





STUDENTS CHOOSE CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE

for different reasons. For many, it's all about a quality education that gets them into their career fast.

For some, it's all about saving money while earning an associate degree and moving on to complete a four-year degree. For others, it's about the personal learning experience offered at CLC.

Whatever the individual reason people choose Central Lakes College they all recognize that CLC represents an outstanding educational value, right here in Central Minnesota.

Take a closer look and discover why Central Lakes College may be the right fit for you.



Imagine the places you'll go...

At many colleges and universities you have to give up a lot. At Central Lakes College an excellent education won't cost you a fortune. Why not invest in yourself?

To learn more what CLC has to offer you visit:
www.clcmn.edu

Quality

In 2011 named one of nation's top 120 community colleges by the Aspen Institute.

Preferred

One of the fastest-growing 2-year colleges in the nation, according to Community College Week.

Affordable

Keeping costs down, awarding more than \$10 million in financial aid to 75 percent of students.

Location

Offers outdoor enjoyment and is easily reached from anywhere in the state.

Variety

70 transfer and career programs start you on a four-year degree or path to program-related employment.

Supportive

Caring instructors and support staff who put students first. Mentors, tutors, advisers and counselors, all working for you.

Diverse

Valuing international and multicultural community for global participation.

Connected

College and university agreements for credit transfer to higher degrees.

Opportunity

Cultural arts, athletics, student government, community service, and business internships.

Accessible

Committed to ensuring equal access and opportunity to all students.

Effective

Placing 90 percent of graduates in jobs related to their technical and career education.





At many colleges and universities you're just another face in the crowd – at Central Lakes College your education is a personalized experience with small classes, supportive faculty and staff.

FAST FACTS

Class Size

Average 25 students per class.

Tuition

The tuition and fee rate for the 2011-12 academic year is \$173.64 per credit. The annual tuition and fees for a full-time student taking 30 credits is \$5,209.20.

Financial Aid

About 75% of students receive financial aid. The CLC Foundation awards more than \$300,000 annually in scholarships.

Student Gender

Female 57%
Male 43%

Credit Based Enrollment

6,200 students served annually. CLC has a full-time equivalent of 3,557 students.

Where Students Come From

81 Counties in Minnesota
24 Other States
15 Foreign Countries

Online Enrollment

Face-to-Face 81.8%
Online 18.2

Student Ages

Under 20 48%
20-29 33%
Over 30 19%





ACADEMIC & CAREER MAJORS

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LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

- Associate in Arts Degree 60 credits
- Associate in Arts Honors Degree 60 credits
- Theatre Performance Associate in Fine Arts Degree 60 credits
- American Indian Studies Certificate 12 credits
- Deaf Studies Certificate 18 credits
- Environmental Studies Certificate 15 credits
- Latin American Studies Certificate 18 credits
- Ojibwe Studies Certificate 20 credits
- Women's Studies Certificate 12 credits

BUSINESS CAREERS

- Accountant A.A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Accounting Diploma 32 credits
- New! Administrative Assistant A.A.S. Degree 60 credits
- New! Administrative Support Diploma 33 credits
- Bookkeeping Certificate 20 credits
- Business Management A.A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Entrepreneurship Certificate 16 credits
- Hospitality Careers Certificate 10 credits
- Medical Administrative Secretary A.A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Medical Secretary Diploma 32 credits

COMPUTER CAREERS

- Computer Information Technology A.A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Computer Network Administration A.A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Computer Support Specialist Diploma 32 credits
- Help Desk Specialist Certificate 10 credits

ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS

- Floral Design Diploma 32 credits
- New! Green & Retro Green Construction Certificate 16 credits
- Horticulture A.A.S. Degree 64 credits
- Landscape Technology Diploma 62 credits
- Natural Resources A.A.S. Degree 64 credits
- New! Renewable & Sustainable Energy Technology Certificate 16 credits
- Sustainable Greenhouse Production Diploma 32 credits
- Wildlife Tourism Certificate 19 credits

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE CAREERS

- Child Development Assistant Diploma 31 credits
- Child Development Certificate 20 credits
- Child Development, Care & Guidance A.A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Child Development/American Sign Language A.A.S. 60 credits
- Dental Assisting A.A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Dental Assistant Diploma 44 credits
- Medical Assistant Diploma 44 credits
- Nursing Assistant Certificate 4 credits
- Nursing (RN) A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Practical Nursing (LPN) Diploma 40 credits
- Occupational Skills Diploma 32 credits
- Young Child Education A.S. Degree 60 credits

LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREERS

- Criminal Justice A.A.S. Degree 72 credits
- Criminal Justice Certificate (Advanced) 26 credits
- Criminalistics A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Natural Resource Law Enforcement A.A.S. Degree 72 credits

MANUFACTURING CAREERS

- Applied Engineering Technology A.A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Engineering A.S. Degree 64 credits
- Machine Tool Technology A.A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Machine Tool Technology Diploma 44 credits
- Manufacturing Maintenance Technician Diploma 64 credits
- Manufacturing Welding Technician Diploma 64 credits
- Mechatronics Diploma 39 credits
- Robotics/Automated Systems Technology A.A.S. Degree 78 credits
- Robotics/Automated Systems Technology Diploma 66 credits
- Welding and Fabrication A.A.S. Degree 64 credits
- Welding and Fabrication Diploma 32 credits

