimate of expenses including transportation, books, clothing and social activities.

Michael's costs for one year

Michael is a freshman at a state university. He has a sister in college and his single mother owns a home but has no other significant savings. His family's income: \$58,000.

College costs for one year		
2004-2005 tuition: Fees:	\$	4,474 447
Estimated room and board:*		4,250
Estimated living expenses:**		3,645
Cost of attendance:	\$	12,816
Michael's financial aid		
Federal grants (do not need to be paid back):	\$	1,300
Minnesota grant (does not need to be paid back):		1,627
Work study earnings:		3,000
Student loan (to be paid back after graduation):		2,625
Total financial aid:	\$	8,552
Cost to Michael's family:	s	4,264

*Estimated cost of campus dormitory and food service.

**This is an estimate of expenses including transportation, books, clothing and social activities.

Think ahead about transferring

Many students decide to enroll at a two-year college with a plan to transfer their credits to a state university or four-year college to complete a bachelor's degree. Others find later that they want to transfer credits. Transferring isn't complicated, but it's smart to plan ahead.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities work together to make transferring among institutions easier. All 32 institutions are accredited and offer the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, a set of courses that will transfer to the other state colleges and universities.

Let your college advisor know in advance that you might want to transfer someday. Certain programs and courses are designed to transfer, while others are not. Be sure to ask before you register. Information about transferring: www.mntransfer.org

Frequently asked questions about transferring

QUESTION:

Where can I get my transfer questions answered?

ANSWER:

Each state college and university has transfer specialists in the admissions office who can answer questions, help with course selection and plan your future with you. Their names, along with other helpful information on transferring, can be found on **www.mntransfer.org**. Look under "transfer resources."

QUESTION:

When I transfer, will there be others like me?

ANSWER:

Yes, 40 percent of all new students at the state universities each year are transfer students and about half of them are transferring from community and technical colleges. Some universities offer events and clubs for transfer students.

QUESTION:

Will my credits transfer to a private college or the University of Minnesota?

ANSWER:

Yes, the University of Minnesota and private colleges generally will accept your credits from a liberal arts program at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities if you meet the institution's admissions requirements for transfer students. Some technical college programs also have transfer agreements with private colleges and the University of Minnesota. It's important to check this out in advance.

QUESTION:

What is the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum?

ANSWER:

The Minnesota Transfer Curriculum is a 40-credit package of general education courses in 10 learning areas that will be accepted for transfer by all Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the University of Minnesota. Students often complete the transfer program in conjunction with another program.

QUESTION:

What is the Associate in Arts degree?

ANSWER:

Students typically pursue the Associate in Arts degree if they know they want to transfer to complete a four-year liberal arts degree. The Associate in Arts degree is a recognized 60- to 64-credit degree offered at community colleges and includes the entire Minnesota Transfer Curriculum. It is designed to satisfy the first two years of a four-year degree program. Students who plan to transfer should contact a transfer specialist. The following programs are examples of the kinds of majors you can start by enrolling in an Associate in Arts degree program: 2

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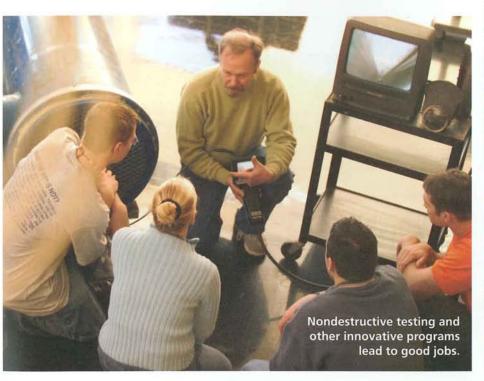
Anthropology Aquatic biology Art Astronomy Biology **Biomedical science** Chemistry **Economics** Education Engineering English Family consumer science Geography Geology History Languages: French, German, Spanish Journalism **Mathematics** Meteorology Pre-professional programs such as dentistry, law, medicine, veterinary science Philosophy Physics Political science Psychology Social work Speech

2-year state college programs

What it takes to get in

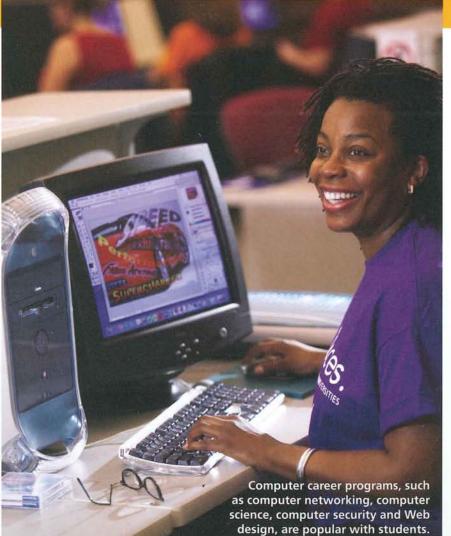
- The two-year state community and technical colleges have an open admissions policy, which means you can enroll if you have a high school diploma or a GED. Even without those, you may be admitted if you demonstrate potential for success in college.
- No standardized tests are required for admission to the two-year state colleges, nor are your high school grades and class rank taken into consideration.
- After you have been admitted, you will be required to take a test for placement in the appropriate classes based on your reading, writing and mathematics skills.
- Study abroad opportunities

Many two-year state colleges and the universities offer opportunities to study abroad for a few weeks to a full year in locations such as Costa Rica, Malaysia or England. State colleges and universities admissions offices can help you get information about study abroad programs.



 You have a better chance to do well if you complete a "college prep" curriculum in high school, including at least three years each of mathematics, English, science and social studies. If you did not, or if you had minimum passing scores on the Minnesota Basic Standards test, you may not be admitted to the program of your choice. Most likely you will have to take developmental courses that will not count toward a degree before you can take college-level courses.

Profiles of each two-year state college begin on Page 12.



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Alexandria Technical College

Mailing address: 1601 Jefferson St. Alexandria, MN 56308

City/population: Alexandria/9,855

Alexandria Technical College is located in a

walking paths, and downhill and cross-

recreational area near many lakes and offers

opportunities such as fishing, hiking, bike and

country skiing. The college welcomes students

from diverse backgrounds and is about 2-1/2

hours northwest of Minneapolis-St. Paul and

Commitment to excellence — In the 1990s.

Vocational Education chose Alexandria

1-1/2 hours southeast of Fargo-Moorhead.

the National Center for Research in

Technical College as one of only 10

Personal attention from faculty and staff

· Hands-on learning in a friendly, supportive

In 2003-2004, students enrolled from 18

facilities - New \$10 million Computer

Science Building opened August 2004.

The college was ranked No. 9 in the last

national survey of most-wired two-year

awards more than \$100,000 in student

Recently, 85 percent of students received

financial aid totaling more than \$8 million.

finding employment related to their fields.

colleges by "Yahoo! Internet Life."

Affordable — The college's foundation

support and scholarships each year.

Variety — Choose from more than 50

Results — Graduates are successful in

Daily personal tours — Contact us to

The college has no on-campus student housing,

but numerous rental units are available within

two miles of the campus. The college provides

housing lists describing rental facilities.

Excellent technology, equipment and

states and 84 of Minnesota's 87 counties.

"exemplary" colleges nationwide.

atmosphere

programs.

Housing:

schedule your visit.

Web site: www.alextech.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (320) 762-4520 Toll-free: 1-888-234-1222 TTY: (320) 762-4623

To arrange a campus visit: (320) 762-4520

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,608

FAFSA code: 005544

Enrollment:

Total number students served	3,604
Full-time enrollment	2,158
Percent female	41.5%
Percent male	58.5%
Percent students of color	2.1%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Law enforcement, nursing, diesel mechanics (partnership with Ziegler, Inc., the Caterpillar dealer for Minnesota and Iowa), carpentry, marine and small engine mechanic (Arctic Cat partnership), interior design

Unique programs:

E-commerce Web developer, distributed electrical generation technician, health and fitness specialist, paralegal, communication art and design, Center for Automation and Motion Control

Student activities:

Intramural sports, service learning, Student Senate, Campus Crusade, Delta Epsilon Chi, Business Professionals of America, Phi Theta Kappa, SkillsUSA-Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Art Club, American Society of Interior Designers, Student Technology Access Team, National Kitchen and Bath Association, Law Enforcement Club, Vikingland Builders Association Student Chapter Alexandria Technical College Highlights Web site:

www.anokaramsey.edu

Phone numbers: Admissions: (763) 422-3333 TTY: (763) 576-5949

Anoka-Ramsey

Community

To arrange a campus visit: (763) 427-2600

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,456

FAFSA code: 002332

Enrollment:

Total number students served	8,853
Full-time enrollment	4,210
Percent female	65.5%
Percent male	34.5%
Percent students of color	6.8%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Science, Associate in Fine Arts, certificates

Largest programs:

General education/liberal arts transfer programs, nursing, computer networking, business, accounting

Unique programs:

Geographic information systems, biomedical technology, computer networking; courses in glass blowing, Chinese language study abroad, American Sign Language

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's basketball, volleyball; men's baseball, basketball

Student activities:

More than 20 clubs — Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble, theater, Phi Theta Kappa honors organization, Student Senate, Art Club, Multicultural Club, GBLT, Student Activities Board, intramural sports, student newspapers, Creative Writing Club

Housing:

The college has no on-campus student housing, but apartments are nearby, and the college assists with finding roommates.

Mailing address: 11200 Mississippi Blvd. N.W. Coon Rapids, MN 55433

City/population: Coon Rapids/62,177 Cambridge/5,846

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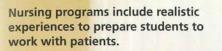
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Anoka-Ramsey Community College Highlights

- Two beautiful campuses on the Rum River in Cambridge and the Mississippi River in Coon Rapids.
- Excellent career programs in nursing, business, computer networking, biomedical technology, geographic information systems and physical therapist assistant
- Small class sizes, personal attention
- Internet courses that blend convenience with individual attention from skilled instructors
- Highly acclaimed registered nursing program
- Complete four-year degrees in nursing and business at the Coon Rapids campus through Metropolitan State University.
- Easy access to computer labs
- Intercollegiate sports, theater, band and choir
- Student-centered services including free tutoring for more than 25 subjects, accessible services for students with disabilities and two TRIO Programs, Student Support Services and Upward Bound, federally funded programs for firstgeneration college students



Anoka Technical College

Mailing address: 1355 West Highway 10 Anoka, MN 55303 City/population: Anoka/18,121

Web site: www.ank.tec.mn.us

Phone numbers: Admissions: (763) 576-4850 TTY: (763) 576-4747

To arrange a campus visit: (763) 576-4850

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$4,053

FAFSA code: 007350

Enrollment:

Total number students served	3,672
Full-time enrollment	1,594
Percent female	49.9%
Percent male	50.1%
Percent students of color	10.0%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Applied Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Construction electrician, surgical technology, electronics, practical nursing, plumbing

Unique programs:

Occupational therapy assistant, judicial reporting, broadcast captioning/CART, golf course grounds management, air traffic controller, fire suppression

Intercollegiate sports:

Anoka Technical College students can try out for and participate in any Anoka-Ramsey Community College intercollegiate sports opportunities.

Student activities:

Student Senate, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, TECOTA for students in the occupational therapy assistant program, Phi Theta Kappa

Housing:

Anoka Technical College is a commuter campus; there is no on-campus student housing. Roommate and housing lists are, available.

Anoka Technical College Highlights

Anoka Technical College is located in Anoka, a northwest suburb of the Twin Cities, right off Highway 10. Anoka Technical College offers fast, affordable, quality education close by.

- More than 94 percent of graduates are employed in their chosen field of study. "Our Grads Get Great Jobs!" is more than just a slogan.
- All programs include hands-on, studentcentered, experiential learning. The application of theory rather than the memorization of concepts is emphasized.
- Anoka is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and provides the courses and studies that are required for industry certification.
- Anoka's teaching quality surpasses the national average, according to research by Sandra Golden and Associates, Inc.
- Instructors have worked in business and industry. They know the day-to-day challenges you'll face — and how to prepare you for success.
- Employers say they like and prefer to hire Anoka Technical College graduates.
- Free job placement assistance, financial aid for those who qualify, free tutoring and Internet access are available.
- Many programs have partnership agreements with universities providing bachelor's degree options.
- The average technical class size is 30 and lab size is 14.

Central Lakes College

Web site: www.clcmn.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (218) 855-8037 Toll-free: 1-800-933-0346 TTY: (218) 855-8224

To arrange a campus visit: 1-800-933-0346

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,712

FAFSA code: 002339

Enrollment:

Total number students served	4,308
Full-time enrollment	2,571
Percent female	55.9%
Percent male	44.1%
Percent students of color	3.8%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Liberal arts, nursing, heavy equipment operation and maintenance, criminal justice, computer science technology

Unique programs:

Criminalistics, Microsoft certified system engineer/administrator, John Deere construction and forestry equipment technology, Latin American studies, wildlife tourism, inland underwater search and recovery

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's volleyball, basketball, golf, softball; men's football, basketball, golf, baseball

Student activities:

Student Senate, Spanish, accounting, music, drama and visual art, diversity, honor society, law enforcement, natural resources, child development, psychology, computer, science and engineering, intramurals

Housing:

The college has no on-campus student housing, but many rental units are within walking distance.

