



Minnesota State Colleges & Universities

Careers in Health Care



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If you seek a meaningful career that offers a lifetime of opportunities, consider a career in health care. With hundreds of career options in administration, patient care and technology, there is a health care career to match your individual needs and interests. And the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System offers educational programs to help you get there. The system produces 78 percent of all nursing graduates and 63 percent of all non-nursing health care graduates in Minnesota.

Today health care professionals are in high demand. Minnesota's growing health care industry is the state's second largest industry, following manufacturing. Eighteen percent of all Minnesota job vacancies are in the 6,000 health care organizations that make up the state's health care industry.



Other health care program opportunities

Master's degree programs in nursing are offered at

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

Graduate level programs are offered in biology, gerontology, psychology, physical education and vocational rehabilitation at various state universities. In addition, students can complete a four-year baccalaureate degree at any state university in preparation for a graduate-level program in dentistry, chiropractic, pharmacy, medicine, optometry or physical therapy.

A system of support

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System comprises 33 state universities and community and technical colleges serving the higher education needs of Minnesota. The system serves about 240,000 students annually in credit-based courses and is dedicated to meeting the needs of Minnesota. By working together, many colleges and universities create unique educational opportunities for students to build on their education and advance in their careers.

Health Care Program Grid

	CENTRAL						METRO													
	Alexandria	Central Lakes, Brainerd	Pine, Pine City	Ridgewater, Hutchinson	Ridgewater, Willmar	St. Cloud State	St. Cloud Technical	Anoka Technical, Anoka	Anoka-Ramsey, Cambridge	Anoka-Ramsey, Coon Rapids	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				●																
Biology						●										●				
Biomedical clinical research									●											
Cardiovascular Technology							●				●									●
Chemical dependency counseling							●				●					●	●			
Communication disorders							●													
Community health							●													
Cytotechnology (pathology lab tech.)																				
Dental assistant		●						●			●	●	●	●			●			
Dental hygienist								●			●								●	
Dietetic technology	●																		●	
Exercise science							●					●								
Health and physical education	●						●													
Health care administration																				
Health unit coordinator														●						●
Home health aide				●																
Massage therapy																				●
Medical assistant					●			●			●	●								
Medical lab technology	●																		●	●
Medical records technology	●	●	●	●				●				●		●						●
Medical secretary/transcriptionist	●	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	●	●	●				●			●
Medical technology							●													
Neurophysiology technology																				
Nuclear medical technology							●													
Nursing (LPN)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●				●			●
Nursing (RN)	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●
Nursing assistant	●	●	●	●	●			●		●	●	●	●				●	●		●
Occupational therapy assistant								●												
Orthotics											●									
Paramedic (emergency medical tech.)				●	●		●	●			●		●		●					
Pharmacy technology											●									
Phlebotomy (blood lab tech.)																				
Physical therapy assistant									●											
Prosthetics											●									
Radiologic technology					●						●							●	●	
Respiratory care																				●
Sonography								●												
Speech/language pathology																				
Surgical technician							●	●									●			

About the program grid

This program grid includes short-term educational programs through four-year baccalaureate 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.mnscu.edu.



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	NORTHEAST							NORTHWEST									
	Fond du Lac, Cloquet	Hibbing	Itasca, Grand Rapids	Lake Superior, Duluth	Mesabi Range, Eveleth	Mesabi Range, Virginia	Rainy River, International Falls	Vermilion, Ely	Bemidji State	Minnesota State Univ Moorhead	MSC&TC, Detroit Lakes	MSC&TC, Fergus Falls	MSC&TC, Moorhead	MSC&TC, Wadena	Northland, East Grand Forks	Northland, Thief River Falls	Northwest, Bemidji
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Medical assistant				•										•			
Medical lab technology		•		•							•			•		•	
Medical records technology		•	•			•				•		•	•	•	•	•	
Medical secretary/transcriptionist		•	•							•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Medical technology								•	•		•						
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Nursing (RN)		•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Nursing assistant		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Occupational therapy assistant																	
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Pharmacy technology													•		•		
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Respiratory care				•											•		
Sonography																	
Speech/language pathology									•								
Surgical technician				•											•		

Sample careers

OCCUPATION

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE

Dental hygienist	\$26.28
Medical and clinical laboratory technologist	\$19.93
Nuclear medicine technologist	\$22.73
Nurse assistant	\$10.88
Physical therapist assistant	\$16.01
Radiologic technologist	\$19.58
Registered nurse	\$24.21

Source: 2001 U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, State Occupational Employment and Wage Estimate.

