



# A Closer Look at Community and Technical Colleges

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# **An overview of this presentation**

- Reasons for selecting a community college and/or a technical college
- Profile from Minnetonka High School
- Sampling of a few institutions
- Finding the right match
- A closer look – in review!
- Special reminder – October is Minnesota State Month! No application fee for anyone who applies this month!

# Reasons for selecting a community college

- Low cost – tuitions range from \$3,500 to \$6,200
- Stay local – most students choose a school within 30 minutes of home
- Wide curriculum, with chance to take general education courses, in addition to specialized courses
- Begin to build a college gpa, in preparation to transfer to a 4-year college or university.
- Live at home. Work your job. Stay close to family and friends. Continue to grow and mature.
- For the undecided student, a chance to explore options.

# Reasons for selecting a technical college

- Low cost – tuitions range from \$2,400 to \$5,900
- Stay local – most students choose a school within 30 minutes of home
- Specialized curriculum, with a focus on career preparation. No distribution requirements!
- Live at home. Work your job. Stay close to family and friends. Continue to grow and mature.
- On the job training and opportunities for internships.
- Finish your degree in one year or two!

# Minnetonka High School – Profile from 2020 & 2021

- % attending 4-year colleges 76%
- % attending 2-year colleges 10%
- % attending MN institutions 36%
- % attending out-of-state institutions 50%
- Average number of applications 5.65

## • **Class of 2021**

The top 7 schools include:

Univ of Minnesota – TC

Normandale Community  
College

Univ of Wisconsin –  
Madison

Univ of Minnesota - Duluth

Iowa State University

University of St. Thomas

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# MHS Favorites in 2022

• Normandale Community College	35
• Dunwoody College of Technology	5
• Hennepin Technical College	3
• Alexandria College	3
• Minneapolis College	2
• Dakota County Technical College	1
• North Hennepin Community College	1

# Normandale Community College - Bloomington

- 9,835 students (42% full time; 58% part time)
- Tuition and fees: \$5,242 per year
- Most popular majors:
  - Liberal arts 71%
  - Health sciences 11%
  - Business/marketing 7%
  - Security/criminal justice 6%



# Normandale Community College (cont.)

- Admission requirements
  - High school diploma
  - ACT score, in lieu of Course Readiness Assessment for orientation and placement in math, reading and writing – but not for admission
  - No minimum gpa (except for nursing, dental hygiene and dietetic technology)
  - Open admission for all those who will graduate from high school

# Minneapolis College

- 6,981 students (35% full time; 65% part time)
- Tuition and fees: \$5,087 per year
- Most popular majors:
  - Liberal arts 34%
  - Business/marketing 12%
  - Visual/performing arts 11%
  - Health sciences/nursing 10%
  - Security/protective services 7%

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# Hennepin Technical College

- 4,776 students (39% full time; 61% part time)
- Tuition and fees: \$5,161 per year
- Current job placement rate is 99%
- Popular programs:
  - Business and Information Technology
  - Health Careers
  - Trade and Industry
  - Manufacturing and Engineering Technology
  - Automotive Technology

# Hennepin Technical College (cont.)

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  - High school diploma
  - No minimum gpa
  - No required testing (no ACT score requirement)
  - Open admission for all those who will graduate from high school

# Another pathway to the trades

- Apprenticeship Minnesota
  - Classroom training, with hands-on learning
  - Earn a good salary, while learning a trade
  - Wide range of industries and jobs

<http://www.apprenticeship.mn.gov/>

Real apprentices doing what they love.

<https://youtu.be/pWtk0jSdJXk>

# A Closer Look: Let's Review!

- Open admission, with no ACT test requirement
- Affordable and, in many cases, close to home
- Great opportunity to transfer to 4 yr. college, based on academic work at the community college. Transfer center at [www.MinnState.edu](http://www.MinnState.edu)
- Career oriented at a technical college – a chance to gain relevant experience and job skills

# The college search – it's all about finding the fit!

- Our pledge – to help each student find the best match possible for their post-secondary experience!
- Students considering a community college and/or a technical institute will select their institution based on fit – and finding the right match!
- And a reminder that the application is waived for those who apply in October – to any Minnesota State school.

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