

Learn in
Lake Country



70 Academic
Programs



Activities
& More...

CLC CENTRAL
LAKES COLLEGE

Take a **BIG** Step Toward Your Future



Brainerd Campus



STUDENT
ENROLLMENT

5,443

Served Annually

2,612

Full Year Equivalent

STUDENT AGE

77%

Under 25



8% 15%

25-29

Over 30

LOCATION

37% 24%

Brainerd
Campus

Online

25% 9%

College in
the Schools

Staples
Campus



5%
Off Campus

COMPARE TUITION

\$5,428

Central Lakes College

\$8,330

Minnesota State Universities

\$13,175

University of Minnesota

\$16,183

Private For-Profit Colleges

\$33,250

MN Private Colleges/Universities



Dream **BIG**

We'll Help You Get There

Get to know CLC

If you want to get to know us, start with our students. They're our first priority with everything we do. Our students come from all backgrounds, skill levels and ages.

We're a comprehensive community and technical college, with campuses in Brainerd and Staples, serving about 6,000 students a year. As a student, you'll have more than 70 programs to choose from. And once you pick a path, we'll help you get there.



Friendly is a **BIG** thing

What Students Say About CLC



CLC Word Cloud

Friendly, Helpful, Caring & Fun

They're just a few words our students use to share their CLC experience.

In a recent survey, we asked our students what words they would use to describe CLC and we compiled this word cloud with their responses.

The larger the font, the more the word was used.

Why Paul Bunyan?

Central Lakes College has a lot in common with Paul Bunyan. Yes, we share a hometown, but it's BIGGER than that.

Paul is arguably most famous for being friendly and big. CLC, while not big in size, is big in friendly. Big in caring. Big in being helpful. The list goes on. Everything we do, we try to do in big, impactful ways for our students.



Brainerd/Baxter Minnesota

Population: 21,547

Community Highlights:

Located in the middle of premiere vacation land: Lakes for fishing and boating, Cuyuna Lakes mountain bike trails, snowmobiling, biking and golfing. Just two hours from the Twin Cities!

The home of Paul Bunyan. Catch him at Paul Bunyan Land or throughout our area communities. There are dozens of parks and community gathering spots to connect with residents.

A growing shopping hub and creative and fine art destination, including choirs, bands, artist exhibits, music festivals and theatre. Opportunities for community involvement, including civic organizations and large get-togethers like the Fourth of July parade.

Attractions: Paul Bunyan Land, historic Brainerd water tower, Paul Bunyan Trail



BIG Opportunities

Brainerd Campus



Campus Highlights:

- A.A. Transfer Degree with many additional certificate offerings
- A wide variety of career and technical programs
- Day, evening and online classes offer flexibility for students
- Convenient student housing options, including Parkway Apartments
- Professionally managed dining service with meal plan options
- Active Student Life and Student Senate
- Cultural, fine arts, instrumental and vocal music events
- Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center
- Campus Library and Veterans Resource Center
- Continuing education and customized training courses
- Small Business Development Center
- On-campus fitness area, weight room and disc golf course
- Travel study opportunities
- Verse Like Water poetry series
- On-campus child care

BIG Success

Staples Campus



Campus Highlights:

- Cutting edge technical programs in fast growing career fields
- Newly remodeled state-of-the-art campus facility
- 360-acre West Campus Heavy Equipment training site
- Agriculture and Energy Center
- Member of AgCentric: Center of Excellence in Agriculture
- Professionally managed dining service with meal plan options
- Campus Library and Veterans Resource Center
- Active campus Student Life and Student Senate
- Convenient and affordable local housing
- Outdoor recreation opportunities available near campus



**Staples
Minnesota**

Population: 2,898

Community Highlights:

A variety of outdoor recreational activities: Pine Grove Park, Dower Lake Recreational Area, Living Legacy Gardens at CLC, Lincoln Lakes Area and Crow Wing River.

Fine arts, including orchestras, bands, choirs, theater, regional and national concert series, artist exhibits and Music in the Park.

Community civic organizations and clubs, recreational sport leagues, adult chorus groups, a community center and golfing.

Attractions: Historic train station, The Legacy Trail





Kira Moses
2017 Graduate
Graphic Design

"As a kid, I was always focused on visuals. Drawing became my focus despite constantly hearing how it could never be turned into a "real" career. I found myself with a counselor at CLC about a month before the school year began. It was the first time I'd ever considered Graphic Design as a career path. My professors taught me a great deal, but the most important lessons to me were the discipline to meet deadlines and how to become a better business woman in this industry. I am employed as a graphic designer in marketing as well as taking on freelance illustration jobs to build my own business."

NOTE:

Thanks to Kira for bringing Paul and Babe to life on these pages! Her artwork can be found across our campus and now in CLC publications.



BIG Careers

Technical & Career Programs

Get out into the workforce quickly with one of our career programs. We'll give you all the tools you need to be successful in any of our wide range of options.