Central Lakes College Highlights

Mailing address:

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501 W. College Drive

Brainerd, MN 56401

 See for yourself — The Campus Tour, a big reason students select Central Lakes College

City/population:

Brainerd/13,646

Staples/3,138

- Affordable Low tuition, with traditional financial aid plus Central Lakes College Foundation scholarships
- Environment Small classes, clean and safe surroundings, friendly people
- Service Student-centered with free tutoring, career counseling and job placement, TRIO program, on-campus child care
- Faculty Experienced career professionals, challenging and caring, accessible
- Technology Hundreds of computers, multiple computer labs, state-of-the-art career program tools
- Credits transfer Agreements for bachelor's degree programs with St. Cloud State, Bemidji State, Southwest Minnesota State, College of St. Scholastica and other universities
- Employment 90 percent job placement in program-related occupations
- Variety More than 70 degrees and career education programs on the Brainerd and Staples campuses
- Culture Athletes recruited to next level from NJCAA Division III competition within Minnesota Community College Conference; growth opportunity through arts and service learning
- Convenience Courses offered evenings and weekends, some available at regional locations; many online courses
- Collaboration Business and industry partners ensure employable skills of students.

Campus life offers many opportunities to make friends and share experiences.





Century College

3300 Century Avenue N. White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Mailing address:

Web site:

www.century.mnscu.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (651) 773-1700 Toll-free:1-800-228-1978 TTY: (651) 773-1715

To arrange a campus visit: (651) 773-1700

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,618

FAFSA code: 010546

Enrollment:

11,732
5,824
56.4%
43.6%
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Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Liberal arts courses such as math and English that transfer to a four-year college, English as a Second Language, nursing, emergency medical services and paramedics, computer science/technology

Unique programs:

Orthotics/prosthetics, women's studies, pre-engineering, visual communications technology, guality technology, kitchen and bath design, sports facilities management, pre-teacher education, Health Career Institute

Student activities:

Chamber orchestra, concert band, choir, Asian Student Association, Creative Arts Alliance, Drama Club, Q and S Club, Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Student Senate, Wood Duck Celebration, intramural sports

Housing:

The college has no on-campus student housing, but rental units are available within walking distance of the campus.

Century College Highlights

Century College has the advantage of being two colleges in one - both a community college and a technical college. Century offers a full liberal arts curriculum as well as a wide variety of technical and career programs. Students are choosing Century because:

City/population:

White Bear Lake/24,874

- Century is known for the high quality of its instructors. Faculty members are experts in their fields and come to Century because they love teaching. The number of faculty members with doctorate degrees has doubled in the last 20 years.
- Students can save from 30 to 40 percent on the cost of a four-year bachelor's degree by taking their first two years at Century.
- Century has excellent programs in areas such as emergency medical services, law enforcement, information and telecommunications technology, interior design, kitchen and bath design, horticulture, pre-teacher education, orthotics and prosthetics, and sports facilities management.
- Century offers student clubs, intramural activities, an outstanding fitness center and fine music and theater programs.
- Century promotes active learning opportunities, including a renowned service learning program.

Dakota County Technical College

Mailing address: 1300 145th St. E. Rosemount, MN 55068

City/population: Rosemount/16,110

Web site:

www.dctc.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (651) 423-8302 Toll-free: 1-877-937-3282 (1-877-YES-DCTC) TTY: (651) 423-8621

To arrange a campus visit:

(651) 423-8302

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,974

FAFSA code: 010402

Enrollment:

Total number students served	5,304
Full-time enrollment	2,133
Percent female	47.9%
Percent male	52.1%
Percent students of color	11.1%

Degrees offered:

Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Interior design, practical nursing, truck driver training, automotive technician, dental assistant

Unique programs:

Nanoscience technology, wood finishing technology, General Motors automotive service, exercise and sport science, concrete masonry

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's soccer, softball; men's wrestling, baseball, soccer

Student activities:

Student Senate, Multicultural Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Visual Communications Club, Skills USA, Associated Landscape Contractors of America

Housing:

The college has no on-campus student housing but maintains a housing resource list including area apartments, apartment locator firms and community housing opportunities.

Dakota County Technical College Highlights

Already having a solid reputation for producing high-guality graduates in a variety of fields, Dakota County Technical College is ready to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities awaiting them in the 21st century. From its main campus in Rosemount (just 20 minutes south from downtown St. Paul), the college strives to be a center of excellence for technical education and employment in an ever-changing world.

- New programs in nanoscience technology and biomedical equipment technology
- TRIO student support services that enhance student success for first-generation college students
- · Courses offered days, evenings, weekends, online or self-paced
- Site of the premier General Motors Training Center for the Upper Midwest
- The college's foundation raises money to assist students with tuition, child care and personal needs and provides a number of merit-based scholarships.
- · In addition to offering transferable general education courses, the college has several transfer agreements with four-year colleges for programs and credits.
- Dakota County Technical College consistently places more than 90 percent of its graduates in jobs through the resources of the Career Services Center and existing collaborations with business and industry.
- Campus visits are available any Tuesday from 12:45 to 2:30 p.m.; no appointment is necessary.
- Dakota County Technical College is proud to collaborate with Anoka Technical College's medical coding specialist program and with the University of Minnesota for the nanoscience technology program.

Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

Web site: www.fdltcc.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (218) 879-0808 Toll-free: 1-800-657-3712 TTY: (218) 879-0805

To arrange a campus visit: (218) 879-0808

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,750

FAFSA code: 031291

Enrollment:

1,862
862
62.1%
37.9%
28.8%

Degrees offered:

Bachelor's degree, Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, certificates

Largest programs:

Liberal arts and transfer programs, law enforcement, business, human services, computer science

Unique programs:

Computer forensics and e-crime, geographic information systems and visualization, American Indian studies, law enforcement skills, environmental science, nursing (transfer program with four-year registered nursing program at College of St. Scholastica; partnership program with Lake Superior College), business and financial services

Student activities:

Approximately 20 student organizations and activities including intramural sports, Law Enforcement Club, Phi Theta Kappa, American Indian Business Leaders, Student Senate, Annishinaabe Student Congress, Environmental and Outdoor Recreation Club, Human Services Club, PROP Program, Residence Hall Council

Mailing address: 2101 14th St. Cloquet, MN 55720

Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

City/population:

Cloquet/11,378

Highlights

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College is the only combined tribal college and state community college in the United States.

- Exciting new programs in computer forensics and e-crime
- Bachelor's degree program in elementary education
- Ten new classrooms including high-tech science labs and computer labs
- High-speed Internet access and individual e-mail accounts for all students
- Reputation for friendly service and a comfortable campus atmosphere
- A new \$7.5 million academic expansion opened in August 2003.
- · Classes usually have 20 or fewer students.
- Students learn from award-winning instructors and friendly staff.
- Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College emphasizes uniting cultures and creating individual and community awareness of each other.
- 2,000-acre Environmental Study Area is only five minutes from campus.
- Unique transfer programs with four-year colleges ensure credits will transfer easily.

Housing:

A spectacular campus housing facility opened in 1999. The residence hall features large apartment-style units with full kitchens and private bathrooms. Units are fully furnished and have high-speed Internet access, air conditioning and cable television.

Hennepin Technical College

Web site:

www.hennepintech.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (763) 488-2500 Toll-free: 1-800-345-4655 TTY: (763) 488-2571

To arrange a campus visit: (763) 488-2500

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,507

FAFSA code: 010491

Enrollment:

Total number students served	9,038
Full-time enrollment	3,784
Percent female	42.5%
Percent male	57.5%
Percent students of color	16.1%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Applied Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Practical nursing, automotive mechanics, carpentry, professional photography, dental assistant

Unique programs:

Plastics, automated packaging, audio recording, professional photography, retail floral, marine and motor sport, medium and heavy truck and Ford ASSET (automotive student services educational training)

Student activities:

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Phi Theta Kappa, student goverment

Housing:

The college has no on-campus student housing. Many options are available near each campus.

Mailing address: 9000 Brooklyn Blvd. Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

City/population: Brooklyn Park/68,600 Eden Prairie/57,000

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Hennepin Technical College Highlights

Discover the difference at Hennepin Technical College. Hennepin Technical College graduates succeed in the workplace. With campuses in Brooklyn Park and Eden Prairie and sites in Plymouth, Hopkins and Bloomington, the college delivers technical education to a wide array of learners.

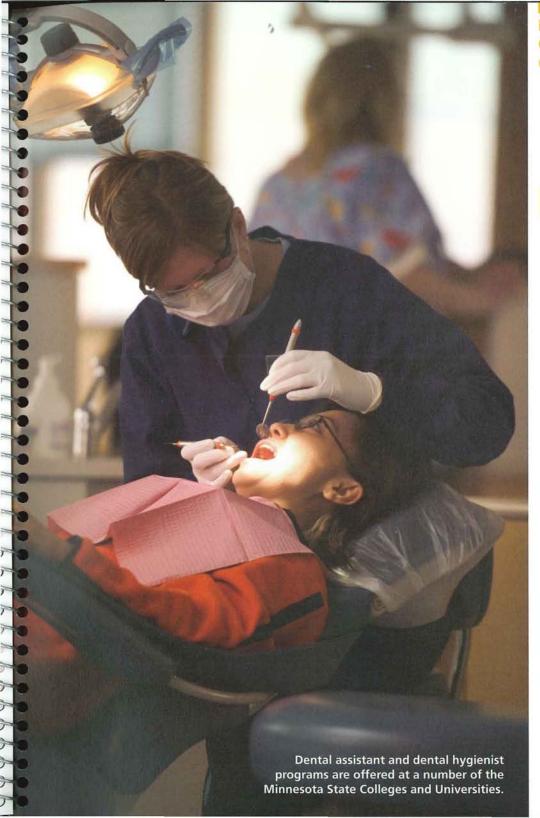
- The college is strengthened through strong partnerships with business and industry.
- The college has achieved national certification in culinary arts, health careers and transportation and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of North Central Association.

The top 10 reasons students choose Hennepin Technical College:

- Affordable tuition
- Convenient locations
- Flexible scheduling
- Industry-validated curriculum
- Industry-experienced faculty
- Small classes
- Hands-on learning
- Job placement assistance
- Courses for career advancement
- Short-term programs

Hennepin Technical College offers more than 40 programs in the following career areas:

- Media communication
- Business and computers
- Health
- Service
- Transportation
- Manufacturing and electronics
- Construction and building
- Floral and landscape



Hibbing Community College

Web site:

www.hcc.mnscu.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (218) 262-7207 Toll-free: 1-800-224-4422 TTY: (218) 262-7294

To arrange a campus visit: (218) 262-7200

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,758

FAFSA code: 002355

Enrollment:

Total number students served	3,671
Full-time enrollment	1,414
Percent female	33.1%
Percent male	66.9%
Percent students of color	3.4%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Law enforcement, nursing, electrical maintenance, dental assisting, liberal arts, online offerings

Unique programs:

Law enforcement, multimedia specialist, culinary arts, online offerings

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's basketball, volleyball, softball, golf; men's basketball, football, baseball, golf

Student activities:

Intercollegiate and intramural athletics, drama, band, choir, Engineering and Science Club, Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Role Models Club, student government/Student Senate, Student Leaders Group, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Family Host Program

Housing:

The college has convenient on-campus student housing.

Mailing address: 1515 E. 25th St. Hibbing, MN 55746

City/population: Hibbing/16,968

Hibbing Community College Highlights

Hibbing Community College is a great choice! You'll find high quality education and career training with an added bonus — personal attention. Whether you're interested in an academic program that transfers to a fouryear college or university, or a technical program that will give you an associate degree and the skills to start a career, Hibbing Community College has what you need. Hibbing Community College offers courses, programs and services at convenient times and locations, even online, to better meet your individual needs, goals and interests.

The college offers you:

- Affordable tuition and fees
- Transfer programs offering the first two years of a four-year education
- Career programs that prepare you for success in the job market
- State-of-the-art instructional equipment and hands-on experience
- Small classes and one-on-one attention
- The flexibility and convenience of day, evening and online courses to accommodate your busy schedule
- · A reputation for excellence
- The opportunity to earn a bachelor's or master's degree in a number of areas on campus through the Arrowhead University Consortium. Contact the college admissions office for information.

Hibbing Community College is nationally recognized for its superior faculty and instructional programs. The college is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Inver Hills Community College

Web site: www.inverhills.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (651) 450-8500 TTY: (651) 450-8369

To arrange a campus visit: (651) 450-8500

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,925

FAFSA code: 006935

Enrollment:

Total number students served	7,459
Full-time enrollment	3,102
Percent female	58.5%
Percent male	41.5%
Percent students of color	11.7%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, certificates

Largest programs:

Liberal arts, business, nursing, paralegal, computer science

Unique programs:

Urban teacher education, emergency health science (paramedic), aviation, Cisco networking certification, adult accelerated degree option

Intercollegiate sports:

Students at Inver Hills may try out for Dakota County Technical College's teams: women's soccer, softball; men's soccer, wrestling, baseball

Student activities:

The Forum student newspaper; band; choir; Student Senate; student life committee; Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Math League; intramural and club sports; recreation and fitness programs; student clubs based on academic, career, political and cultural interests

Housing:

Privately owned housing adjacent to campus, The Hills apartments, offers shared living spaces with private bedrooms.

