



Minnesota State Colleges & Universities

Careers in Health Care



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For a meaningful career that offers a lifetime of opportunities, consider the health care field. Career options in patient care, technology and administration can match your interests and talents, and the 32 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities offer the education you need to begin and advance in your career. The system produces 78 percent of Minnesota's new nursing graduates and 54 percent of all other health care graduates each year.

Career opportunities abound

Health care professionals are in high demand. Health care is Minnesota's third-largest industry, following manufacturing and the retail trade. Sixteen percent of job vacancies are in the 6,575 health care organizations that make up the state's health care industry. Many jobs offer excellent pay and opportunities for career growth.

The 32 state universities and community and technical colleges offer hundreds of programs on campus, online and on site in specialties such as nursing, respiratory care, radiologic technology and medical records technology.



Education to advance your career

Educational programs are available at all levels, from short-term programs to help you enter the field to associate and bachelor's degrees and graduate-level education.

Students also can complete a bachelor's degree to prepare for a graduate-level program in dentistry, chiropractic, pharmacy, medicine, optometry or physical therapy.

Graduate-level programs in biology, gerontology, psychology, physical education and vocational rehabilitation are offered at various state universities.

Master's degree programs in nursing are offered at

- Metropolitan State University
- Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Winona State University

A training plan tailored to your organization, your needs, your location

Each of the system's 32 colleges and universities across the state is a portal to customized training through the combined expertise within the entire system. In addition to the selection of standard courses, each campus can develop customized solutions to address your unique challenges or tap the system's vast network for specialized expertise.

Sample training areas

- Perioperative Nursing
- Nursing Refresher for RNs and LPNs
- Pain Management
- Holistic Medicine
- Clinical Delegation and Nursing Roles
- Ethical Care
- Paramedic Training
- Computer-Based Billing
- Medical Terminology and Coding
- Surgical Techniques
- Biomedical Technology
- Computer Skills
- Supervisory Skills
- Conflict Resolution
- Crisis Intervention
- Cultural Diversity Training
- Occupational English
- Team Building
- Pharmacology

Health Care Program Grid

	CENTRAL										METRO										
	Alexandria	Central Lakes, Brainerd	Central Lakes, Staples	Pine, Pine City	Ridgewater, Hutchinson	Ridgewater, Willmar	St. Cloud State	St. Cloud Technical	Anoka-Ramsey, Cambridge	Anoka-Ramsey, Coon Rapids	Anoka Technical, Anoka	Century, White Bear Lake	Dakota County, Rosemount	Hennepin, Brooklyn Park	Hennepin, Eden Prairie	Inver Hills, Inver Grove Heights	Metropolitan State	Minneapolis	Normandale, Bloomington	North Hennepin, Brooklyn Park	Saint Paul
Activity director					●																
Athletic training						●	●														
Biology																	●				
Biomedical engineering technology													●								
Cardiovascular technology									●												●
Central services technician																		●			
Chemical dependency counseling							●				●						●	●			
Clinical biological research									●	●											
Clinical research study coordinator																					
Communication disorders							●														
Community health							●												●		
Cytotechnology (pathology lab tech.)										●											
Dental assistant		●							●		●	●	●	●				●			
Dental hygienist									●		●									●	
Dental office support										●								●			
Dietetic technology	●																			●	
Emergency medical technician					●	●		●		●					●						
Exercise science							●					●									
Health care administration																					
Health fitness and physical education	●						●														
Health unit coordinator														●							●
Marriage and family therapy							●														
Massage therapy						●															●
Medical administration assistant	●	●		●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●				●			●
Medical assistant						●				●	●	●									
Medical coding specialist	●			●		●				●	●	●	●	●							●
Medical records/health info technology						●		●		●											
Medical technology/clinical lab science							●														
Medical transcription	●			●	●	●				●		●	●	●				●			●
Medical/clinical lab technician	●																			●	●
Mental health services																					
Neurophysiology technology																					
Nuclear medical technology							●														
Nursing (LPN)	●	●		●	●	●		●		●		●	●	●				●			●
Nursing (RN)	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●
Nursing assistant/home health aide	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●		●
Nursing science/specialties																					
Nutrition																					
Occupational therapy assistant										●											
Orthotics												●									
Paramedic (emergency medical tech.)					●			●				●			●						
Pharmacy technology												●									
Phlebotomy (blood lab tech.)	●																				
Physical therapy assistant									●												
Polysomnography																			●		
Prosthetics												●									
Radiologic technology						●	●					●							●		
Rehabilitation counseling																					
Respiratory care																					●
Sonography - diagnostic medical								●													
Speech/language pathology																					
Surgical 1st assistant																					
Surgical technician								●		●											

About the program grid

This program grid includes short-term educational programs through four-year bachelor's degrees in health, wellness and related fields. Contact the colleges and universities directly for more complete program information. Many courses and some programs are offered entirely online; for information on online programs, see www.minnesotaonline.org.