MEDIA COMMUNICATION CAREERS

- Communication Art & Design A.A.S. Degree 72 credits
- Communication Art & Design Diploma 64 credits
- Communication Art & Design Media Technologies Diploma 31 credits
- Matting and Framing Certificate 14 credits
- Photographic Equipment & Technical Services A.A.S. Degree 72 credits
- Photographic Imaging Technology A.A.S. Degree 72 credits
- Photographic Imaging Technology Diploma 64 credits
- Videography Production A.A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Videography Production Diploma 54 credits

TRANSPORTATION CAREERS

- Automotive Technology Diploma 44 credits
- Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology A.A.S. Degree 64 credits
- Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technician Diploma 44 credits
- Heavy Equipment Operations & Maintenance Diploma 64 credits
- Marine & Small Engine Technology A.A.S. Degree 72 credits
- Marine & Small Engine Technology Diploma 64 credits

UNIQUE/PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

- New! Emerging Digital Technologies Certificate 16 credits
- Enology A.A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Enology Diploma 31 credits
- Viticulture A.A.S. Degree 60 credits
- Viticulture Diploma 31 credits

MANUFACTURING & APPLIED ENGINEERING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

- Automation Technologies Certificate 30 credits
- Machine Technology Certificate 30 credits
- Production Technologies Certificate 15 credits
- Welding Technology Certificate 30 credits

Central Lakes College also offers specialized management programs and courses such as: Farm Business Management, Computerizing Small Business and Small Business Management. Please visit www.clcmn.edu for more information.

For detailed information about certificate programs visit our website.

CAMPUS KEY - Indicates at which campus programs are offered

- Brainerd & Staples Campuses
- Brainerd Campus
- Staples Campus
- Online



LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

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Associate in Arts Degree

The Central Lakes College Associate in Arts degree completes the first two years of a bachelor's degree. At Central Lakes College general education is more than a stepping stone in transferring to a four-year college. CLC's transfer curriculum provides students with a broad liberal arts and sciences foundation. Courses integrate communication and thinking skills and a study of contemporary concerns - all essential to your future personal, educational and career success. Graduates successfully transfer to public and private colleges and universities in Minnesota and throughout the country.

ONLINE ASSOCIATE TRANSFER DEGREE

Central Lakes College offers the Associate in Arts transfer degree completely online. An online AA degree transfers to other universities in the same manner as the traditional AA degree from CLC. Online students are issued the same diploma as on-site students upon graduation. Online courses at Central Lakes College allow you to work around your busy schedule. CLC offers an array of online college classes available to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Online courses are conducted mostly or completely over the Internet. Over 80 online courses are offered each semester in various subject areas, including English, math, computer technology, biology, art, and more. CLC offers online students access to the same student services available on campus including online tutoring services, computer help desk, library access, bookstore ordering, and interaction with counselors.

GREEN AA DEGREE

Central Lakes College has dramatically redesigned how classes are scheduled. CLC students seeking an AA degree may do so in one of three basic ways.

SELECT:

1. Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes
2. Tuesday-Thursday classes
3. Online

Students are free to select classes in any mix of these ways, but most should be able to limit the number of days they are required to commute to campus.

THEATRE PERFORMANCE

Associate in Fine Arts Degree

The Associate Fine Arts degree is intended for students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from a four-year university or college. The degree can also be used as a bridge into Bachelor of Fine Arts degree programs. The A.F.A. degree includes courses in acting, technical theatre, makeup, costuming, script analysis, and lab courses in acting and production. In addition, the 60-credit degree includes general education electives.

AA DEGREE AT STAPLES CAMPUS

Students are now able to earn a full Associate in Arts (AA) degree at the Staples Campus of Central Lakes College. Most classes in the Staples Campus AA degree are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Combine traditional, online and ITV classes to create a schedule that works for you. CLC provides advising and support services and study groups "live" on the Staples Campus.

LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES DEPARTMENTS

American Sign Language	History
American Studies	Mathematics
Anthropology	Music
Art	Ojibwe Studies
Biology	Philosophy
Chemistry	Physical Education
College and Career Studies	Physics
Earth Science	Political Science
Economics	Psychology
Engineering	Reading
English	Sociology
Environmental Studies	Spanish
Geography	Speech
Health	Theatre

THE HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Associate in Arts program is for high-achieving students intending to transfer to a four-year college or university. The honors classes are rigorous, limited in size, and characterized by a high level of intellectual engagement – coursework emphasizes inquiry, investigation, and analysis.

BENEFITS

Honors students enjoy many benefits that enhance their academic development and prepare them for the challenge at a four-year college or university.