Mailing address: 2500 E. 80th St. Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

City/population: Inver Grove N Heights/30,708

Inver Hills Community College Highlights

Conveniently located just 10 minutes south of downtown St. Paul and 10 minutes east of the Mall of America, Inver Hills offers a broad range of liberal arts, career preparation and job skills educational programs.

- A comprehensive offering of liberal arts courses allows students to complete the first two years of most bachelor's degree programs.
- Through a unique liberal education and professional skills program, students may develop an individual portfolio that profiles 10 essential professional skills, an assessment that complements their traditional college transcripts.
- More than 20 two-year degree options prepare students for employment upon graduation or permit them to continue their education through transfer to a fouryear institution.
- All teaching and training labs are new or remodeled in the last two years computers, networking, nursing, science, fitness and more.
- Comprehensive student services include career development, academic counseling, writing and math assistance, peer tutoring and services for students with disabilities.
- Average class size of about 25 allows for personalized attention.
- With distinctive architecture, separate buildings and a natural setting of hills and woodlands, Inver Hills is one of the most scenic college campuses in the Twin Cities.



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Itasca Community College

Web site:

www.itascacc.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (218) 327-4468 Toll-free: 1-800-996-6422 TTY: (218) 327-4167

To arrange a campus visit: (218) 327-4464

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$4,004

FAFSA code: 002356

Enrollment:

Total number students served	1,504
Full-time enrollment	972
Percent female	56.7%
Percent male	43.3%
Percent students of color	7.0%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Natural resources, practical nursing, engineering, Class Act (education), business

Unique programs:

Specialty transfer programs in applied psychology, geography/geographic information systems, engineering, business, Class Act, American Indian studies, natural resources/forestry/ wildland firefighting/law enforcement/GIS

Intercollegiate sports:

NJCAA Division III women's volleyball, basketball, softball; men's football, basketball, wrestling, baseball

Student activities:

Psychology, forestry, business, science and engineering, multicultural and wrestling clubs; Student Ambassadors; Circle K; O-Gitch-I-Dah (American Indian group); student government; college choir; Panorama; intramural and wellness activities; college-sponsored YMCA student membership discount also available

Housing:

Itasca has on-campus housing for engineering students; apartment-style housing is adjacent to campus. The college also provides a housing list of area apartments, rooms and duplexes.

Itasca Community College Highlights

Mailing address:

Grand Rapids, MN 55744-3397

1851 E. Highway 169

In a scenic north woods setting that also serves as an expanded learning environment, Itasca Community College is just a three-hour drive from Minneapolis-St. Paul. Not far from campus are the Mississippi River, more than 1,000 lakes, endless trails and year-round recreational and cultural opportunities.

City/population:

Grand Rapids/7,829

- Class sizes are small, and instructors help students succeed.
- Itasca awards a higher percentage of gift aid than many other Minnesota postsecondary schools.
- Campus tours, offered weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., can include visiting classes and meeting with a counselor, coaches or instructors in specific majors.
- Students can start their bachelor's degree here and seamlessly transfer to a four-year institution.
- New programs are the Associate in Science degrees in geography/geographic information systems and applied psychology, and the e-learning technician diploma.
- Wildland firefighting is available as a oneyear diploma or two-year associate degree in natural resources.
- The Class Act program provides teaching experiences for students during their first two years at Itasca.
- The Engineering Center features a concept lab, learning studios and housing for engineering students.
- A number of bachelor's and master's degree programs are available locally through the Arrowhead University Consortium. Contact the college admissions office for information.
- Special college services include free tutoring, a special needs office and four computer labs for student use.

Lake Superior College

www.lsc.mnscu.edu

Admissions: (218) 733-7601

To arrange a campus visit:

Total number students served

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,473

Associate in Arts, Associate in Science,

Associate in Applied Science, diplomas,

Nursing, Associate in Arts transfer program

Online Associate in Arts, professional pilot,

therapy, respiratory care practitioner

fire technology and administration, massage

Student Senate and more than 30 clubs and

The college has no on-campus housing but

provides information to students seeking

housing in the community.

organizations including art, multicultural club,

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Toll-free: 1-800-432-2884

TTY: (218) 722-6893

FAFSA code: 005757

Full-time enrollment

Percent students of color

Percent female

Degrees offered:

Largest programs:

Unique programs:

Student activities:

fitness center

Housing:

Percent male

certificates

(218) 733-7601

Enrollment:

Phone numbers:

Web site:

Mailing address: 2101 Trinity Road Duluth, MN 55811

City/population: Duluth/86,044

Lake Superior College Highlights

Lake Superior College is situated on a wooded campus that overlooks Duluth's famous harbor. It features award-winning architecture, comfortable classrooms, up-to-date technical labs and beautiful study and library facilities. The campus has a natural setting that includes an urban forest and a trout stream.

- Offers more than 90 technical majors, programs for transfer, continuing education and customized training for businesses
- Enrollment up 49.5 percent over the last five years
- Operates the largest online instructional program in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System with 119 classes available and more than 3,100 registrations in spring 2004
- The college's Emergency Response Training Center provides world-class training for emergency response professionals, including firefighters and emergency medical technicians.
- Provides dental hygiene and physical therapy services to uninsured residents of the region through faculty-supervised student clinics
- Provides free computer services to senior citizens through a student service learning project
- "Honors Online" program provides college courses to high school students via the Internet.
- Provides expanded access to nursing education through partnerships with Pine Technical College, Alexandria Technical College and Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
- Provides access to the radiologic technology program in six rural communities through the use of interactive television and partnerships with regional health centers
- Bachelor's degrees in criminal justice, business administration and elementary education are offered at Lake Superior College through a partnership with Bemidji State University and the Arrowhead University Consortium.

Mesabi Range Community & Technical College

Web site: www.mr.mnscu.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (218) 741-3095 Toll-free: 1-800-657-3860 TTY: (218) 749-7783

To arrange a campus visit: (218) 749-0314

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,889

FAFSA code: 004009

Enrollment:

Total number students served	2,241
Full-time enrollment	1,312
Percent female	54.3%
Percent male	45.7%
Percent students of color	5.5%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Transfer programs, practical nursing, carpentry, information management, electrical and industrial automation technology

Unique programs:

Masonry, welding, computer networking, graphic design and print communications, human services, industrial mechanical technology, automotive technician, paramedic/fire suppression technician

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's volleyball, basketball, softball; men's football, basketball, baseball

Student activities:

Student Senate, intramural athletics, Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Business Professionals of America, dance line, Black Awareness Club, Miigiiziisug (American Indian organization)

Housing:

Mesabi Range Community and Technical College offers partially furnished apartmentstyle housing units on the Virginia campus.

Mailing address: 1001 Chestnut St. W. Virginia, MN 55792

City/population: Eveleth/3,800 Virginia/9,108

Mesabi Range Community & Technical College Highlights

- Mesabi Range Community and Technical College is located in the heart of beautiful northeastern Minnesota, with campuses in Eveleth and Virginia.
- Small class sizes ensure that students will have personal attention and interaction with instructors and other students.
- The graphic design and print communications program makes Mesabi Range the only technical college designated a graphics arts center north of the Twin Cities. It is the first Minnesota program to be nationally accredited by the Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation.
- Carpentry students gain valuable hands-on training by building a house during the second year of the program.
- The welding program trains students to American Welding Society standards; students can test for AWS certification on campus at the accredited test facility.
- The computer networking program trains students for certification tests in Novell and Microsoft. Students have an opportunity to test for levels of certification up to Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer and Certified Novell Administrator.
- The college's foundation awards nearly \$83,000 in scholarship money to students each year.
- A number of bachelor's and master's degree programs are available locally through the Arrowhead University Consortium. Contact the college admissions office for information.

Students in bricklaying and masonry programs get hands-on experience.



Minneapolis Community and Technical College

Web site:

www.minneapolis.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (612) 659-6200 Toll-free: 1-800-247-0911 TTY: (612) 659-6731

To arrange a campus visit: (612) 659-6200

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,886

FAFSA code: 002362

Enrollment:

Total number students served	11,04
Full-time enrollment	5,358
Percent female	56.8%
Percent male	43.2%
Percent students of color	43.9%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

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Liberal arts, nursing careers, business, law enforcement, graphic design

Unique programs:

Urban teacher education, sound arts, screenwriting, machine tool technology, urban parks and recreation, library studies

Intercollegiate sports:

NJCAA Division III women's basketball, golf; men's basketball, golf

Student activities:

Clubs include apparel, business, chess, Christian, culinary, education, ESL, Ethiopian, French, information technology, Muslim, nursing, Oromo, soccer, Somali, Black Collegiates, Campus Greens, Campus Democrats, student newspaper, Culturas Unidas, African American Males of Society, International Student Association, Media Generation, Vocational Technical Honor Society, Out Campus Alliance, PSI Beta Honor Society,

Mailing address: 1501 Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55403

Minneapolis Community & Technical

College Highlights

You will feel welcome the moment you walk through the doors on the college's beautiful Loring Park campus.

City/population:

Minneapolis/382,700

- Vibrant, diverse, urban environment
- Liberal arts and career programs
- Diverse student body
- · Fascinating class discussions
- More than \$100,000 in scholarships awarded to students each year by the college foundation
- Small class sizes
- Variety of support services including tutoring, career advising, academic counseling
- New state-of-the-art library
- Service learning integrated into many programs to give students hands-on work experience and to reinforce the importance of civic engagement in the community
- Metropolitan State University courses available on campus
- New student services center
- Get Started sessions on Mondays at 5 p.m. and Thursdays at noon. Meet in the Students Services Center.

Socialist Discussion, Starting Point, Student Senate, United Nations of Indian Tribes for Education, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, RATE - Realizing Abilities Through Education, Science Fiction Club, Sisters for Social Justice, Theatre Park Players

Housing:

The college has no on-campus student housing, but many rental units are available within walking distance of the campus.

Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical

Web site:

www.southeastmn.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (507) 453-2700 Toll-free: 1-877-853-8324 (1-877-853-TECH) TTY: (507) 453-2785

To arrange a campus visit: 1-877-853-TECH (8324)

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,813

FAFSA code: 002393

Enrollment:

Total number students served	2,609
Full-time enrollment	1,402
Percent female	52.9%
Percent male	47.1%
Percent students of color	5.8%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Nursing, accounting, administrative support, truck driving, network administration and technology

Unique programs:

Musical string instrument repair, band instrument repair, aviation maintenance technology, massage therapy

Student activities:

Business Professionals of America, Student Senate, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Distributive Education Clubs of America

Housing:

The college has no on-campus housing, but numerous rental units are available nearby.

Mailing address: 1250 Homer Road P.O. Box 409 Winona, MN 55987

City/population: Red Wing/16,269 Winona/26,902

Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical Highlights

- More than 70 diverse programs in six major career fields: business and office, health and human services, sales and management, musical instrument repair, technical, and trade and industrial
- Three sites Red Wing, Winona and Winona Airport — all along the majestic bluffs of the Mississippi River Valley
- Welcoming college environment with small classes and instructors who know you by name
- Through the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, students can transfer approved general education courses to other Minnesota state colleges and universities.
- The college is accredited as a distance learning institution by the Higher Learning Commission with online classes, certificates, diplomas and degrees.
- Students enjoy hands-on learning in clinical settings and labs.
- The collegewide job placement rate is 94 percent.
- Two-year registered nurse program with an Associate in Science degree is offered in Red Wing and Winona.
- The automotive technology program is certified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation.
- Trade and industrial majors include automotive, aviation maintenance, carpentry, machine tool and die, truck driving and heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigeration.
- Technical majors include drafting, electronics, computer programming and networking with Cisco and Microsoft certification.