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	SOUTHEAST								SOUTHWEST						
	MSC-SE Technical, Red Wing	MSC-SE Technical, Winona	Minnesota State Univ, Mankato	Riverland, Albert Lea	Riverland, Austin	Rochester	South Central, Faribault	South Central, Mankato	Winona State	Minnesota West, Canby	Minnesota West, Granite Falls	Minnesota West, Jackson	Minnesota West, Pipestone	Minnesota West, Worthington	Southwest MN State, Marshall
Activity director															
Biology			●						●						●
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Medical records technology			●	●	●	●	●				●				
Medical secretary/transcriptionist		●	●	●	●					●	●	●			
Medical technology		●							●						
Neurophysiology technology						●									
Nuclear medical technology															
Nursing (LPN)	●	●		●	●	●	●			●		●	●		
Nursing (RN)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●		●
Nursing assistant	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Occupational therapy assistant															
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2-year state colleges

Alexandria Technical College

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

Anoka-Ramsey Community College

Cambridge, Coon Rapids
(763) 427-2600
www.anokaramsey.edu

Anoka Technical College

Anoka
(763) 576-4850
www.ank.tec.mn.us

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.mnscu.edu

Dakota County Technical College

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

Fergus Falls Community College
See Minnesota State Community
& Technical College.

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.htc.mnscu.edu

Hibbing Community College

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

Inver Hills Community College

Inver Grove Heights
(651) 450-8503
www.inverhills.edu

Itasca Community College*

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

Lake Superior College

Duluth
Toll-free: 1-800-432-2884, x7601
www.lsc.mnscu.edu

Mesabi Range Community & Technical College*

Eveleth, Virginia
Toll-free: 1-800-657-3860
www.mr.mnscu.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: 1-800-492-4836
www.minnesota.edu

Minnesota West Community & Technical College

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

Normandale Community College

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

North Hennepin Community College

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

Rainy River Community College*

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

Ridgewater College

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

Riverland Community College

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

Rochester Community & 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 Technical College

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

Vermilion Community College*

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

* Itasca, Mesabi Range, Rainy River and Vermilion make up the Northeast Higher Education District, a consortium of four state colleges.

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

4-year state universities

Bemidji State University

Bemidji
Toll-free: 1-877-236-4354
www.bemidjistate.edu

Metropolitan State University

St. Paul, Minneapolis
(651) 793-1300
www.metrostate.edu

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Mankato
Toll-free: 1-800-722-0544
www.mnsu.edu

Minnesota State University Moorhead

Moorhead
Toll-free: 1-800-593-7246
go.mnstate.edu

St. Cloud State University

St. Cloud
Toll-free: 1-877-654-7278
www.stcloudstate.edu

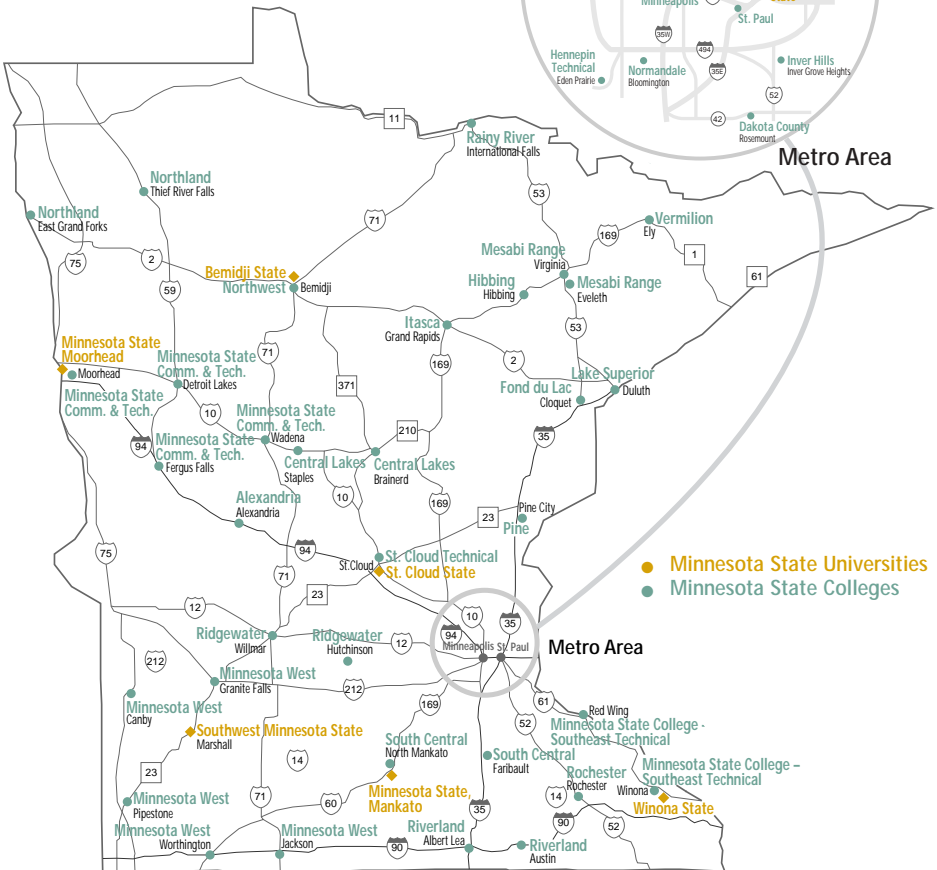
Southwest Minnesota State University

Marshall
Toll-free: 1-800-642-0684
www.southwestmsu.edu

Winona State University

Winona
Toll-free: 1-800-342-5978
www.winona.edu

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