Students accepted into the Honors Program will:

- Participate in a cohort of critical thinkers motivated by similar interests
- Benefit from small-class instruction with optimal instructor contact
- Engage in study centered on investigation, analysis, & problem solving
- Apply leadership and service skills as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the academic honor society
- Transfer with enhanced scholarship credentials and a strong liberal arts foundation

HONORS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Students who score 100 or more on the Reading Accuplacer or have obtained a 24+ composite score on the ACT and have a 3.25 GPA are invited to participate in the Associate in Arts Honors Program. To remain in the program, students must maintain a 3.25 GPA.



Excel
Lead
Achieve



BUSINESS CAREERS

ACCOUNTING

Accountants and accounting technicians help organizations make wise decisions by preparing and analyzing a variety of financial and non-financial information. They manage the assets of the business and ensure the records of the business comply with the law. Students gain experience recording transactions, preparing and analyzing financial reports, and doing realistic simulations on the most popular accounting computer systems. Graduates of this program will have the background to perform entry-level accounting duties such as accounts payable, accounts receivable or payroll. They may join certified public accounting firms, and some acquire the CPA license after five years of college education. Graduates may become not only bookkeepers, but also payroll and accounts receivable specialists, financial analysts, company controller cost analysts, financial consultants, and chief financial officers.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Administrative assistants perform a variety of administrative tasks in support of managers and others in an organization including duties once reserved solely for managers. Successful administrative assistants must be highly organized and possess excellent computer, writing and communication skills. Knowledge of a variety of office equipment and 21st century office procedures is vital. Administrative assistants may perform research, create spreadsheets, compose correspondence, manage databases, generate reports, create presentations, and manage electronic and paper communications and files. The program prepares students in skill sets such as computer applications, communication, teamwork and collaboration, customer focus, problem-solving and critical thinking, professionalism, productivity, ethics, and leadership along with business qualities.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

All business organizations need effective leadership to succeed. Managers organize and direct business operations using their skills in communication, problem-solving, and team-building. Business Management degrees continue to lead the nation as the number one choice of study in higher education. Business Management students receive hands-on, skill-based business training with the opportunity to specialize in entrepreneurship, supervision, sales and marketing. Business Management graduates find employment opportunities in financial institutions, retail and commercial trade, marketing, professional sales, restaurants, hotels/resorts, insurance, healthcare, and manufacturing. Graduates have started their own businesses or managed family businesses.

MEDICAL SECRETARY

Medical administrative secretaries perform a variety of tasks needed to run a medical office. Secretaries must listen to doctors' recorded information and type the information using their medical terminology, computer, grammar, and problem solving skills. Medical administrative secretaries may also choose to work in the insurance, billing, and coding departments. The CLC student learns anatomy terminology as well as office procedures, records management, and machine transcription. Employment opportunities exist in hospitals, medical clinics, chiropractic offices, optical clinics, specialty clinics, nursing and rehabilitation facilities, public health departments, social services, insurance offices, and medical supply firms. Among titles graduates may acquire: Medical secretary, medical transcriptionist, data transcriber, medical administrative specialist, medical biller, medical office secretary, patient accounts manager/assistant, medical office specialist, medical terminologist department supervisor, patient account representative, verification specialist.



COMPUTER CAREERS

COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Information technology specialists work with other IT specialists to improve existing computer systems and support end user technologies in an organizational setting. They help plan and develop new systems, install hardware, install software, support end-user training and troubleshoot systems. Information technology specialists are in high demand. The Information Technology specialist degree prepares students by introducing technologies encountered in the field. Training includes computer troubleshooting and repair, basic networking, operating systems, supporting common end-user applications, as well as soft skills like oral and written communication and customer service. This program teaches skills needed to work for computer systems design companies; federal, state, and local government agencies; management companies; insurance companies, or any other organization relying upon its computer systems.

COMPUTER NETWORK ADMINISTRATION

Businesses, governments, and other organizations use computer hardware and software every day. They use individual computer stations, printers, and scanners that connect to servers. Computer network administrators plan, coordinate, and direct the computer-related activities of an organization. Course work includes general networking technologies, network troubleshooting, operating system technologies, disaster recovery, computer repair and security fundamentals. The studies in this program will help students prepare for careers in networking such as MCSE, MCSA, network administrator, network engineer, systems analyst, LAN administrator, WAN administrator, network security specialist and systems engineer.

COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Computer support specialists help people solve problems with their computer hardware and software. They help co-workers or people who bought their company's products. Computer support specialists are in high demand. They troubleshoot the problem to determine whether to make repairs or make changes to the computer setup. This program will help prepare students by introducing them to a variety of subjects in information and emerging technologies. Subjects covered include computer troubleshooting and repair, basic networking, operating systems, supporting common end-user applications, as well as soft skills like oral and written communication and customer service. Students are prepared for careers in computer support, including computer support specialist, computer repair technician, computer operator, and help desk worker.



ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS

FLORAL DESIGN

Floral designers provide a variety of products and services to the public. Products include floral arrangements for all occasions, blooming and foliage plants, and accessory gift items. The Floral Design program prepares the student for a job related to the care of plants and flowers, interior decorating, and providing consultation for weddings and other special occasions. Job opportunities include employment in wholesale and retail flower sales, flower brokering, shop management and ownership, and interior plant maintenance.