Minnesota State Community & Technical College

Web site: www.minnesota.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: 1-888-MY MSCTC (1-888-696-7282) Toll-free: 1-888-MY MSCTC TTY: 1-800-627-3529

To arrange a campus visit: 1-888-MY MSCTC

Tuition and fees (2004-2005):

Detroit Lakes, Wadena, \$3,901 Fergus Falls, \$4,148 Moorhead, \$3,976

FAFSA code: 005541

Enrollment:

To	tal number students served	6,268
Fu	II-time enrollment	4,082
Pe	ercent female	57.1%
Pe	ercent male	42.9%
Pe	ercent students of color	5.2%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Liberal arts transfer, education, business, construction electricity, computer and network technology, practical nursing

Unique programs:

Business 4.0 program, electrical line worker, human resources, neon technology, dental hygiene, radiology technology, manufacturing engineering technology

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's volleyball, golf, basketball, softball; men's football, golf, basketball, baseball

Student activities:

Cultural Activities Can Touch Us, Campus Crusade, College Ambassadors, drama, intramural athletics, music organizations, Once Again Students In School, Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Student Senate, Students In Free Enterprise, Student Newspaper, student professional organizations on all campuses

 Mailing address:
 1414 College Way Fergus Falls, MN 56537-1000 City/population: Detroit Lakes/7,557 Fergus Falls/13,703 Moorhead/32,572 Wadena/4,293

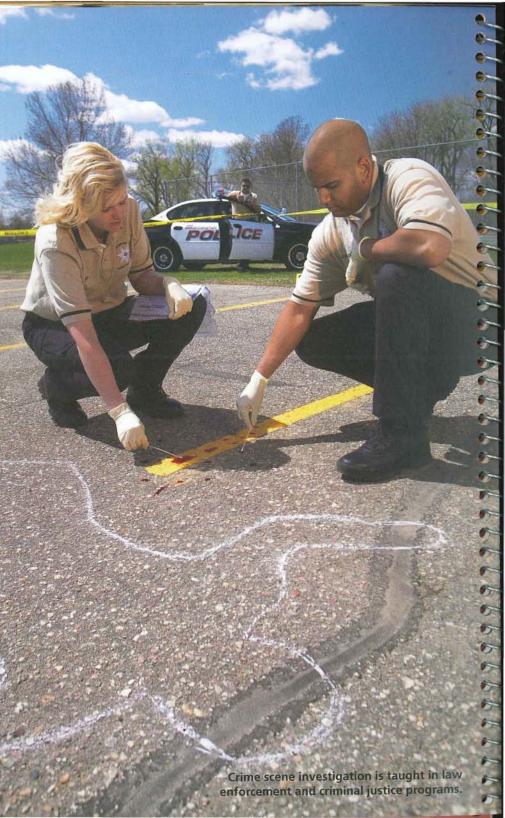
Minnesota State Community & Technical College Highlights

Minnesota State Community and Technical College comprises four campuses located in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena. The Fergus Falls campus previously was known as Fergus Falls Community College, and the Detroit Lakes, Moorhead and Wadena campuses previously were part of Northwest Technical College.

- The college is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
- Through the four campuses, the college offers more than 100 one- and two-year career programs, plus distance education courses and programs through its Virtual Campus.
- The Fergus Falls and Moorhead campuses offer the first two years of some degrees for transfer to a four-year institution.
- All campuses provide career programs in health care services, Cisco computer networking and office information careers.
- The campuses are wireless, allowing online accessibility for users of laptop computers.

Housing:

The college's Fergus Falls campus has two apartment-style housing complexes on campus. The Detroit Lakes, Moorhead and Wadena campuses do not have on-campus housing, but numerous rental units are available in each community.



Minnesota West Community & Technical College

Web site: www.mnwest.mnscu.edu

Phone numbers:

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Admissions: (507) 825-6811 Toll-free: 1-800-658-2330 TTY: 1-800-627-3529

To arrange a campus visit: 1-800-658-2330

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,898

FAFSA code: 005263

Enrollment:

5,012
2,144
53.4%
46.6%
5.2%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Practical nursing, collision repair, electrician, liberal arts, dental assisting

Unique programs:

Renewable energy technology, meat merchandising, robotic technology, power sports technology, law enforcement

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's basketball, volleyball, softball, golf; men's basketball, baseball, football, wrestling, aolf

Student activities:

Student Senate, Business Professionals of America, music, theater, Phi Theta Kappa, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, intramural sports

Housing:

Limited student housing is available at the Canby and Granite Falls campuses and through private apartment arrangements at all campus locations. The college assists students in finding rental housing.

Mailing address: 1314 N. Hiawatha Ave. Pipestone, MN 56164

Canby/1,878, Granite Falls/3,053, Jackson/3,490, Pipestone/4,383, Worthington/11,248

City/population:

Minnesota West Community & Technical **College Highlights**

- Five convenient southwest Minnesota campus locations: Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Pipestone and Worthington.
- More than 60 specialized programs in technical and liberal arts areas
- You may attain technical skill or begin your four-year college education from any Minnesota West campus.
- Minnesota West was named second nationally in the Top 10 Digital Community Colleges Survey by the Center for Digital Education and the American Association of Community Colleges.
- All students benefit from increased course offerings through interactive television and the Internet.
- Minnesota West is a leader in the use of wireless computer technology and uses wireless Internet laptop computers in the classroom.
- The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools accredits the college. Minnesota West also is accredited by NCA to offer distance education degrees.
- The college provides the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, which is designed to meet the first two years of a bachelor's degree at any Minnesota state college and university as well as other four-year colleges.

Normandale Community College

Web site:

www.normandale.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (952) 487-8201 Toll-free: 1-866-880-8740 TTY: (952) 487-7032

To arrange a campus visit: (952) 487-8209

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,675

FAFSA code: 007954

Enrollment:

Total number students served	11,708
Full-time enrollment	5,527
Percent female	60.3%
Percent male	39.7%
Percent students of color	18.0%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Fine Arts, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Science, certificates

Largest programs:

Liberal arts education, liberal arts with emphases (27 disciplines), business marketing and management, fine arts, education, nursing

Unique programs:

Manufacturing vacuum technology; criminal justice; elementary and special education collaboration with Minnesota State University, Mankato; engineering foundations; hospitality management; semiconductor manufacturing process technology (nanotechnology); accelerated nursing; dietetic technology; radiologic technology

Student activities:

Student government, Normandale Program Board, The Lion's Roar student newspaper, Phi Theta Kappa, recreational sports, outdoor recreation, leadership development, concert band, concert choir, theater, service learning, student and professional organizations, special interest and culture-based student clubs

Mailing address: 9700 France Ave. S. Bloomington, MN 55431-4399

City/population: Bloomington/85,400

Normandale Community College Highlights

Normandale Community College is located at 98th Street South and France Avenue in Bloomington, on a wooded 90-acre site just 1.5 miles south of Interstate 494.

- Nearly 12,000 students from diverse backgrounds attend classes at the college each year, making it among the largest of Minnesota's two-year community colleges.
- The college prepares students for full participation in diverse communities, creates pathways to other college programs and builds community connections. Normandale is committed to quality, affordability, student access and success.
- Support services are provided for second language and developmental education students as well as students with disabilities.
- Academic programs in more than 60 areas are offered, including programs for transfer to four-year colleges, specialized career programs leading to direct employment and noncredit continuing education and customized training programs. Flexible schedules provide a variety of enrollment options.

Housing:

Normandale does not have campus housing. A list of off-campus housing is available at the Call Center located in the foyer of the College Services building. Some rental units are available within walking distance of the campus.

North Hennepin Community College

Web site: www.nhcc.edu

Phone numbers:

Information: (763) 424-0702 Toll-free: 1-800-818-0395 TTY: (763) 424-0949

To arrange a campus visit: (763) 424-0702

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,924

FAFSA code: 002370

Enrollment:

Total number students served	8,751
Full-time enrollment	3,952
Percent female	60.6%
Percent male	39.4%
Percent students of color	19.6%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, certificates

Largest programs:

Liberal arts and general studies, nursing, business, computer science, law enforcement/ criminal justice

Unique programs:

Every-Other Weekend College, Business ASAP (Associate in Science Accelerated Program), evening/weekend nursing, off-campus programs offered at Buffalo High School, building inspection technology, paralegal, non-invasive cardiology technology, chemical technology, medical laboratory technology, e-commerce, graphic design, advertising, finance

Student activities:

Social, recreational, cultural and educational opportunities include student government, student clubs and professional organizations, honor societies, recreational sports, student newspaper and literary magazine, art, music, theater

Housing:

The college has no on-campus student housing, but many rental units are available within walking distance of the campus or via Metro Transit bus lines.

Mailing address: 7411 85th Ave. N. Brooklyn Park, MN

North Hennepin Community College Highlights

City/population:

Brooklyn Park/68,600

Turn to North Hennepin Community College for an affordable, convenient, quality education. Whether you want to complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree with liberal arts study and then transfer to a fouryear institution, earn an associate degree in one of our career programs, enhance your current job skills with specialized classes, or train for a new career, North Hennepin has the program for you.

Attend an information session any Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Educational Services Building for more information and a tour of the campus. Call (763) 424-0968 for directions.

- North Hennepin Community College is committed to educating a diverse community of learners to maximize their intellectual, creative and leadership potential. Enrollment represents the increasing diversity of surrounding areas with 846 students from 92 countries.
- Innovative programs transfer to four-year institutions and lead immediately to rewarding careers.
- · Morning, afternoon, evening, weekend and every-other-weekend classes are available in standard, accelerated, honors, Web-enhanced and online formats to accommodate work schedules and family obligations.
- Small class sizes facilitate close working relationships between faculty and students leading to increased student success and academic excellence.
- Top-notch student services include face-toface and online counseling and advising services, assistance in English for speakers of other languages, career planning and job placement services, state-of-the-art library services and more than 525 computers.
- Approximately \$100,000 in scholarship money is available to students each year in addition to financial aid options.

Northland **Community & Technical College**

Web site:

www.northlandcollege.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (218) 681-0854 Toll-free: 1-800-959-6282 TTY: (218) 681-0990

To arrange a campus visit: 1-800-959-6282

Tuition and fees (2004-2005):

East Grand Forks, \$3,961 Thief River Falls, \$4,072

FAFSA code: 002385

Enrollment:

4,826
2,689
48.9%
51.1%
6.5%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Liberal arts, construction electricity, criminal justice, farm business management, nursing, sales, marketing and management

Unique programs:

Aviation maintenance technology, architectural technology, cardiovascular technology-invasive, computer modeling and animation, fire technology, radiologic technology, health and fitness specialist

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's golf, volleyball, basketball, softball; men's golf, football, basketball, baseball

Student activities:

Student Senate, intramurals, Phi Theta Kappa honor society, chamber choir, jazz band, community band, theater, art exhibits, Criminal Justice Club, KSRQ FM college radio station, student newspaper, Practical Nursing Club, Pharmacy Club, OTA Club, Carpentry Student Chapter Club, Professional Aviation Maintenance Association, Welding Club

Mailing address: 1101 Highway 1 E. Thief River Falls, MN 56701

City/population: East Grand Forks/7,569 Thief River Falls/8,447

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Northland Community & Technical College Highlights

Northland Community and Technical College is a comprehensive liberal arts and technical college with campuses in East Grand Forks and Thief River Falls.

- Feel right at home with small class sizes and personal attention from experienced faculty.
- The East Grand Forks campus now offers an Associate in Arts degree with more evening classes for working adults.
- New programs on the Thief River Falls campus include a health and fitness specialist Associate in Science degree, an Associate in Science degree in mass communications, and an Associate in Applied Science degree in manufacturing process technology.
- The East Grand Forks campus offers expanded programs in registered nursing and early childhood education and paraprofessional programs.
- · Northland has one of the largest liberal arts transfer programs in northern Minnesota.
- The East Grand Forks campus is one of the state's premier laptop campuses.
- · Northland has a wide variety of online and distance education programs for student convenience in pursuing career and educational goals.
- Students at both campuses may be eligible to participate in Pioneer athletics, intramurals and student life activities.
- Student resources include multicultural student services, counseling, career placement, women's resource center, libraries and a day care center at Thief River Falls.

Housing:

Numerous rental units are available in both communities. In Thief River Falls, the Campus Courts complex offers a 40-unit complex adjacent to the main campus.

Child care, child development and early childhood education are among programs offered by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

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Northwest Technical College

Web site:

www.ntcmn.edu

Phone numbers:

General: (218) 755-4270 Admissions: (218) 755-4278 Toll-free: 1-800-942-8324 TTY: (218) 755-4307

To arrange a campus visit: (218) 755-4278

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,901

FAFSA code: 005759

Enrollment:

Total number students served	995
Full-time enrollment	613
Percent female	68.5%
Percent male	31.5%
Percent students of color	17.1%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Applied Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Practical nursing, construction electrician, massage therapy, carpentry, sales, marketing and management

Unique programs:

Industrial model making, automotive machine technology, clinical lab technology, massage therapy

Student activities:

Student Senate, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, intramural sports available through Bemidji State University along with access to the Gillette Recreation Center

Housing:

The college has no on-campus student housing, but students are able to contract with Bemidji State University for residence hall housing and meal plans.

Mailing address: City 905 Grant Ave N.E. Ben Bemidji, MN 56601

City/population: Bemidji/12,408

Northwest Technical College Highlights

Northwest Technical College in Bernidji is located in north central Minnesota in the heart of the lakes and forests. Bernidji is a community alive with year-round outdoor recreation and cultural activities.

- Northwest Technical College has aligned with Bemidji State University, increasing educational and student life opportunities.
- Northwest Technical College is a premier laptop college with a wireless networked campus. Every student has full use of the Internet and e-mail access.
- Online education programs in accounting and nursing offer diplomas and degrees through the Internet.
- Student resources include the cafeteria, multicultural student center, student success center, counseling, placement services and library.
- College tours can be scheduled by appointment, or prospective students may attend scheduled Campus Visit Days during the year. To schedule a tour or to find the Campus Visit Day dates, visit the college's Web site at www.ntcmn.edu.