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Careers

- Agriculture Science [B] [S]
- Enology [O]
- Viticulture [O]
- Horticulture [B]
- Landscape Technology [B]
- Sustainable Greenhouse Production [B]
- Natural Resources Technology [B]
- Environmental Studies [B]
- Wildlife Tourism [B]
- Advanced Farm Business Management [S]
- Agricultural Commodities Marketing [S]
- Applications in Farm Business Management [S]
- Current Issues in Farm Business Management [S]
- Essentials of Farm Business Management [S]
- Specialty Crops Management [S]

Business Careers

- Accountant [B]
- Business Management [B]
- Healthcare Accounting [B]
- Bookkeeping [B]
- Entrepreneurship [B]
- Healthcare Administrative Specialist [B]
- Office Assistant [B]

Education Careers

- Child Development/American Sign Language [B]
- Child Development, Care & Guidance [B]
- Child Development Assistant [B]
- Special Education [B]
- Individualized Studies [B] [O]
- Occupational Skills Diploma [B]

Health Careers

- Dental Assisting [B]
- Medical Assistant [S]
- Phlebotomy Technician [S]
- Nursing [B]
- Practical Nursing [S]
- Nursing Assistant [B] [S]

Information Technology Careers

- Computer Information Technology [B] [O]
- Computer Network Administration [B]
- Computer Support Specialist [B]
- Microsoft Office Professional [B]
- Mobile Application Development [B]

Law Enforcement Careers

- Criminal Justice [B]
- Law Enforcement Skills [B]
- Natural Resource Law Enforcement [B]

Manufacturing Careers

- CNC Technologies [S]
- Machine Operations [S]
- Machine Technology [S]
- Robotics/Automated Systems Technology [S]
- Mechatronics [S]
- Robotic Human Machine Interface Advanced [S]
- Robotic Manufacturing [S]
- Robotic Offline Programming Advanced [S]
- Robotic Vision Advanced [S]
- Robotic Welding Advanced [S]
- Robotic Welding [B] [S]
- Welding and Fabrication [B]

Media Careers

- Graphic Design [B]
- Graphic Design Media Technologies [B]
- Videography Production [B]

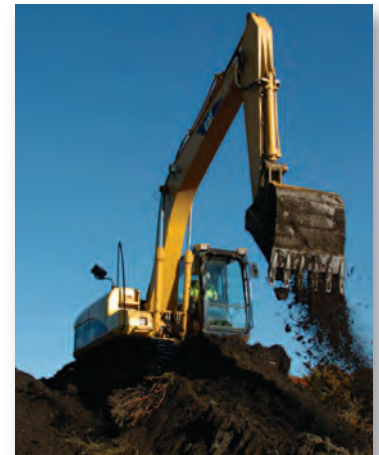
Transportation Careers

- Automotive Technology [B]
- Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology [S]
- Heavy Equipment Operations & Maintenance [S]
- Marine & Small Engine Technology [B]

[B] - Brainerd Program
 [S] - Staples Program
 [O] - Online



95% of CLC graduates start a career related to their program major.



BIG Choices

Liberal Arts & Sciences/A.A. Transfer Degree

Our expert instructors will start your education journey off right. Get your A.A. Degree at CLC and you're guaranteed admission to any Minnesota State university. Or start here and go anywhere!



Liberal Arts & Sciences - Transfer Degree

- Liberal Arts/General Education A.A. Degree [B] [S] [O]
Honors Program available as part of the AA Degree
- Psychology Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree [B] [O]
- Health Sciences Broad Field [B]
- American Indian Studies [B]
- Deaf Studies [B]
- Latin American Studies [B]
- Women's Studies [B]
- Ojibwe Studies [B]
- Global Studies [B]

Zero Textbook Cost Degree

CLC has the first Z Degree in Minnesota! By taking select classes, students can earn their Associate of Arts Degree at CLC without ever buying a textbook.

Opportunities for high school students

Central Lakes College (CLC) is the leader in providing college options for high school students in Central Minnesota. Through our various programs, high school juniors and seniors can explore career options and begin their college studies while in high school, saving families thousands of dollars in tuition every year. High school students may earn college credit through CLC by choosing one or more of the following options:

- **College in the Schools**
CLC courses offered at area high schools
- **Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)**
Courses available at our campuses and online
- **Advanced Standing Articulation Agreements**
Earn credit in CLC career programs for courses at the high school
- **Bridges Career Academies and Workplace Connection**
Courses provide workforce exploration and preparation



Austin Pelkey 2015 Graduate

**Associates in Arts,
Deaf Studies**

"The education I received at CLC helped me easily transition to a 4-year university, where I majored in Sign Language Interpreting. I graduated with a BA degree, and am happily employed in my chosen field. I owe it to Central Lakes College for the quality and affordable education they provided. Thank you!"



Performing Arts

The Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center at CLC is a regional provider of artistic learning and cultural enrichment through the performance of musical and dramatic arts. Opportunities for performing artists are available through the Brainerd Community Theatre. Visiting guest artists of national and international reputation are showcased as part of the Cultural Arts Series.