HORTICULTURE

This program provides broad training and a solid foundation in topics such as landscaping, greenhouse production, and/or floral design. This two-year degree can lead to a university transfer or direct employment as a nursery or garden sales rep, landscaper, greenhouse owner/manager, plant consultant, interior plant maintainer, flower shop or floral supply sales representative, among many other specialties.

LANDSCAPE TECHNOLOGY

This program provides a broad knowledge of the landscaping profession through real-life situations in a practical, hands-on atmosphere. The courses are designed to provide knowledge for all phases of a landscape project. This knowledge prepares the student for success in landscape design, construction, and installation. Graduates are in demand with experience from hands-on training and practices that enhance work habits in the great outdoors.

NATURAL RESOURCES

This program prepares students for work in the natural resource field by providing a well-rounded background of course work and the opportunity to work with specialists in the field through internships. Credits can be transferred to a four-year college. Graduates are prepared for work as foresters, forestry technicians, wildlife, fisheries, or parks managers, hydrologists, naturalists, or other environmental careers.

SUSTAINABLE GREENHOUSE PRODUCTION

Greenhouse production graduates help produce a variety of ornamental plants such as bedding plants, holiday plants, and plants for special occasions. They are trained for sales, consulting, and managing careers. Students learn how to schedule, produce, and care for a wide variety of plants grown commercially in the Upper Midwest as well as how to properly construct and manage a greenhouse production facility. A state-of-the-art greenhouse and laboratory provide the opportunity to learn in real-life situations.



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE CAREERS

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CARE & GUIDANCE

Professionals in this field provide a healthy, safe, developmentally appropriate learning environment in support of families and children. This program meets current hiring standards of center-based childcare programs, Head Start, family childcare and paraprofessional job positions. Subjects include child guidance, health, safety, nutrition, child development, parent relations, introduction to special education and professional leadership.

DENTAL ASSISTING

This program teaches the control and prevention of dental disease as well as skills to educate patients as part of the dental care team. Training in a new campus clinic includes chair-side skills and procedures within Minnesota's state expanded functions. Through internships in dental facilities and private dental practices the student is well-prepared for state and national certification exams.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

This program is designed to prepare the student for the rapidly growing, high demand field of health care support. The graduate will perform clinical, laboratory, and administrative tasks to keep the offices of physicians, podiatrists, chiropractors, and other health care practitioners running smoothly. Upon completion of the program the graduate is prepared to sit for the national AAMA certification exam to become a certified medical assistant or the national AMT certification exam to become a registered medical assistant.

OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS

The Occupational Skills Program (OSP) offers work-based training and classroom instruction for persons with disabilities with the outcome of competitive entry-level employment. This program promotes not only employability but also social, physical, and emotional growth in the college setting. Specific skills needed for employment are taught at the business, in the college, and around the community. OSP focuses on communication skills, problem-solving, and decision-making.

NURSING

Registered nurses work to promote health, prevent disease, and help clients cope with illness. Registered nurses develop and manage nursing care plans and must possess critical thinking and problem solving skills. The Associate in Science PN mobility program prepares qualified licensed practical nurses to take the National Council Licensure Examination for registered nurses. RN employment opportunities will continue to grow through 2020.

PRACTICAL NURSING

The Practical Nursing curriculum prepares the student to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing. Student course requirements include a wide variety of clinical experiences in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, etc. Graduates join the health care team in acute-care hospitals, nursing homes, home health care settings and clinics.



LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREERS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

A Criminal Justice degree prepares the student for work as a police officer, deputy sheriff, corrections officer, parole officer, probation officer, and other public security roles. It aligns with Minnesota peace officer licensing standards. All course work is certified by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training. Credits may transfer through agreements between CLC and universities.

CRIMINALISTICS

The Associate in Science degree in Criminalistics will prepare students to work in a municipal or county crime lab. Generally, state labs require a bachelor's degree in chemistry or biology. With this in mind, the Criminalistics degree prepares students for a science degree at a four-year institution. The coursework is also valuable for law enforcement officers already licensed and conducting investigations for their departments. All students pursuing Minnesota Peace Officer Licensure will be required to complete a BCA background investigation.

NATURAL RESOURCES LAW ENFORCEMENT

This program fits those concerned about the environment and the laws and regulations that protect natural resources. Students in the Natural Resources Law Enforcement program learn skills that lead to becoming a conservation officer. These officers work with fish and wildlife agencies, state parks, trails, forests, waters and wetlands, as well as work in educational activities within and throughout the State of Minnesota. Conservation officers often work from 4x4 patrol vehicles, snowmobiles, ATV, and various watercraft. Training at CLC involves real-life crime-scene situations, firearms usage, physical proficiency, and law enforcement procedural practices. A conservation officer must be a United States citizen, possess a valid Minnesota driver's license, have no felony convictions, have the ability to swim, and possess or be eligible for licensing as a Minnesota peace officer. The selection process to be a conservation officer in Minnesota includes written exam, division interview, background investigation, functional capacity exam, psychological assessment, and medical evaluation.