Pine Technical College

Mailing address:

City/population: Pine City/3,125

Web site: www.pinetech.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (320) 629-5100 Toll-free: 1-800-521-7463 TTY: (320) 629-1030

To arrange a campus visit: (320) 629-5100

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,571

FAFSA code: 005535

Enrollment:

Total number students served	1,128
Full-time enrollment	402
Percent female	62.1%
Percent male	37.9 %
Percent students of color	2.6%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Practical nursing, gunsmithing, automotive

Unique programs:

Gunsmithing, public welfare financial worker, management of information systems, mechanical engineering

Student activities:

Student government, student and professional organizations, intramural sports, academic organizations and clubs

Housing:

The college has no on-campus student housing, but many rental units are available within walking distance of the campus. The college assists students in finding rental housing.

Pine Technical College Highlights

Pine Technical College, located halfway between Duluth and the Twin Cities right off Interstate 35, is an ideal place for every type of student.

- A collaborative Associate in Arts Degree with Mesabi Range Community and Technical College allows students the chance to achieve their first two years of a four-year degree on the Pine Technical College campus.
- With several Associate in Science degrees. students who want to begin a four-year degree and take advantage of lower tuition rates can focus on a major or professionoriented area.
- · The college's technical programs are designed to allow students a great opportunity to gain employment. Examples are automotive, administrative careers, accounting, computer and information sciences, and nursing and human services.
- Pine Technical College is a national model in its use of telecommunications and other distance education tools.
- A vibrant student life environment allows students the opportunity to meet classmates, join clubs and experience new activities.
- The college's location gives students the best of both worlds - outdoor experiences and close proximity to Duluth and the Twin Cities.

Rainy River Community College

Web site:

www.rrcc.mnscu.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (218) 285-2207 Toll-free: 1-800-456-3996 TTY: (218) 285-2261

To arrange a campus visit: (218) 285-2225

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$4,003

FAFSA code: 006775

Enrollment:

otal number students served	633
ull-time enrollment	306
Percent female	61.1%
Percent male	38.9%
Percent students of color	13.9%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Liberal arts, practical nursing, international business, recreation and outdoor leadership

Unique programs:

Indigenous studies, outdoor leadership, international business

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's basketball, softball, volleyball; men's football, basketball

Student activities:

Anishinaabe Student Coalition, Black Association of Students, Outdoor Adventure Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Student Activities Board, Student Senate, intramural activities

Housing:

On-campus furnished apartment-style residence hall including cable television and phone access, computers and dishwashers

Mailing address: 1501 Highway 71 International Falls, MN

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City/population: International Falls/6.554

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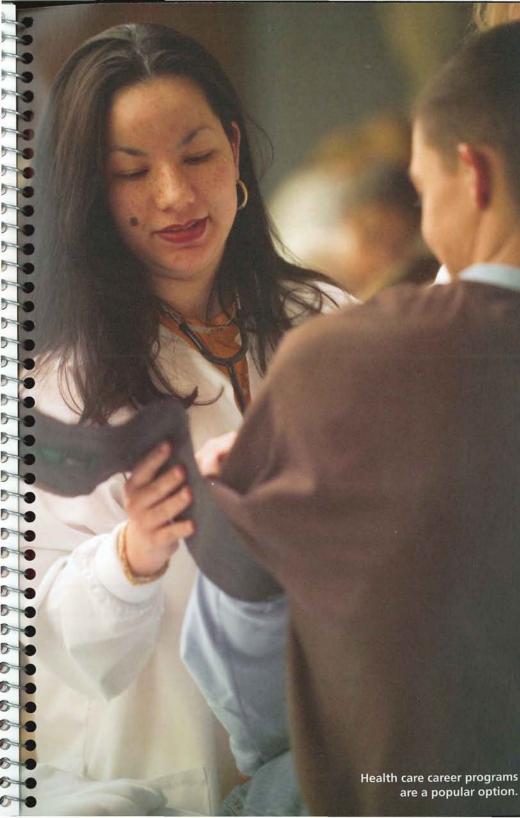
Rainy River Community College Highlights

Begin your great journey in education at Rainy River Community College.

- Excellent liberal arts program leading to great career starts in all fields
- High rates of retention, graduation and job placement
- Outdoor leadership program
- Technical programs leading to great jobs in health care, business and recreation
- Innovative international business program that involves students on both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border
- Financial aid and scholarships available
- On- and off-campus employment opportunities
- · Leadership opportunities for students
- Strong math and science departments
- Outdoor recreation opportunities
- In-state tuition for all nonresidents and nonreciprocity students
- Located near Voyageurs National Park, Minnesota's only national park
- A number of bachelor's and master's degree programs are available locally through the Arrowhead University Consortium. Contact the college admissions office for information.

TWO-YEAR STATE COLLEGES

900 Fourth St. S.E. Pine City, MN 55063



Ridgewater College

Web site:

www.ridgewater.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (320) 231-2906 Toll-free: 1-800-722-1151 TTY: 1-800-627-3529

To arrange a campus visit: (320) 231-2932

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,991

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FAFSA code: 005252

Enrollment:

Total number students served	5,996
Full-time enrollment	3,221
Percent female	56.5%
Percent male	43.5%
Percent students of color	4.0%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Liberal arts, health services, business, agriculture, veterinary technology

Unique programs:

Nondestructive testing technology, geographic positioning systems/geographic information systems for agriculture, advanced collision services, business and computer systems management, computer art and publishing, insurance claim representative, dairy management, audio technology

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's volleyball, softball, basketball, tennis; men's baseball, football, wrestling, basketball, golf

Student activities:

Student newspaper, student government, choir, theater, Phi Theta Kappa, many other student and professional organizations

Mailing address: 2101 15th Ave. N.W. P.O. Box 1097 Willmar, MN 56201

City/population: Hutchinson/13,403 Willmar/18.512

Ridgewater College Highlights

Ridgewater College is a community and technical college with campuses in Willmar and Hutchinson.

- · Small class sizes ensure that students receive more individual attention and access to state-of-the-art technology.
- Ridgewater College maintains a high percentage of job placement rates for graduates through the Career Planning and Job Placement Center.
- Ridgewater College offers students the option of an installment plan for payment of tuition and fees.
- More than 100 programs in liberal arts and sciences, transfer options and technical education are offered.
- Cooperative agreements with universities for specified programs mean that students may be able to complete a bachelor's degree while remaining on the Ridgewater College campuses or seamlessly transfer to a university.
- The college athletic teams are consistently among the top teams in the Minnesota Community College Conference and NJCAA Region 13.
- The Willmar area is a growing and diverse community located 90 miles west of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and serves as a financial, health care and retail hub for the region.
- The Hutchinson area offers a wide variety of year-round indoor and outdoor recreation, shopping and sporting events and is within one hour of the Twin Cities.

Housing:

The college has no on-campus student housing, but rental units are available within walking distance of each campus. The college provides students the most recent listings available for rental housing.

Riverland Community College

Web site: www.riverland.cc

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (507) 433-0820 Toll-free: 1-800-247-5039 TDD: 800-627-3529

To arrange a campus visit: (507) 433-0820

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,871

FAFSA code: 002335

Enrollment:

Total number students served	5,136
Full-time enrollment	2,513
Percent female	50.0%
Percent male	50.0%
Percent students of color	4.1%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Fine Arts, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Liberal arts and sciences, nursing, construction electrician, cosmetology, law enforcement

Unique programs:

Associate in Fine Arts degree in music, autoindustrial machining, Cisco network security, massage therapy

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's golf, volleyball, basketball, softball; men's golf, basketball, baseball

Student activities:

Theater, music, intramural sports, Student Senate, Student Ambassadors, student newspaper, Phi Theta Kappa, ACCENT literary magazine, Art Club/Left Ear, Criminal Justice Society, Human Services Club, International Club, R.I.O.T. Christian Fellowship, Riverland Gay-Straight Alliance, SkillsUSA-Vocational Industrial Clubs of America

Mailing address: 1900 Eighth Ave. N.W. Austin, MN 55912

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City/population:

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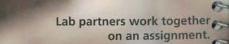
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Riverland Community College Highlights You'll find educational value at Riverland. Pursue your dreams, improve your future and enjoy the process—at a fraction of the cost

- Riverland locations in Albert Lea, Austin and the Owatonna College and University Center make it easy to complete one of more than 50 career programs or earn the first two years of a bachelor's degree.
- Support services are available to help you improve study skills, locate resources, address personal issues, make strong career decisions, pay for college or arrange the details of a smooth college transfer.
- Opportunities in theater, music, clubs, intercollegiate sports and student government provide an easy way to meet new friends, share your talents and make your dreams happen.
- In every program, students have access to current state-of-the-art technologies. Interactive television and online classes make learning convenient.
- Big Day On Campus is a special day for high school students to experience Riverland. Tour the campus, hear about student life and meet faculty.
- At Riverland, your dreams are closer than you think. Riverland makes getting into college, getting through college and paying for college easy.

Housing:

Riverland's student housing offers an opportunity for 84 students to live on campus. Conveniently located on the Austin Campus, it's just a short walk to class. Automotive programs train students in the use of diagnostic technology.



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Rochester Community and Technical College

Web site:

www.rctc.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (507) 285-7265 Toll-free: 1-800-247-1296 TTY: 1-800-627-3529

To arrange a campus visit: (507) 285-7219

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$4,013

FAFSA code: 002373

Enrollment:

Total number students served	7,489
Full-time enrollment	4,011
Percent female	62.8%
Percent male	37.2%
Percent students of color	12.0%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Liberal arts, nursing, allied health, business, digital arts, law enforcement, building utilities mechanic

Unique programs:

Human services technician, veterinary technology, surgical technology, horticulture technology, radiography, dental hygiene

Intercollegiate sports:

Nationally renowned varsity Division III athletics in women's basketball, golf, soccer, softball, volleyball; men's baseball, basketball, football, golf, wrestling

Student activities:

The college's Student Life program gives students the opportunity to expand their education beyond the traditional classroom. Studies have shown that participation in student activities and student life is as important to obtaining a complete college education as is class work. In addition to varsity sports, the Student Life program includes 17 clubs and organizations, fine arts opportunities

Mailing address: 851 30th Ave. S.E. Rochester, MN 55904

Rochester Community and Technical College Highlights

City/population:

Rochester/91,264

Rochester Community and Technical College was founded in 1915 and is one of the oldest community colleges in Minnesota and the nation. The college serves approximately 7,500 students in credit-based enrollments and 3,000 in noncredit courses.

- Rochester consistently lands near or on the top of several of the nation's "Most Livable Cities" lists.
- The college is located in Minnesota's third largest city and is home to the world-
- renowned Mayo Clinic and IBM Rochester.
- Rochester had the highest concentration of high-tech business in the United States and had the highest number of patents in the nation filed per 100,000 residents during the last 10 years.
- The college offers more than 70 creditbased programs with 100-plus credential options in the areas of liberal arts, allied health, business, services and technical career pathways.
- The college is part of the University Center Rochester, a partnership with the University of Minnesota and Winona State University providing students with a spectrum of educational opportunities ranging from certificates to doctoral programs.

in music and theater, and student ambassador and student government programs.

Housing:

Since Rochester Community and Technical College is a commuter college, there is no dormitory housing on campus. An apartment complex on the college property provides student housing. Many students find other apartment housing throughout the city. Rochester has a good city bus system that stops frequently at the campus. Information on housing and transportation will be available at the college during orientation.

St. Cloud Technical College

Web site: www.sctc.edu

Phone numbers:

General: (320) 308-5000 Admissions: (320) 308-5089 Toll-free: 1-800-222-1009 TTY: (320) 308-5988

To arrange a campus visit: (320) 308-5089

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,810

FAFSA code: 005534

Enrollment:

Total number students served	4,505
Full-time enrollment	2,631
Percent female	49.1%
Percent male	50.9%
Percent students of color	4.8%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Applied Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Practical nursing, sales and management, architectural construction technology, computer careers, electrical construction technology

Unique programs:

Echocardiography, sonography, cardiovascular technology, water environment technology, land surveying and civil engineering

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's basketball, softball, volleyball; men's basketball, baseball

Student activities:

Student Senate, American Advertising Federation, SkillsUSA-Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Central Minnesota Printing Professionals, Central Minnesota Builders Association, Minnesota Electrical Students Association, American Drafting and Design Association, American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians, Business Professionals of America, Delta Epsilon Chi, American Dental Assistants Association

Mailing address: 1540 Northway Drive St. Cloud, MN 56303

City/population: St. Cloud/61,248

St. Cloud Technical College Highlights

St. Cloud Technical College is located in one of the fastest-growing communities in Minnesota. The college offers 100 career majors that can be completed in two years or less.

- Students learn in a hands-on environment and are prepared for the workplace upon graduation.
- St. Cloud Technical College graduates get jobs. Job placement rates average 97 percent over the last five years.
- Students may obtain an Associate in Arts (transfer degree) through a collaborative arrangement with Anoka-Ramsey Community College.
- A child care facility is located on campus.
- Campus tours are available Friday mornings throughout the year. To schedule a tour visit the college Web site at www.sctc.edu/tours/.
- The college foundation awards more than 100 scholarships annually.

Housing:

The campus has no on-campus student housing, but numerous rentals are available within a two-mile radius of the campus. Students also may live in the dorms at St. Cloud State University; a limited number of spots are available, so contact the university early. Housing options may be obtained from the admissions office at St. Cloud Technical College.