Music

There are opportunities for all music lovers. Instrumental groups include the Community Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Brass Ensemble and Woodwind Ensemble. The Concert Choir and Chamber Singers are great vocal music options.



BIG Activities

Big Fun

Raiders Athletics

Join one of our sport teams or cheer your classmates on at the sidelines. We offer football, men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball. Check it out at clcraiders.com.



Student Clubs & Organizations

When you participate in co-curricular activities at Central Lakes College you will discover new interests, meet new people and enhance your educational experiences.

Student Life

With student life centers on each campus, every student is able to enjoy amenities like free coffee, Xbox One, board games, pool tables, foosball and Ping-Pong. Keep an eye out for fun trips and contests each semester. Students also have access to the CLC Food Pantry in each Student Life Center.

Student Senate

The Student Senate provides leadership opportunities furthering CLC students' development and builds community through programs, activities and student organizations. Students can run for election or attend meetings.

Cultural Events

CLC students are offered a mixture of cultural activities. Some examples include: Cultural Thursday, where a featured speaker discusses a different culture each month; Verse Like Water, where renowned poets from across the country hold readings; and other club-sponsored speakers and activities.



BIG Support For Your Success



The Student Link and The Bridge

Campus support centers where students connect with professional staff for easy access to services and resources. Our goal: successful outcomes for all students.

Academic Advisors

Navigating your educational journey can be tricky. Let our advisors walk you through it.

TRiO

For students who are low income, first-generation or have a documented disability, this program provides support to help you successfully complete your college journey.

Learning Commons

Connected to the library, there is free tutoring and a computer lab.

Disability Services

We're committed to ensuring equal access and opportunities for all students with learning disabilities, speech impairments, information processing disorders, vision and hearing impairments and physical or mental health disabilities.

META 5 Displaced Homemaker Program

Offers a free, customized, holistic, client-centered program to help individuals transition into the job market and address a variety of other needs.

Veterans Resource Center

All veterans, current or former military members, their families and friends are welcome. Central Lakes College has again earned the Military Friendly School designation by Victory Media.



TeShawn Kelly
Current Student

A.A. Degree

"TRiO has had a big impact on helping me exceed my educational limit. It's because of TRiO that I'm getting a near 4.0 GPA. They are there with all the resources I need to get good grades and it has had a big impact on my education. The advisors are nice and are really great people."





Diana Espana
Current Student
Nursing A.S. and
Honors A.A. Degree

"Thanks to each one of the scholarships I've received, I have been able to continue my education at CLC without paying everything out of pocket. This has been a huge weight off my shoulders since I am only a part-time employee and a full-time student. This is why I am grateful to be a scholarship recipient. They not only help me financially, but also to stay focused on my career and be able to give my very best effort."



BIG Savings

Don't hesitate to apply for admission because of financial circumstances. Tuition at CLC is affordable and there are resources for you!

Financial Aid

CLC provides financial assistance to about 70% of our students. We encourage all students to apply for financial aid.

Apply today! www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarships

Don't rule yourself out – applying is easy. Scholarships are not limited to class valedictorians and star athletes. They are awarded based on a variety of criteria.

Transferring credits

It's never too early to begin planning for a smooth transfer to another college or university of your choice.

For course by course articulation go to www.transferology.com

For more information about transferring credits to or from Central Lakes College go to www.clcmn.edu/transfer-information



Steps to Enroll

1

Apply to Central Lakes College

Students can apply directly on the CLC Admissions website. After applying, submit your High School Transcripts/GED. Do you have Transfer Credits? If they are from another Minnesota State College or University, complete an eTranscript Request Form to request an evaluation. If you have other credits, please submit official transcripts for evaluation. Finally, return an immunization form.

2

Complete the Accuplacer Placement Test

CLC requires all students to complete the Accuplacer before registering for classes. The computerized Accuplacer tests your reading and math levels and are used to enroll you in the appropriate courses. If you have not completed it within the last two years you will need to test. Sign up for an Accuplacer Testing Session on the Assessment website. Bring a photo ID to the testing session. ACT, MCA and SAT test scores may be used instead of Accuplacer test scores if they are eligible.

3

Apply for Financial Aid & Scholarships

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov after applying to ensure financial aid is available prior to the beginning of the semester. CLC's FAFSA code is: 002339. After completing the FAFSA, apply for scholarships on the CLC Foundation website. If you are eligible for Veteran benefits, contact the Veterans Resource Center.

4

Register for courses at a registration session or with an Advisor

Join us on campus to register for classes, receive important information about academic program(s), financial aid, billing and payment, campus services and take your student ID photo. Sign up for your registration session on the CLC Registration website. Students will be guided into the right courses to meet their educational and career goals, and connect with the many campus resources.

Take the Next Step...



Seeing is believing

Set up a campus visit today!

ONLINE

www.clcmn.edu/admissions/visit-the-college/

PHONE

218-855-8000

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Twitter: @clcmnedu

Instagram: @centrallakescollege

LinkedIn: Central Lakes College

Snapchat: clcmnedu



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Central Lakes College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.



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