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MANUFACTURING CAREERS

ENGINEERING

CLC offers an Engineering (A.S.) Degree that is designed to lead to a bachelor's degree in engineering at a four year university. These credits transfer in full through articulation agreements with all area engineering schools. The two-year Applied Engineering Technology program (A.A.S.) provides an application-oriented, electronic/manufacturing background, extensive hands-on laboratory experience, and the use of standard and specialized test equipment.

MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY

The Machine Tool Technology program teaches how to use hand tools, power machinery, and computerized equipment. The two-year diploma curriculum includes the use of computer-aided drafting and design software. Instruction takes place in a well-equipped shop for a hands-on, practical experience.

MANUFACTURING MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Technicians are responsible for analyzing, troubleshooting, maintaining, and repairing complex equipment. CLC offers a comprehensive foundation for work in any industrial plant where precision, efficiency, and safety are valued. Students learn skills to repair and maintain computerized equipment.

MANUFACTURING WELDING TECHNICIAN

Skilled welding, soldering, and brazing specialists work from drawings or specifications and use their knowledge of fluxes and base metals. This program teaches blueprint reading, shop mathematics, and mechanical drawing as part of a comprehensive foundation to give students the skills sought by employers.

MECHATRONICS

The program is designed to prepare students for entry-level technician positions in the areas of robotics, industrial manufacturing, instrumentation, electronics, and process control automation. Courses cover industrial electronics, electrical motor control, AC/DC electronics, process control, computer-aided design, programmable controllers, computers, transducers, and fluid power.

ROBOTICS/AUTOMATED SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

Students learn robotic programming, flexible manufacturing, CAD systems industrial communications and overall system integration. Career opportunities abound for robotic technicians. Students use the same robots, controllers, and programming languages used by automated manufacturing companies. CLC has the largest robotics automated systems lab in the Upper Midwest.

WELDING AND FABRICATION

Students learn arc welding, gas metal arc welding, flux core tig, oxyacetylene cutting as well as hand and C.N.C. controlled plasma cutting. Graduates are prepared for welding certification and job entry tests.



MEDIA & COMMUNICATION CAREERS

COMMUNICATION ART & DESIGN

A graphic designer is a creative problem solver who is trained to conceive, plan, and execute a design that communicates a direct message in an imaginative and visually arresting manner to an audience regardless of the medium. A student learns the current technology for a career in printing, packaging, Web, video, and multimedia design, where one may become an art director, advertising agency professional, or illustrator. Projects are modeled with industry realities, relevant to high-impact, effective communication. Students learn how to create imaginative and clear messages for vastly different audiences using the best media. They are prepared to work in print, photography, packaging, logos, publications, the Internet, film, television, 3D modeling, and animation.

PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGING TECHNOLOGY

In this field, one should have the ability to capture and process photographs, manage the images, and enhance them. The program teaches composition, digital file workflow, color management, lighting, video and editing, and print finishing. It emphasizes problem solving plus photo economics and customer service skills for a well-rounded education and the critical thinking and communication skills to succeed. The diploma option focuses on the technical and creative core. The matting and framing certificate can be earned to provide value-added employability in the finishing and presentation of art. The graduate is prepared for a career in commercial or studio photography, forensic imaging, photo lab service, quality control, image editing, or sales.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT & TECHNICAL SERVICES

The imaging industry offers work for trained personnel familiar with electronics, networking, and the new generation of digital file manipulation devices and software, from small and personal to industrial and mass production facilities. This program is grounded in basics to provide a solid foundation in digital darkroom, photo processing, printing systems, and studio photography. It teaches image capture and output, lighting, design, typography, and color relationships. The training builds toward a competent grasp of quality control by hands-on learning in the industrial electronics lab. Graduates work for independent repair shops, equipment manufacturers, production printing shops -- anyplace that uses photographic imaging equipment.

VIDEOGRAPHY PRODUCTION

The Videography Production program prepares individuals with hands-on knowledge and skills in the art of video production. Students learn all the elements of the video industry, from design and creative development to locating Web resources and from video Web implementation to video marketing and sales. Student projects focus on real-life needs produced in conjunction with local businesses and organizations and result in the production of commercials, documentaries, business and informational videos. In addition, students will develop problem solving skills, written and oral communication skills and teamwork skills.



TRANSPORTATION CAREERS

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Trained technicians are in demand nationwide, with opportunities as line technicians, service writers, parts department personnel, salespersons, and self-employed repair and maintenance professionals. The Automotive Technology program at Central Lakes College provides 11 months of intensive, hands-on coursework. Professional standards start with a dress code, attendance policy, and student conduct code, and class size is limited to ensure optimum training in a well-equipped, high-tech shop.