Saint Paul College

Mailing address: 235 Marshall Ave. St. Paul, MN 55102 City/population: St. Paul/288,000

Web site: www.saintpaul.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (651) 846-1666 Toll-free: 1-800-227-6029 TTY: (651) 846-1569

To arrange a campus visit: (651) 846-1666

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,499

FAFSA code: 005533

Enrollment:

Total number students served	8,175
Full-time enrollment	3,002
Percent female	45.4%
Percent male	54.6%
Percent students of color	35.2%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Science, diplomas, certificates

Largest programs:

Computer careers, practical nursing, construction electricity, American Sign Language studies, cosmetology, liberal arts, construction trades

Unique programs:

American Sign Language

interpreter/transliterator; watch, clock and jewelry repair; esthetician; massage therapy; geomatics (land surveying) and mapping sciences; human resource specialist; international trade; Web designer; energy process technician; biomedical machining

Student activities:

Student Senate, SkillsUSA-Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Business Professionals of America, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, African Heritage Student Association, Hispanic American Student Association, Asian American Student Association

Saint Paul College Highlights

Start here. Go anywhere. You can start where you are, and the college will help you get where you want to go. For you, that might be one of 70 career-focused programs, starting a bachelor's degree or meeting continuing education needs.

- The college has a long and rich history of helping students succeed in high-demand careers since 1910.
- The new liberal arts and sciences program offers transfer credits that allow students to start a four-year degree.
- Faculty members possess the necessary industry experience and academic credentials to teach students the critical skills and knowledge to be successful.
- Students have access to technology through wireless networks and computer labs, including e-mail and Internet access.
- Students experience career-focused technical and liberal arts courses, small classes, state-of-the-art technology, excellent job placement services, flexible schedules and a diverse student population.
- Employers rely on the college to fill their need for skilled and professional employees. The college's close link to business and labor ensures that programs give you what you need to be successful in today's competitive workplace.

Housing:

The college has no on-campus student housing, but many rental units are available within walking distance of the campus. The college assists students in finding rental housing.



Future chefs create delicious projects in culinary arts classes.

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South Central Technical College

Web site: www.southcentral.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (507) 389-7220 Toll-free: 1-800-722-9359 TTY: (507) 389-7200

To arrange a campus visit: (507) 389-7220

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$3,532

FAFSA code: 005537

Enrollment:

Total number students served	5,282
Full-time enrollment	2,715
Percent female	43.7%
Percent male	56.3%
Percent students of color	8.4%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts in collaboration with Minnesota State University, Mankato; Associate in Applied Science; Associate in Science; diplomas; certificates

Largest programs:

Agribusiness, computer careers, computer integrated machining, nursing, office technology

Unique programs:

Agriculture; carpentry/cabinetmaking; hotel, restaurant and institutional cooking; intensive care paramedic; medical laboratory technician; outdoor power and marine; speech-language pathology assistant; wireless communications technician

Student activities:

Student Senate, Business Professionals of America, Delta Epsilon Chi, Post-Secondary Agriculture Students organization, SkillsUSA-Vocational Industrial Clubs of America; National Student Nurses Organization, Phi Theta Kappa

Housing:

Off campus housing is available in the area.

Mailing address: 1920 Lee Boulevard North Mankato, MN 56003

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South Central Technical College Highlights South Central Technical College has a history

of academic excellence since 1946. The college has campuses in two great communities — Faribault and Mankato.

- South Central Technical College offers a full-tuition Presidential Scholarship to high school seniors with a 3.75 grade point average who demonstrate leadership skills and school and community involvement. One Presidential Scholarship is offered on each campus annually.
- South Central Technical College Foundations provided nearly \$200,000 in student scholarships during the past year.
- South Central Technical College has more than 50 quality program options with industry-savvy instructors. Many programs have evening degree completion opportunities.
- South Central Technical College offers a variety of online courses. It's as good as being there!
- The college offers on-campus child care, career counseling and academic support services including tutoring and ADA assistance.
- South Central Technical College emphasizes globalization and integrates an international perspective into the curriculum.
- South Central Technical College enjoys established relationships with regional businesses and industries that provide great employment opportunities for students and graduates.
- South Central Technical College offers a unique agriculture education "2 plus 2" program in collaboration with the University of Minnesota.

Vermilion Community College

Web site:

www.vcc.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (218) 365-7215 Toll-free: 1-800-657-3608 TTY: (218) 365-7292

To arrange a campus visit:

(218) 365-7215

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$4,045

FAFSA code: 002350

Enrollment:

Total number students served	1,386
Full-time enrollment	716
Percent female	39.4%
Percent male	60.6%
Percent students of color	3.6%

Degrees offered:

Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, diploma, certificates

Largest programs:

Natural resources, wildland/wildlife law enforcement, wildlife management, wilderness management, liberal arts and sciences

Unique programs:

Water quality science, watershed science, land surveying, parks and recreation, seasonal park law enforcement ranger training, computer information systems

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's volleyball, basketball, softball; men's football, basketball, baseball

Student activities:

Residential campus offering a complete student life program including unique clubs (forestry/ wildlife, shotgun sports, fly fishing, outings, wilderness, water tech and many others); intramural sports; snow week, including downhill canoe races, quinzee (snow mound hut) building and snow softball; dances, movie nights and many other activities

Housing:

Vermilion offers apartment-style on-campus living. Each apartment comes with a computer

Mailing address: 1900 E. Camp Street Ely, MN 55731

City/population: Ely/3,656

Vermilion Community College Highlights Vermilion is

- A two-year residential college
- Located in Ely, on the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness
- A college where learning is an adventure

Vermilion offers

- Small class sizes instructors know you on a first-name basis
- Faculty with rich academic backgrounds and experiences
- Field study, hands-on learning and internships
- Travel to outdoor recreation and wilderness areas
- A complete student life program
- Strong advising, counseling and career planning services
- Excellent job placement
- A bachelor's degree in business administration from Bemidji State University through Vermilion's "3 plus 1" program

Vermilion students can

- Explore a variety of interests
- Satisfy the general education requirements for any of Minnesota's four-year institutions
- Start a major or complete the foundation for almost any baccalaureate degree
- Receive one-on-one assistance in strengthening academic performance
- A number of bachelor's and master's degree programs are available locally through the Arrowhead University Consortium. Contact the college admissions office for information.

in the living room, cable television, kitchen stove and refrigerator, living and dining room furnishings, and bedrooms with desks, wardrobes and beds. The cafeteria serves students three meals a day Monday through Friday.

Mankato area/45,570 Faribault/21,476

City/population:

Learn online

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities offer hundreds of courses delivered entirely or predominately on the Internet that lead to diplomas, certificates and degrees. You can check for additional offerings by calling the admissions offices of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or online at www.minnesotaonline.org.

Get a college education anytime, anywhere

You can choose from hundreds of courses or complete one of 70 programs offered online by the state colleges and universities. More courses are being added all the time. You can combine online classes with on-campus classes to fit your busy schedule, or you can earn a degree entirely online.

Online programs provide flexibility for students who prefer learning at their own pace or need courses not offered nearby. The courses and programs are accredited and economical. Tuition and fees for online programs and courses vary by college or university.

Contact a college or university, or visit www.minnesotaonline.org for a complete list of online courses and programs and additional details.

Success in online courses depends greatly on a student's ability to work independently, write clearly and participate in online discussions and team projects through the Internet. To find out if online courses are right for you, visit www.minnesotaonline.org.

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4-year state university programs

The seven state universities generally will accept you if you can answer "yes" to at least one of these questions:

• Did you graduate in the top half of your high school class?

- Did you score 21 or higher on the ACT standardized test?
- Did you receive a combined score of 1,000 or higher on the SAT standardized test?

Admission to some of the seven state universities may depend on meeting slightly different requirements, so check with the university admissions office for specific details. If you don't meet minimum requirements, you still may be considered for admission under special provisions.

Apply early in your senior year for the best chance of being admitted. Some universities and programs do not have room for all qualified applicants.

For admission to a state university, you also should have completed the following courses during high school:

- Four years of English (including composition and literature)
- Three years of math (two years of algebra and one year of geometry or the equivalent)
- Three years of science (including one year each of a biological and a physical science)
- Three years of social studies (including one year of U.S. history and geography)
- Two years of a single world language
- One year of either world culture or fine arts



Haven't picked a major?

Don't worry. Many students explore their interests before selecting a major. You can begin with liberal arts courses for your first year or two.

Pre-professional programs, minors and special options:

The seven state universities offer students many ways to pursue interests through a minor, emphasis or option or a pre-professional program, in addition to programs listed on Page 34.

Pre-professional programs help prepare undergraduate students for advanced study in areas such as agriculture, architecture, dentistry, engineering, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy and veterinary medicine. Check with the universities' admissions offices for details.

Graduate programs:

The state universities offer graduate programs leading to master's degrees and advanced degrees and certificates. Call the office of graduate studies or the admissions office for information and the graduate program application.

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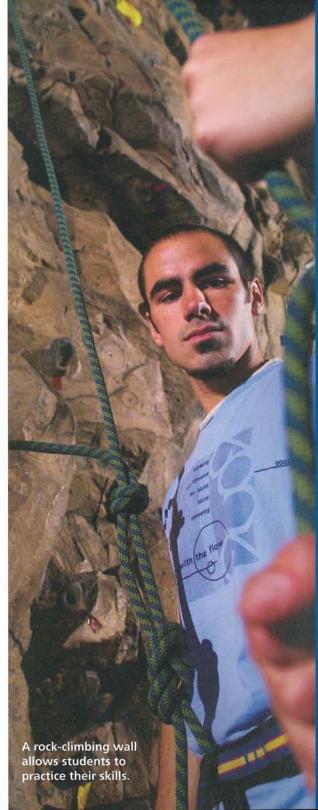
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Not all programs are listed on this chart. Check with the university admissions office or search www.mnscu.edu to find more programs.

Bemidji State Metropolitan State Minnesota State, Mankato Minnesota State Moorhead St. Cloud State Southwest MN State, Marshall Winona State



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Bemidji State University

Web site: www.bemidjistate.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: 1-877-BEMIDJI (1-877-236-4354) Toll-free: 1-800-475-2001 TTY: (218) 755-2040

To arrange a campus visit: 1-877-236-4354

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$5,446

FAFSA code: 002336

Enrollment:

Total number students served	6,446
Full-time enrollment	4,362
Percent female	57.2%
Percent male	42.8%
Percent students of color	6.9%

Degrees offered:

Associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, specialist degrees

Largest programs:

Education, business administration, design technology, psychology, criminal justice

Unique programs:

Aquatic biology, environmental studies, creative and professional writing, design technology, space studies, Indian studies, international studies

Special options:

Program minors — management information systems, applied public policy, Ojibwe language, outdoor management, peace and justice studies, women's studies

Pre-professional programs — 13 programs including law, medicine, engineering, chiropractic, physical therapy, veterinary medicine Mailing address: 1500 Birchmont Drive N.E. Bemidji, MN 56601-2699 City/population: Bemidii/12,408

Bemidji State University Highlights

The Lake, the Learning, the Life is a phrase that perfectly embodies the university's spectacular shoreline campus, a commitment to nationally recognized professor-to-student partnerships, and an emphasis on transforming student lives.

- Bemidji State is the only Minnesota state university listed in every edition
 of the "Making a Difference College Guide." This national publication
 rates America's best universities that help students find fulfillment and
 success within a supportive environment.
- Banded tuition means that full-time students pay the same tuition for 12 credits or 20 credits, a feature students often use to maintain a timely pace toward graduation in four years.
- State-of-the-art technology permeates the campus, from a renovated library to the many departmental computer labs, from the wired residence halls to the Super Lab dedicated for student computing, and from smart classrooms in every academic building to the technology complex under construction on campus.
- With one of the smallest average class sizes of any Minnesota public university, a high percentage of classes are taught by full-time faculty, and students are assured of the highest quality learning experiences.

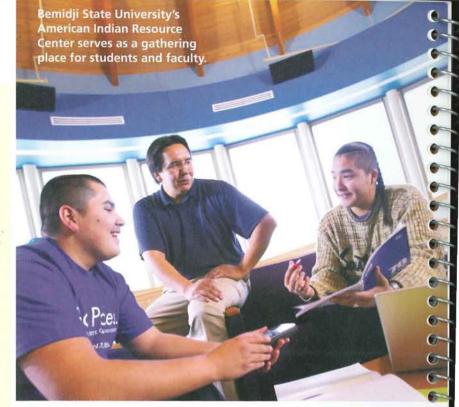
Housing:

Women's NCAA Division I ice hockey, NCAA Division II volleyball, track and field (indoor and outdoor), tennis, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball; men's NCAA Division I ice hockey, NCAA Division II football, track and field (indoor and outdoor), basketball, baseball, golf

Student activities:

Intercollegiate sports:

One of the most active outdoor program centers in the country; an effective Student Senate, which works closely with the administration on decisions; more than 85 clubs and organizations; extensive intramural athletics; residence hall councils; Greek organizations The residential complex includes six halls featuring a variety of room options, from doubles and singles to two-person suites and single-parent apartments. All halls are connected to the campus underground walkway system and are wired to the campus computer network. Room costs are fixed at the initial rate for students who return for subsequent years.



