BIG things are happening...
Welcome to Central Lakes College

BIG things are happening at 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 value our mission to “build futures” and have a strong focus on our vision of inspiring learning, advancing innovation and transforming lives.

CLC is a comprehensive community and technical college, with campuses in Brainerd and Staples, serving more than 5,000 students per year. As a student, you may choose from more than 70 programs. Wherever you are on your path, we’ll help you reach your destination.

ENROLLMENT
5,335 Served Annually
2,632 Full Year Equivalent

STUDENT AGE
68% Under 20
14% 20-24
18% Over 25

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
$770 Scholarships
$375,558

LOCATION
37% Brainerd Campus
5% Off Campus
25% College in the Schools
9% Staples Campus
24% Online

GRADUATES
40,000 Strong
Throughout CLC’s History

TUITION COMPARISON
CLC is the most affordable!

WHAT STUDENTS SAY ABOUT CLC
Great Locations
Brainerd and Staples

Brainerd/Baxter, Minnesota
Population: 21,706
Located in the middle of premiere vacation land: Lakes for recreation, Cuyuna Lakes mountain bike trails, snowmobiling, biking and golfing. Just two hours from the Twin Cities. The home of Paul Bunyan! There are dozens of parks and community gathering spots to connect with residents. A growing shopping hub and creative and fine art destination, including artist exhibits, music festivals and theatre.

Staples, Minnesota
Population: 2,955
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.

Staples Campus Highlights:
- Agriculture and Energy Center
- Convenient and affordable local housing
- Newly remodeled state-of-the-art campus facility
- 360-acre West Campus Heavy Equipment training site
- 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
- Outdoor recreation opportunities available near campus
- Small Business Development Center

Brainerd Campus Highlights:
- Study abroad programs
- Verse Like Water poetry series
- On-campus child care
- Active Student Life and Student Senate
- 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, including Parkway Apartments
- Professionally managed dining service with meal plan options
- 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
- On-campus fitness area, weight room and disc golf course
- Small Business Development Center

Tom
Natural Resources Graduate

“I attended CLC because of the reputation and success of its graduates. The college is also surrounded by lakes, rivers, forests and other natural resources, so it was perfect for my field of study.”
Liberal Arts & Sciences
A.A. Transfer Degree and Pathways

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 Programs
• Liberal Arts/Gen. Education A.A. Degree [B] [O]
• Economics Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree [B]
• Exercise Science Transfer Pathway A.S. Degree [B]
• Psychology Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree [B]
• Sociology Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree [B]
• Health Sciences Broad Field [B]
• Deaf Studies [B]
• Global Studies [B]
• Latin American Studies [B]
• Women’s Studies [B]

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

Emmanuel
A.A. Degree Graduate

“At Central Lakes College, you will receive incredible help from your instructors. They are always there for you and want to see you succeed.”

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.

Honors Program
Available for A.A. Degree and A.A.S. Degree students

[B] - Brainerd Program
[S] - Staples Program
[O] - Online
Academics
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]
- Culinary Arts [B]
- Enology/Viticulture [O]
- Horticulture [B]
- Sustainable Greenhouse Production [B]
- Sustainable Landscape Technology [B]
- Sustainable Local Food [B]
- Natural Resources Technology [B]
- Environmental Studies [B]
- Wildlife Tourism [B]

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

Health Careers
- Dental Assisting [B]
- Medical Assistant [S]
- Phlebotomy Technician [S]
- Nursing (RN) [B]
- Practical Nursing [S]

Information Technology Careers
- Computer Information Technology [B] [O]
- Computer Network Administration [B]
- Computer Support Specialist [B] [O]
- Microsoft Office Professional [B]

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

Manufacturing Careers
- CNC Technologies [S]
- Machine Operations [S]
- Mechatronics [S]
- Robotics/Automated Systems Technology [S]
- Welding and Fabrication [B]

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

Transportation Careers
- Automotive Technology [B]
- Diesel Equipment Technician [S]
- Heavy Equipment Operation & Maintenance [S]
- Lawn & Garden Technician [B]
- Marine & Powersports Technology [B]
- Small Outboard Motor Technician [B]

Other Programs
- Early Childhood Education [B]
- Individualized Studies [B]
- Occupational Skills [B]

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Approximately 9 in 10 CLC graduates get jobs related to their program major.

Sierra
Nursing RN Graduate

“I am extremely grateful that I chose to attend CLC to pursue my nursing degree. The nursing programs at CLC have so many things to offer, including affordable tuition and a great hands-on clinical experience.”
Activities

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
Enjoy the Student Life Center located at each campus. Keep an eye out for fun trips and contests each semester. Students also have access to the CLC Food Pantry. Students can participate in about 30 clubs, each representing different interests and passions.

Student Senate
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.

DeShun
A.A. Degree Graduate

“CLC opened my eyes and helped me focus. It helped me become who I am today. Everyone welcomed me with open arms. Anything I needed, they would help. I would definitely recommend CLC.”

Cultural Events
Enjoy a mixture of cultural activities, including: 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.

Performing Arts
The Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center provides 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 artists are showcased as part of the Cultural Arts Series.

Music
There are vocal and instrumental opportunities for all music lovers. Instrumental groups include the Wind Symphony, Jazz Orchestra, Brass Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble. The Concert Choir and Chamber Singers are great vocal music options. CLC’s audio recording studio is available through classes and club activities.

Raiders Athletics
CLC offers intercollegiate athletics and is a member of the NJCAA. Division III sports offered at CLC include football, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball. Check it out at clcraiders.com.
Student Services

**Academic Advisors**
Our professional advisors help you navigate your way over the course of your educational journey.

**Raider Connect Coaches**
Services to assist students in staying engaged and connected with their educational growth and career development through active participation with their assigned Raider Connect Coach.

**Learning and Computer Commons**
Students may access computer labs and services such as printing, tutoring, help desk support and more.

**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.

**Accessibility 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 earned the Military Friendly School designation by Victory Media. CLC was also named a Yellow Ribbon Company for proactively supporting service members and military families.

**Central Lakes College University Center**
Students can complete their A.A. Degree at CLC and then continue with an online 4-year degree at one of our partner universities, all while using CLC campus resources and space. Each month, a representative from each university partner is on campus to help you.

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**Amanda**
Dental Assisting Graduate

“As a single mom of three kids, going back to school was tough, but my instructors helped me get situated and settled. I like their way of teaching. They take time to help you and you don’t feel alone in the journey.”
Financial Support

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. Each year the CLC Foundation awards more than 770 scholarship awards totaling over $375,000.

Apply to Central Lakes College
Students can apply directly on the CLC Admissions website. After applying, submit your High School Transcripts/GED. Students with transfer credits from another Minnesota State college or university may complete an eTranscript Request Form. Students with credits from other colleges may submit official transcripts for evaluation. For more information about transferring credits to or from Central Lakes College go to www.clcmn.edu/transfer-information.

Establish Course Placement
Some CLC programs require students to provide evidence of reading and/or math skills for course placement prior to registering for classes. If course placement is a requirement for the program you are studying, you will need to determine this before registering for classes. Visit the Course Placement & Testing webpage for more information.

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.

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 our registration website. Students will be guided into the right courses to meet their educational and career goals.

“Speaking of students...”

Krysten
Diesel Technician Graduate

“I could not have come as far as I have without the help, patience, guidance and understanding of my teachers. They would always go the extra mile to help me understand.”
Take the Next Step...