DIESEL & HEAVY EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY

The two program options prepare students for careers in maintenance, repair, and diagnostics. To best prepare for employment at manufacturing plants, dealerships, and repair facilities of all types, curriculum is wide-ranging. It includes the hydraulic/hydrostatic, power train, electrical/electronics, and engine systems of crawlers, excavators, backhoes, front end loaders, motor graders, and skid steer loaders. The Technician diploma can be earned in 11 months with an accelerated 6-week summer session. The Associate in Applied Science degree adds 20 credits of coursework for education employers prefer when hiring the best technicians.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

A 640-acre training site and 30,000-sq.-ft. shop with 10 maintenance bays and 5-ton overhead cranes, plus industry-experienced instructors combine for unique training. Theories learned in the classroom are given hands-on practicality to be job-ready. Students sharpen their operating skills of graders, dozers, scrapers, backhoes, excavators, loaders and trucks on a 360-acre operations site with other additional areas for special operations such as excavating in water and muck, rock work, and clearing and grubbing. Employment and compensation rates for our graduates are excellent in the grading and excavation industry.

MARINE AND SMALL ENGINE TECHNOLOGY

Graduates of diploma and AAS degree programs typically become employed at dealerships as service technicians with opportunities in management and factory service. Students work on outdoor power equipment, snowmobiles, and a variety of marine, motorcycle, and ATV equipment. Courses are designed to provide immediate employment for students in the rapidly growing recreational and power equipment fields. An articulation agreement with Bemidji State University allows transfer into the BSU Industrial Technology program.



UNIQUE & PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

STUDENT SUPPORT

ENOLOGY

The program provides the knowledge required to produce wines of the highest quality. Students learn the science, agriculture, and business skills necessary to enhance Minnesota's rapidly growing wine industry. Included is a foundation in chemistry and biology along with specific courses related to cultivar selection, soil preparation, cellar maintenance and marketing. The program is specifically designed to include fieldwork and laboratory practicums at local wineries.

VITICULTURE

The Viticulture Technology program provides a comprehensive examination of the field of viticulture (grape growing). The program provides the knowledge required to maintain vineyards in Minnesota and the Midwest, with specific attention given to varietal selection, soil preparation, pest management and marketing, as well as the science, agriculture and business skills necessary to succeed in Minnesota's rapidly growing viticulture business. The program includes fieldwork and practicums at local vineyards.

MANUFACTURING AND APPLIED ENGINEERING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Certificates are offered 100% online by the 360 Manufacturing and Applied Engineering Center of Excellence multi-institution program. The 360 collaborating institutions are Bemidji State University, Central Lakes College, Northland Community and Technical College, Northwest Technical College, Minneapolis Community and Technical College, Pine Technical College, Riverland Technical College, St. Cloud Technical and Community College and Saint Paul College. The mission of 360 is to "build the future workforce for advanced manufacturing in Minnesota through innovative and collaborative education."

Certificates are available in the following disciplines:

- Automation Technologies
- Machine Technology
- Production Technologies
- Welding Technology

ACADEMIC CENTERS FOR ENRICHMENT (ACE)

Academic Centers for Enrichment (ACE) help prepare students for achievement in college classes. The services coordinated through this area include computer-assisted instruction, study group facilitation, supplemental instruction, and tutoring services.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Counselors assist students in exploring their career options through individual counseling, test interpretation, group seminars and providing resources to gather career information. They assist students with selecting courses for Central Lakes College diplomas, degrees, and certificates. This includes explaining prerequisites and assessment placements, helping with transfer issues and directing students to campus resources. They assist students in planning for their academic success. Counselors meet with students to discuss areas of concern that may interfere with college success.

FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Office at CLC has developed a comprehensive financial aid program based on federal, state, institutional and private resources to help cover the cost of education. CLC annually awards assistance to about 70 percent of its student body. The CLC Financial Aid staff encourages all students to apply for financial aid.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Central Lakes College Foundation is a nonprofit 501C-3 organization formed to solicit, receive and administer gifts, grants, bequests and donations. The mission of the CLC Foundation is to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships to students at CLC.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

CLC is committed to accommodating the needs of students with disabilities or disadvantages. The Disability Coordinator is the contact person for students needing services, including assistance in working individually with faculty and administration, intervention procedures, and grievance procedures.

TRIO

This student support services program serves up to 180 CLC students per year. The focus of student support services is to foster an institutional climate supportive of the success of low-income, first-generation college students and individuals with disabilities. Areas of additional support to increase retention, graduation and transfer may include academic advising, access to technology, financial advising, and coordinating access to career information, campus visits, and transfer plans to four-year institutions.

VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

The Veterans Resource Center provides information and support to military veterans, their families and community members. The goal of the Center is to provide a welcoming environment for all who visit or seek services. The Center has, or can locate information about veterans' services, financial resources, scholarships, veteran and family support activities and other items of interest to veterans, family members or community members. The Center encourages students or prospective students who are military veterans to contact the Center to arrange for priority registration. To be eligible for priority registration, the veteran must visit with a CLC counselor, develop a written educational plan, research available financial resources and agree to follow-up services if needed.