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The state colleges and universities offer outdoor recreation opportunities year-round.

Metropolitan State University

Web site: www.metrostate.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (651) 793-1300 or (612) 659-7300 TTY: (651) 772-7687

To arrange a campus visit: (651) 793-1300

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$4,392

FAFSA code: 010374

Enrollment:

Total number students served	9,486
Full-time enrollment	4,516
Percent female	61.9%
Percent male	38.1%
Percent students of color	23.0%

Degrees offered:

Bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, certificates

Largest programs:

Individualized studies, business administration, accounting, computer information systems, psychology

Unique programs:

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Early childhood studies; law enforcement; screenwriting; hospitality, travel and tourism; alcohol and drug counseling; ethnic studies; technical communication; women's studies

Special options:

Program minors — Community violence prevention, educational psychology, creative writing, child psychology, experimental intermedia arts, information and knowledge administration

Emphases/options — Individualized bachelor's degree, which includes collaborative programs with

Mailing address: 700 East Seventh Street St. Paul, MN 55106-5000

City/Population: St. Paul/288,000 Minneapolis/382,700

Metropolitan State University Highlights

Metropolitan State University:

- Meets the unique educational needs of those living and working in the metropolitan region as the premier urban, public, comprehensive system university in the Twin Cities.
- Focuses on providing high-quality, affordable educational programs and services in a student-centered environment.
- Provides more than 44 undergraduate programs and a number of graduate programs, with the option to create individualized degree programs.
- Faculty bring both practical and theoretical knowledge to their instruction.
- Offers daytime, evening and weekend classes on two main campuses plus several other locations, with comfortable class sizes and flexible, innovative scheduling.
- Demonstrates commitment to civic engagement.
- Encourages creative learning strategies, including internships, Web-based learning and independent study.
- Awards credits for college-level learning students gain through
 nonclassroom experience.
- Reflects the area's rich diversity in its students, faculty, staff and community partnerships.
- Offers Your Academic Journey, a course to introduce students to the university and skills needed for success.

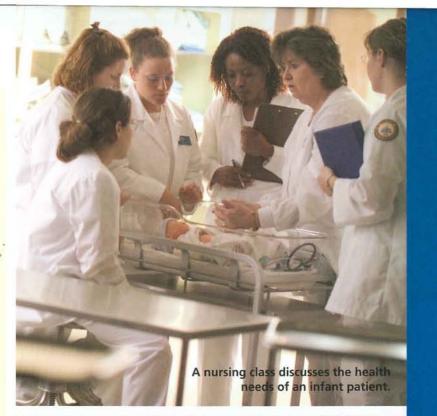
community and technical colleges; human services bachelor's degree with focus areas including corrections, family studies, human services administration, social gerontology, training and adult development, and violence prevention and intervention

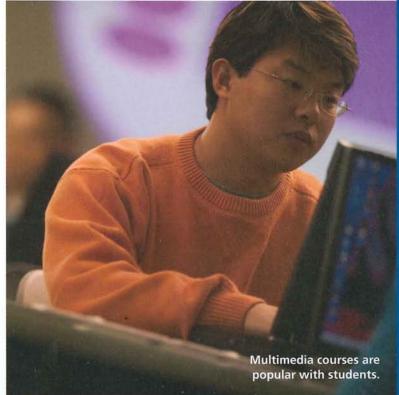
Student activities:

Student Senate; student newspaper; University Activities Board; Metro Theater Underground; International Student Organization; Graduate Student Advisory Committee; interest area and professional-focused student organizations, such as Law Enforcement Club, Nursing Students Organization, Social Science Organization, Education Association Student Program; ethnic/cultural specific organizations such as Asian Student Organization, Lavender Bridge, Somali Student Organization, The Latinos, VOICES (Voices of Indian Council for Educational Success)

Housing:

Nonresidential rental units are available within walking distance or on local bus lines.





Minnesota State University, Mankato

Web site: www.mnsu.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (507) 389-1822 Toll-free: 1-800-722-0544 TTY: 1-800-627-3529

To arrange a campus visit: 1-800-722-0544

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$4,841

FAFSA code: 002360

Enrollment:

Total number students served	16,079
Full-time enrollment	13,157
Percent female	54.3%
Percent male	45.7%
Percent students of color	4.9%

Degrees offered:

Associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, specialist degrees, graduate certificates

Largest programs:

Elementary education, business management, computer/information sciences, nursing, marketing

Unique programs:

Accelerated option nursing program, rapid response teacher education program, theater program, joint law and master's degrees in health sciences and public administration (with William Mitchell College of Law), master of fine arts in forensics and speech communication, master of fine arts in creative writing, civil and automotive engineering technology, technical writing graduate certificate

Special options:

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Emphases/options — Cytotechnology, technical writing, GIS/plant science, financial planning, sports management, earth science education, ecology, human biology, microbiology, physiology, toxicology, zoology Mailing address: 122 Taylor Center Mankato, MN 56001 City/Population: Mankato area/45,570

Minnesota State University, Mankato Highlights

- 85 miles south of Minneapolis-St. Paul; beautifully landscaped, 300-acre campus overlooks the majestic Minnesota River Valley
- Nationally recognized undergraduate programs in engineering, experiential education, computer science, nursing, business, law enforcement, theater and dance; nationally recognized graduate programs in rehabilitation services, speech communication
- The university is No. 1 in the nation in industrial-organizational psychology, according to a student satisfaction survey conducted at 98 universities by University of Tulsa Psychology Professor Kurt Kraiger and published in the July 2004 edition of Industrial-Organizational Psychologist.
- Undergraduate students conduct applied research with nationally recognized faculty members.
- Progressive campus technology lets students make wireless connections from laptops in most general-purpose classrooms and study areas.
- One of only four M.B.A. programs in the state of Minnesota accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International
- Nation's only Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technologyaccredited automotive engineering technology program
- Undergraduate engineering program among top 55 in the nation (U.S. News & World Report 2003)

Pre-professional programs — 16 programs: agriculture, chiropractic, dental, engineering, forestry, law, medicine, mortuary science, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, podiatric medicine, theology, veterinary medicine

Program minors — Studio art, athletic coaching, automotive engineering technology, aviation management, earth science, electronic engineering technology, environmental science, ethnic studies, family consumer science, financial planning, gerontology, law enforcement, manufacturing engineering technology, marketing

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's Division I hockey, Division II basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track, volleyball; men's Division I hockey, Division II baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track, wrestling

Student activities:

Nearly 200 organizations, including academic student groups, student government and leadership, intramural sports, religious organizations, honorary and professional fraternities and sororities, nationally ranked solar car team; formula SAE design team; women's golf, baseball, wrestling, bowling and cheer teams

Housing:

Three on-campus residence halls feature First-Year-Experience programs for freshmen, specialinterest floors, residence halls for learning communities; wide variety of apartments and rental housing units available close to campus.

Studio arts including painting provide creative opportunities at many colleges and universities.

Minnesota State University Moorhead

Web site: www.mnstate.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (218) 477-2161 Toll-free: 1-800-593-7246 TTY: 1-800-627-3529

To arrange a campus visit: 1-800-593-7246

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$4,590

FAFSA code: 002367

Enrollment:

Total number students served	9,168
Full-time enrollment	6,993
Percent female	62.8%
Percent male	37.2%
Percent students of color	4.5%

Degrees offered:

Certificates, diplomas, associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, specialist degrees

Largest programs:

Elementary education, mass communications, business administration, art, social work, biology

Unique programs:

Athletic training, construction management, East Asian studies, film studies, geosciences, health services administration, international studies, music industry, music performance, theater arts

Special options:

Emphases/options — Archeology, biochemistry and biotechnology, broadcast and print journalism, photo journalism, digital design, exercise science, graphic design, multimedia development



City/Population: Moorhead-Fargo area/123,171

English language learning classes help prepare students for college and university coursework.

Minnesota State University Moorhead Highlights

- Campus tours are available at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Science education facilities have been upgraded with a new science laboratories building.
- The university is home to New Rivers Press, a publishing enterprise featuring regional authors and educational opportunities.
- The industrial technology program is the only Minnesota program accredited by the National Association of Industrial Technology.
- The university is part of the Tri-College University; students can take courses at North Dakota State University and Concordia College without paying additional tuition.
- The nursing program offers a bachelor's degree for RNs, with the convenience of online coursework.
- More than 30,000 people annually attend productions by the theater department and its summer theater, The Straw Hat Players.
- Students produce "Campus News," a weekly TV program.
- The Early Education Center is accredited one of only 7 percent of early childhood programs nationwide to receive that recognition.
- Moorhead's and Fargo's high quality of life gained national attention in 2004 with reports by NBC's "Today" show, National Public Radio and the Los Angeles Times.

Student activities:

Pre-professional programs — Health professions, agriculture, architecture, engineering, forestry, geology, wildlife management

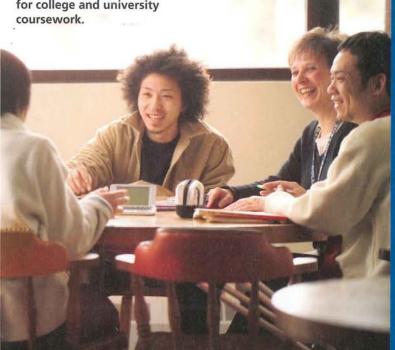
Program minors — American Indian studies, anthropology, astronomy, graphic communications, theater dance, women's studies

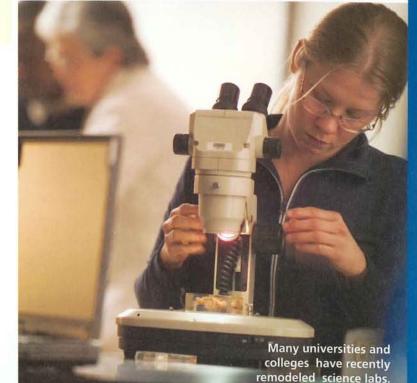
Intercollegiate sports:

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference and NCAA Division II membership; women's soccer, volleyball, cross-country, golf, basketball, tennis, track, softball, swimming and diving; men's football, cross-country, basketball, wrestling, track More than 120 student organizations, including fraternities and sororities, culture and language clubs, department and academic clubs, honor societies, musical groups, weekly newspaper, campus radio station, intramural sports and recreation, religious groups, political clubs, Student Senate, service clubs

Housing:

The university offers a variety of living options in eight residence halls and an on-campus apartment complex. Rental housing is available close to the campus.





Computers have replaced pencil and paper in many classrooms.

St. Cloud State University

Web site:

www.stcloudstate.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (320) 308-2244 Toll-free: 1-877-654-7278 (1-877-654-SCSU) TTY: 1-800-627-3529

To arrange a campus visit: 1-877-654-7278

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$4,981

FAFSA code: 002377

Enrollment:

Total number students served	19,771
Full-time enrollment	14,206
Percent female	56.0%
Percent male	44.0%
Percent students of color	5.0%

Degrees offered:

Associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, specialist degrees

Largest programs:

Elementary education, communications, psychology, business, computer information systems, biology

Unique programs:

Meteorology, aviation maintenance management, nuclear medical technology, land surveying and mapping, real estate, insurance, small business management, statistics, radiologic technology, Chicano/Chicana studies

Special options:

Program minors — Adaptive physical education, African studies, American Indian studies, Chicano/Chicana studies, computer networking, dance, data communications, East Asian studies, ethnic studies, film studies, geographic information systems, gerontology, human relations, military science, outdoor education, reading instruction, religious studies, Russian, Soviet studies, technology studies, therapeutic recreation



City/Population: St. Cloud/61,248

St. Cloud State University Highlights

- Located one hour north of the Twin Cities on the oak-crowned banks of the Mississippi River
- Offers 175 majors, minors and pre-professional programs in business, education, fine arts and humanities, science and engineering, social sciences, and 50 master's degrees
- · Holds nearly every national accreditation available for programs and services
- Professors rather than graduate assistants teach classes; students work side-by-side with professors on research projects.
- Strong international program with 900 students from 80 countries on campus; every year more than 325 students study abroad in any of 16 countries
- As the 12th largest producer of teachers in the nation, prepares approximately 500 professionals for the classroom each year
- Herberger College of Business is one of three in Minnesota internationally accredited at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- Committed to nurturing diversity with educational, cultural and support programs that increase understanding of today's diverse society
- Men's Division I hockey team is one of only four teams in the nation to advance to the NCAA playoffs in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.
- Women's teams have competed in 18 NCAA playoffs, and 58 studentathletes have received All-America recognition on 100 different occasions since joining the NCAA in 1983.