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	NORTHEAST							NORTHWEST									
	Fond du Lac, Cloquet	Lake Superior, Duluth	NE - Hibbing	NE - Itasca, Grand Rapids	NE - Mesabi Range- Eveleth	NE - Mesabi Range, Virginia	NE - Rainy River, International Falls	NE - Vermilion, Ely	Bemidji State	Minnesota State CTC, Detroit Lakes	Minnesota State CTC, Fergus Falls	Minnesota State CTC, Moorhead	Minnesota State CTC, Wadena	Minnesota State Moorhead	Northland, East Grand Forks	Northland, Thief River Falls	Northwest, Bemidji
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Health fitness and physical education	●						●						●		●		
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Rehabilitation counseling																	
Respiratory care		●													●		
Sonography - diagnostic medical															●		
Speech/language pathology													●				
Surgical 1st assistant		●															
Surgical technician		●													●		



2-year state colleges

Alexandria Technical College

Alexandria
Toll-free: 1-888-234-1222
www.alextech.edu

Anoka-Ramsey Community College

Cambridge, Coon Rapids
(763) 433-1100
www.anokaramsey.edu

Anoka Technical College

Anoka
(763) 576-4850
www.anokatech.edu

Central Lakes College

Brainerd, Staples
Toll-free: 1-800-933-0346
www.clcmn.edu

Century College

White Bear Lake
Toll-free: 1-800-228-1978
www.century.edu

Dakota County Technical College

Rosemount
Toll-free: 1-877-937-3282
www.dctc.edu

Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

Cloquet
Toll-free: 1-800-657-3712
www.fdlcc.edu

Hennepin Technical College

Brooklyn Park, Eden Prairie
Toll-free: 1-800-345-4655
www.hennepintech.edu

Inver Hills Community College

Inver Grove Heights
(651) 450-8500
www.inverhills.edu

Lake Superior College

Duluth
Toll-free: 1-800-432-2884
www.lsc.edu

Minneapolis Community & Technical College

Minneapolis
Toll-free: 1-800-247-0911
www.minneapolis.edu

Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical

Red Wing, Winona
Toll-free: 1-877-853-8324
www.southeastmn.edu

Minnesota State Community & Technical College

Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls,
Moorhead, Wadena
Toll-free: 1-888-696-7282
www.minnesota.edu

Minnesota West Community & Technical College

Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson,
Pipestone, Worthington
Toll-free: 1-800-658-2330
www.mnwest.edu

Normandale Community College

Bloomington
Toll-free: 1-866-880-8740
www.normandale.edu

North Hennepin Community College

Brooklyn Park
Toll-free: 1-800-818-0395
www.nhcc.edu

Northeast Higher Education District

Hibbing Community College

Hibbing
Toll-free: 1-800-224-4422
www.hcc.mnscu.edu

Itasca Community College

Grand Rapids
Toll-free: 1-800-996-6422
www.itascacc.edu

Mesabi Range Community & Technical College

Eveleth, Virginia
Toll-free: 1-800-657-3860
www.mr.mnscu.edu

Rainy River Community College*

International Falls
Toll-free: 1-800-456-3996
www.rrcc.mnscu.edu

Vermilion Community College*

Ely
Toll-free: 1-800-657-3608
www.vcc.edu

Northland Community & Technical College

East Grand Forks, Thief River Falls
Toll-free: 1-800-959-6282
www.northlandcollege.edu

Northwest Technical College*

Bemidji
Toll-free: 1-800-942-8324
www.ntcmn.edu

Pine Technical College

Pine City
Toll-free: 1-800-521-7463
www.pinetech.edu

Ridgewater College

Hutchinson, Willmar
Toll-free: 1-800-722-1151
www.ridgewater.edu

Riverland Community College

Albert Lea, Austin
Toll-free: 1-800-247-5039
www.riverland.edu

Rochester Community and Technical College

Rochester
Toll-free: 1-800-247-1296
www.rctc.edu

St. Cloud Technical College

St. Cloud
Toll-free: 1-800-222-1009
www.sctc.edu

Saint Paul College

St. Paul
Toll-free: 1-800-227-6029
www.saintpaul.edu

South Central College

Faribault, Mankato
Toll-free: 1-800-722-9359
www.southcentral.edu

* Northwest Technical College at Bemidji is aligned with Bemidji State University.



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www.mnscu.edu

or toll-free 1-888-667-2848

Online courses and academic programs:

www.minnesotaonline.org

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