RAIDER ATHLETICS

STUDENT LIFE

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Central Lakes College, a Division III member of the National Junior College Athletic Association, supports intercollegiate athletic teams in football, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball, fast-pitch softball, and men's and women's golf. Students from both the Brainerd and Staples campuses are encouraged to participate. Raider athletics also have a proud tradition of academic achievement and a reputation for sportsmanship in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference. All teams can qualify to compete for a state, region, and national championship. Student athletes aspire to post-season honors and Division I and II scholarship opportunities.

FOOTBALL

Nationally ranked in recent years and competitive with more wins than losses for 62 years, the Raiders contend annually for Division and State leadership. The CLC Football Hall of Fame includes All-Americans, as well as All-Conference performers who graduate to play university sports. Recruiting promotes a mix of inspired local talent and the valuable infusion of motivated newcomers.

VOLLEYBALL

The CLC women's volleyball program stands out among Division III schools in the NJCAA. In this decade alone, Raider teams have earned three national championships. Raider teams are built with the region's best high school graduates eager for the collegiate challenge and additional prominence. Quality coaching emphasizes the joy of teamwork and friendships and promotes maturity through meaningful experience.

GOLF

Located in one of the state's top golf destinations, CLC is home to a talent base of student golfers who each fall compete for the right to participate in the spring nationals. In recent years, Raider golfers have earned All-American status and brought home trophies from the New York men's championship tournament. The women's golf teams have captured state and regional titles to advance to national play in Florida.

BASKETBALL

Echoing the college mission, "We Build Futures", the men's and women's basketball programs offer individual growth through dedication to ideals. The building of character augments not only athletic success but also lifelong respect for hard work and its rewards. Conference, regional, and national tournament achievements for the Raiders complement a culture focused on effort.

SOFTBALL

The recent decade of Raider softball has produced championships and records for consecutive wins as well as total wins in a season. Likewise, playing games at the new Findorff Athletic Complex on the Brainerd campus defines springtime at CLC.

BASEBALL

From early-season indoor play to the late spring schedule of doubleheaders, Raider baseball plays well at the improved Findorff Athletic Complex. The CLC version of America's favorite pastime challenges student athletes to appreciate the physical and mental intricacy of the game.

STUDENT LIFE ACTIVITIES

Central Lakes College students find a fulfilling campus experience through activities that promote personal development. Opportunities for rewarding interaction are provided throughout each academic year. Students enjoy the cultural and social experiences that foster positive leisure habits. Many activities are planned and implemented by students. These include cultural diversity celebrations, Homecoming, Snow Daze, Beat the Heat Week, intramurals, and Awards Day. Organized activities at CLC allow students to demonstrate talents, teamwork, and leadership skills. Activities include athletics, drama, music, visual art, student newspaper, and student government. Some are academic related and others are purely social opportunities.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

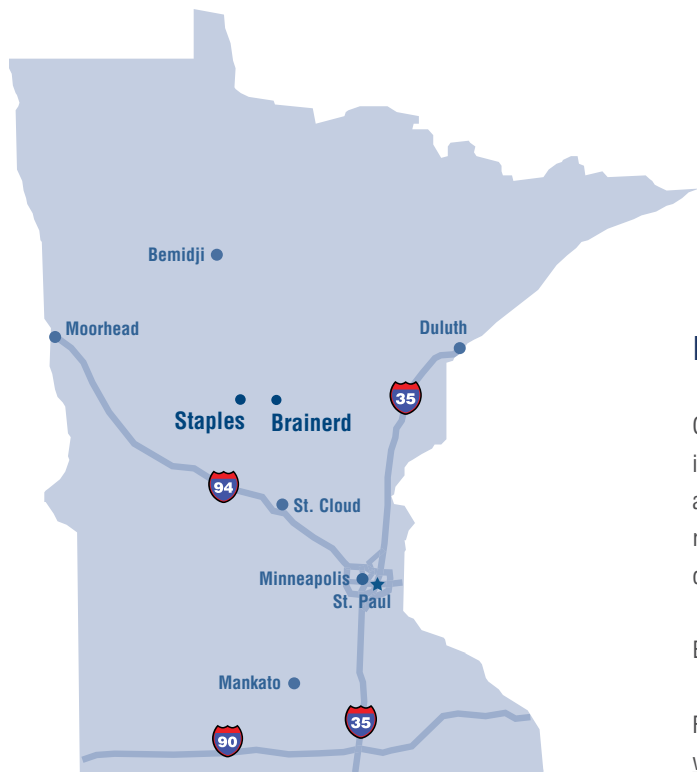
As a student, it is important to study and attend all classes. It is also important to get involved and become a part of campus life. At Central Lakes College a student has the opportunity to participate in a variety of clubs and organizations. The student will have the opportunity to make friends and engage in new experiences. Each year clubs are formed based upon the interests of the students.

MUSIC

The Music Department occupies a new, 4,500-sq.-ft. rehearsal hall that includes equipment for recording and is designed for recitals. Music theory, appreciation, jazz, the pop music industry, and world music are traditional courses. Fulfilling the technical aspects of modern music education are courses in audio recording and focusing on the music industry. More than 150 community and student musicians participate each semester in choir and vocal ensembles, community band, jazz band, the brass ensemble, and private lessons. Concerts and recitals are scheduled for public audiences throughout the year.