Emphases/options — 56 including professional flight, rehabilitation counseling, community counseling, hydrology, astrophysics, public history, public relations, advertising, broadcasting, news editorial, piano pedagogy

Pre-professional programs — Chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, physical therapy, physician assistant, podiatry, veterinary, agriculture, forestry, medical records, horticulture, dental hygiene, pharmacy, occupational therapy, mortuary science, engineering

Intercollegiate sports:

Women's hockey, volleyball, tennis, basketball, soccer, track, indoor track and field, Nordic skiing, swimming and diving, cross country, golf, softball; men's hockey, tennis, basketball, track, indoor track and field, swimming and diving, cross country, golf, baseball, football, wrestling 0

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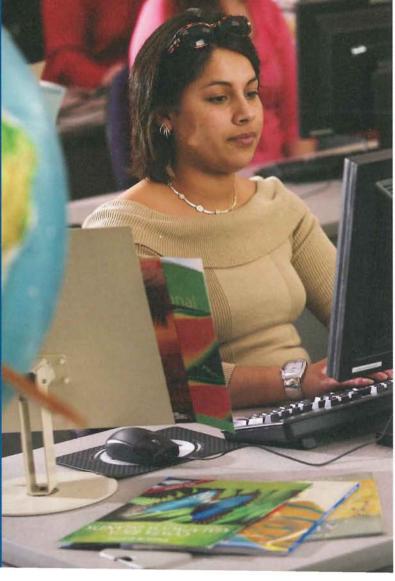
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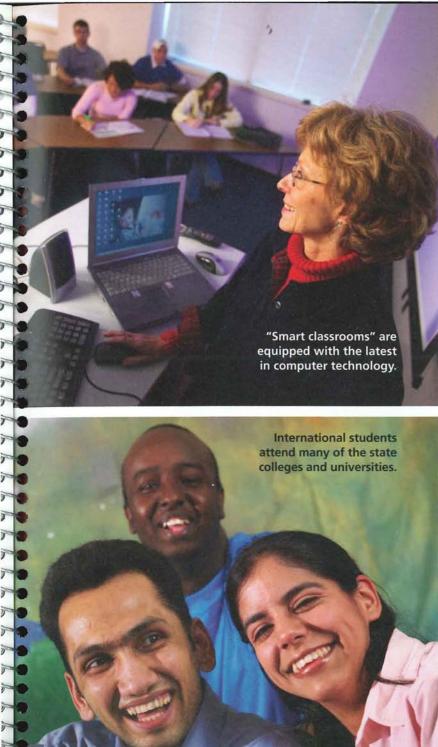
Student activities:

Nearly 250 student organizations in the arts, language and culture, politics and social concerns, recreational sports, student government and the Greeks; club sports such as rowing, rugby, lacrosse and soccer offer additional intercollegiate competition

Housing:

The university offers nine residence halls on campus; there are apartments and other housing options nearby.





Southwest **Minnesota State** University

Web site:

www.SouthwestMSU.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (507) 537-6286 Toll Free: 1-800-642-0684 TTY: 1-800-627-3529

To arrange a campus visit: (507) 537-6286

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$5,034

FAFSA Code: 002375

Enrollment:

Total number students served	6,825
Full-time enrollment	3,458
Percent female	60.6%
Percent male	39.4%
Percent students of color	6.9%

Degrees offered:

Associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, master's degrees

Largest programs:

Graduate — Educator development and leadership, M.B.A.; Undergraduate — business administration, education, accounting, math/computer science, wellness and human performance (physical education), social work

Unique programs:

Global studies, honors program, radio/television broadcasting, rural/regional studies, agribusiness management, hotel and restaurant management, institutional management, indigenous nations/Dakota studies

Special options:

Program minors — Social welfare, indigenous nations/Dakota studies, rural studies

Emphases/options — Cytology (biology), sports management, exercise science, management



City/Population: Marshall/12,778

Southwest Minnesota State University Highlights

Southwest Minnesota State University, founded in 1963, delivers a highquality liberal arts education and strong career planning for its students. U.S. News and World Report has designated Southwest Minnesota State as the No. 1 regional public liberal arts college in the Midwest every year from 1998 through 2004.

- Southwest Minnesota State offers 44 undergraduate programs, 51 minors, four associate degree majors and four master's degree programs. The newest master's program is the M.B.A.
- Construction on a new \$18 million Student Center will be completed in December 2004. This structure will be the focal point of the campus and will include all student service offices, food service and the bookstore. In addition, a \$9 million library renovation project is under way.
- · Southwest Minnesota State prides itself on the personal attention its students receive from faculty and staff. With a faculty-student ratio of 1:18, the average class size is just 23 students.
- The 215-acre Southwest Minnesota State campus features interconnected academic and Student Center buildings, which are fully accessible.

Pre-professional programs -

Chiropractic, dentistry, engineering,

fishery and wildlife management, law,

optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy,

baseball, basketball, football, wrestling

including academic, athletic, fine arts,

special interest, political, religious and

government; newspaper, radio station,

magazine; global studies with previous

destinations of Italy, England, Jamaica,

medicine, ministry, mortuary science,

nursing, occupational therapy,

Women's basketball, golf, soccer,

softball, tennis, volleyball; men's

More than 80 student activities.

cultural clubs and organizations;

television station and literary arts

France, China, Hawaii, Alaska,

Scandinavia and Austria

intramural athletics; student

veterinary medicine

Student activities:

Intercollegiate sports:

houses approximately 1,000 students in residence halls wired with highspeed data capacity.

Housing:

Southwest Minnesota State University

Winona State University

Web site: www.winona.edu

Phone numbers:

Admissions: (507) 457-5100 Toll-free: 1-800-342-5978 or (1-800-DIAL-WSU) TTY: (507) 457-2410

To arrange a campus visit: 1-800-342-5978

Tuition and fees (2004-2005): \$5,165

FAFSA code: 002394

Enrollment:

Total number students served	9,111
Full-time enrollment	7,583
Percent female	63.8%
Percent male	36.2%
Percent students of color	4.2%

Degrees offered:

Associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, master's degrees

Largest programs:

Education (early childhood, elementary and secondary), math and computer science, business administration, social work, mass communication

Unique programs:

Composite materials engineering, paralegal, aviation and airway science; master's programs in nursing, music business

Special options:

Emphases/options — Advertising, broadcasting, journalism, photojournalism, public relations, law enforcement, corrections, cell and molecular biology, ecology, water resources management

Mailing address: P.O. Box 5838, Winona, MN 55987

City/Population: Winona/26,902

Winona State University Highlights

- For the eighth consecutive year, Winona State University has been designated one of America's 100 Best College Buys for quality and value.
- A "laptop university," meaning every new student will use a laptop computer in class, in the library or anywhere
- Offers a universitywide four-year graduation guarantee
- · Home to the first residential college in Minnesota
- Together with Winona State University-Rochester Center, Winona State University provides 78 academic majors and 16 graduate programs.
- The university is a national leader in continuously assessing institutional quality and effectiveness.
- Winona State University is the custodian institution of the "Seven Principles for Good Practice in Undergraduate Education," which include encouraging high levels of student collaboration, active learning, facultystudent contact, time on task, prompt feedback, high expectations and respect for diverse talents and methods of learning.

Student activities:

and dance performances.

Program minors — Adventure tourism, airway science aviation, biochemistry, business law, dance, electronics, geography, global studies, intercultural communication, international business

Pre-professional programs — Dentistry, engineering, law, medicine, mortuary science, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, veterinary medicine

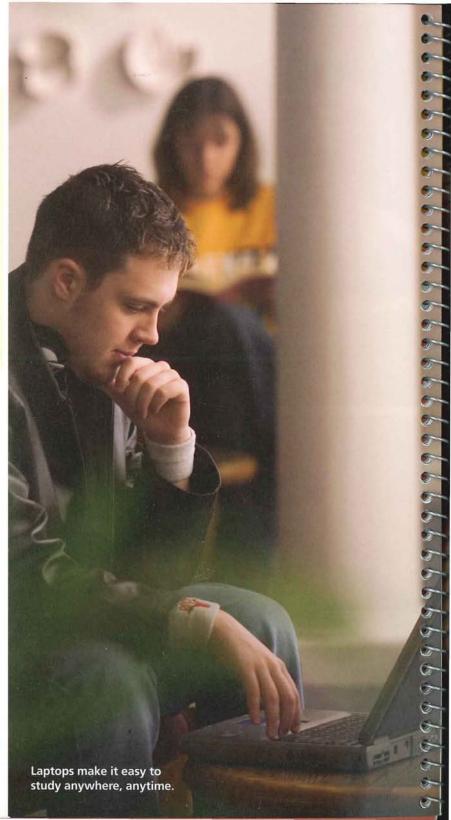
Intercollegiate sports:

Fifteen women's and men's varsity sports including baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, soccer, tennis, track and field, volleyball

More than 170 clubs and organizations for academics, fine arts, athletics, media, culture and cultural issues, religion, and social and service clubs. The university is host to student theatrical, musical

Housing:

Seven residence halls are on campus. Two other residence halls and the University Apartments at East Lake are connected by shuttle bus to the main campus. Numerous off-campus rental housing opportunities are available within a five-block radius of campus.



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College terms you should know

Academic program: A series of credit courses designed to lead to a degree, diploma or certificate in a field of study or an occupation.

Associate in Arts degree, or A.A. degree: An academic program of 60 to 64 credits mostly in liberal arts and sciences courses, designed to satisfy the first two years of a four-year, baccalaureate degree. This is the most common program taken by students who plan to transfer from a two-year college to a four-year university.

Associate in Science degree, or A.S. degree: An academic program generally of 60 to 64 credits in courses designed to transfer to a bachelor's degree program in a scientific, technical or professional field. Also may be designed to prepare students directly for employment in a specific job. At least 30 general education credits are required.

Associate in Applied Science degree, or A.A.S. degree: An academic program generally of 60 to 72 credits designed primarily to prepare students for employment in a specific job, but which may also be designed to transfer to a related four-year major. At least 25 percent of the credits must be in general education courses.

Associate in Fine Arts degree, A.F.A. degree: An academic program of 60 to 64 credits designed to transfer to a four-year degree in a designated discipline in fine arts, such as music, theater or art. At least 24 general education credits are required.

Baccalaureate degree: An academic program generally of 120 to 128 credits, of which at least 40 must be general education credits and at least 40 upper division credits (junior- and senior-level courses). Programs are designed for a full-time student to complete in about four years.

Bachelor's degree: Same as baccalaureate degree.

Diploma: An academic program generally of 30 to 72 credits intended to provide students with skills leading directly to a specific job.

Certificate: An academic program generally of 9 to 30 credits that can be completed in a year or less by a full-time student. Some certificate programs are designed to provide specialized programs for people who already have diplomas or degrees; others are for people who want to quickly complete a program that leads directly to a specific job.

Credit: A measure of instruction in courses or other learning activities. A credit typically represents one hour of instruction per week. Courses generally have one to five credits; most have three or four credits. A full-time load is considered to be 15 credits per semester, or 30 credits per year.

General education ("gen eds"): Courses in liberal arts and sciences that typically are introductory and provide students with general knowledge and reasoning ability rather than specific skills for employment or specialized knowledge for a major.

Graduate degree: A degree awarded for education at a level beyond the bachelor's degree. State universities offer graduate certificates, master's degrees and specialist degrees in various professional and liberal arts fields.

Individualized studies: An academic program with courses in various fields of study selected by a student to meet the student's educational goals and with the approval of a faculty advisor.

Liberal arts and sciences: Fields of study in the fine arts, humanities (literature and philosophy), history, foreign languages, social sciences, mathematics and natural sciences.

Master's degree: An academic degree program of 30 to 54 credits in courses at the graduate level.

Minnesota Transfer Curriculum: A 40-credit package of general education courses in 10 learning areas, or "goal areas," that will be accepted for transfer by all Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the University of Minnesota.

Reciprocity: The series of agreements that Minnesota has with neighboring states to provide lower tuition for students in one state who attend public colleges and universities in the other state. Reciprocity students typically do not have to pay the out-of-state tuition rate to attend school in a neighboring state.

Helpful Web sites:

Information about Minnesota State Colleges and Universities: www.mnscu.edu

Information for prospective students: www.mnscu.edu/Student/Studentinfo.html

Links to campuses: www.mnscu.edu/System/VisitACampus.html

Print out an application form: www.mnscu.edu/Student/MnSCUApplication.html

Search for a program: www.mnscu.edu/Student/FindAProgram.php

Search for graduate program information: www.mnscu.edu/Student/FindAProgram.php

Find online programs: www.minnesotaonline.org

Information about transfer: www.mntransfer.org

Free Application for Federal Student Aid Web site: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Career planning, class listings, online courses: www.iseek.org

Guide to career and educational exploration: www.mncareers.org

Technical notes:

"Tuition and fees" is annual tuition based on a full-time credit load of 15 credits per semester and fees. Enrollment data is from 2002-2003, the most recent data available. "Total number students served" is unduplicated annual headcount; "full-time enrollment" is full-year-equivalent enrollment. Percentages for male and female students and students of color are percentages of unduplicated headcount based on known factors. Colleges and universities vary widely in the percentages of students for whom race and ethnicity is known, ranging from 99.9 percent to 28.4 percent. For precise figures, go to www.mnscu.edu . See campus profiles. City population figures are from the state demographer's office.

Sources: Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Policy and Planning Office; Minnesota Department of Administration

Upon request, Go Places is available in alternative formats by calling one of these numbers:

 Twin Cities:
 (651) 296-8012

 Toll free:
 1-888-MnSCU-4-U (1-888-667-2848)

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