THEATRE

CLC Theatre has for more than 40 years been a vital cultural outlet for the campus community and the entire lakes area. The department stages several productions each academic year and offers students an A.F.A. degree with an emphasis in performance. No prior experience is necessary for participation. Productions are presented in the 284-seat John Chalberg Theatre and the intimate Bob Dryden Theatre, a flexible, black box space with seating for up to 200. CLC Theatre boasts modern lighting and sound equipment, a well-equipped scene shop, and computerized box office system. Students have participated in the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival. CLC hosts the nationally recognized Theatre for a Diverse Population.



LOCATION

Central Lakes College, with campuses in Brainerd and Staples, Minnesota, is centrally located for easy accessibility from any location in the state. Just a 2-hour drive from the Twin Cities, the Central Lakes region is the premier recreational area in Minnesota. Our area attracts those who love the great outdoors. Trails, lakes, rivers and amusements abound when you want to relax.

Brainerd/Baxter population 21,877 • Staples population 3,099

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ADMISSIONS

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Application packets
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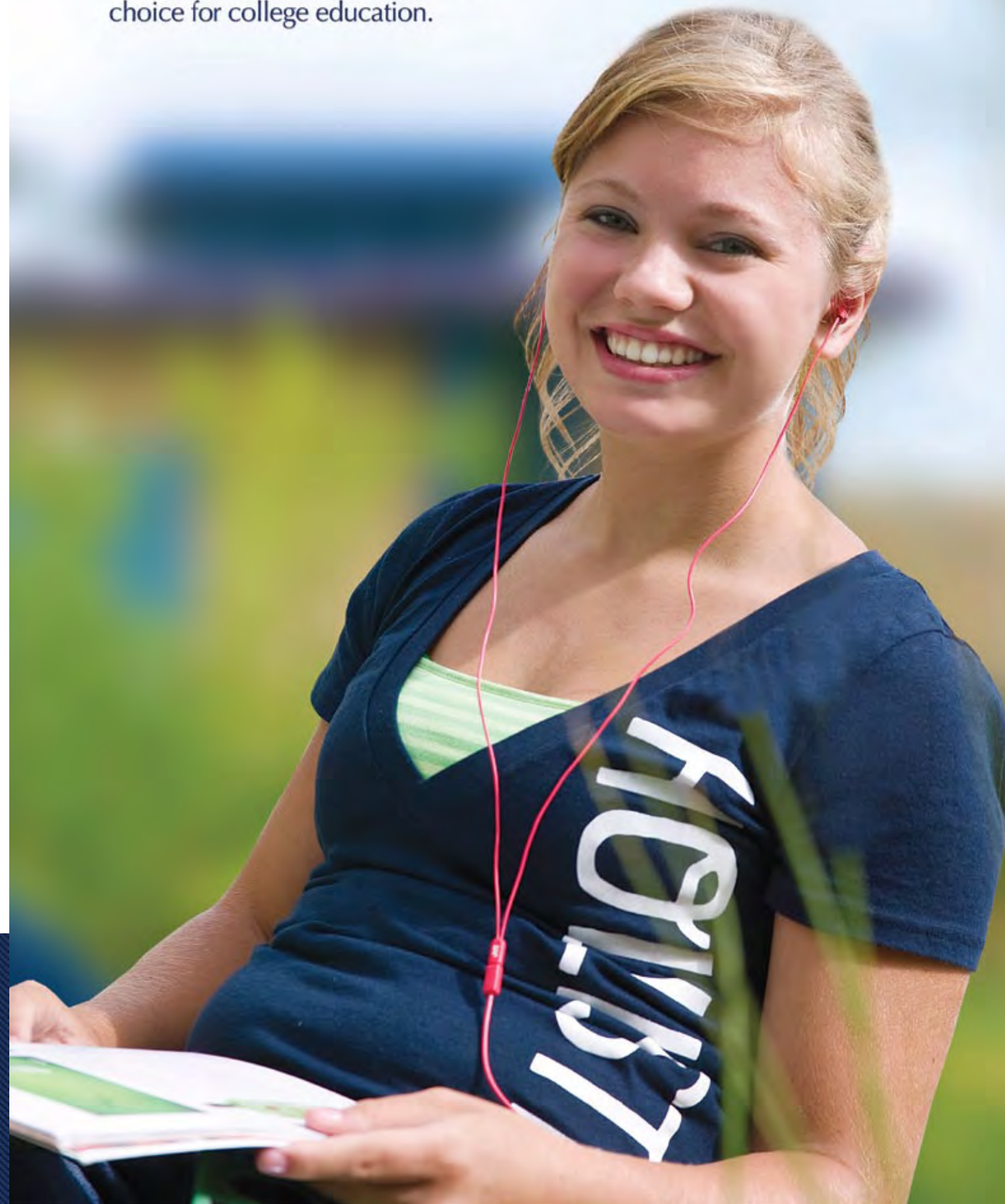
Staples West Campus

Staples Main Campus

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