



Building Futures. Transforming Lives.

Welcome to Central Lakes College

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 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 over 5,000 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.

ENROLLMENT

5,660

Served Annually

2,547

Full Year Equivalent

\$ CLC FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
Over \$364,000

FT or PT
STUDENTS

Full-Time
59%

Part-Time
41%

STUDENT AGE

73%
Under 20

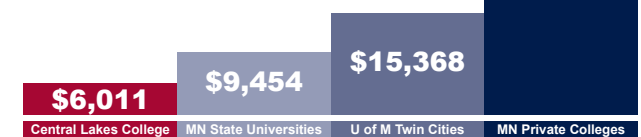
27%
Over 20

GRADUATES
42,000 Strong!
Throughout CLC's History



TUITION COMPARISON

Most affordable in Minnesota!



WHAT STUDENTS SAY ABOUT CLC

CLC Word Cloud



Great Locations

Brainerd and Staples

Brainerd/Baxter, Minnesota

Population: 21,575

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: 3,093

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.



Jess
Practical Nursing
Graduate

"The faculty and staff made me feel welcome and included. I appreciated the small class size, modern facilities, and hands-on approach to learning. CLC truly provides an exceptional learning experience in a small-town setting.

I would recommend CLC to everyone!"

Brainerd Campus Highlights:

- Study abroad opportunities
- 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 options, 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
- Intercollegiate athletics and member of the NJCAA
- Small Business Development Center

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
- Cutting edge technical programs in fast growing career fields





Academics

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!

Transfer Degree Programs

- Liberal Arts/General Education A.A. Degree [B] [O] [S]
- Honors Certificate [B] [S]
- Music A.F.A. [B]
- Health Sciences Broad Field [B]
- Deaf Studies [B]
- Global Studies [B]
- Latin American Studies [B] [O]
- Women's Studies [B] [O]

Transfer Pathways

Transfer Pathways make it easy to complete a specific associate degree at Central Lakes College and transfer to a Minnesota State university to earn a bachelor's degree! It's an easy way to save time and money - without losing credits or taking extra courses - along with the flexibility to attend classes on campus or online.

- Art Transfer Pathway [B]
- Biology Transfer Pathway [B] [O]
- Business Transfer Pathway [B] [O]
- Chemistry Transfer Pathway [B] [O]
- Communication Studies Transfer Pathway [B] [O]
- Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway [B] [O]
- Economics Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree [B] [O]
- Exercise Science Transfer Pathway A.S. Degree [B]
- History Transfer Pathway [B] [O]
- Pre-Social Work Transfer Pathway [B]
- Psychology Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree [B] [O]
- Sociology Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree [B] [O]
- Spanish Transfer Pathway [B] [O]



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



Jordin
Music A.F.A
Degree
Student

"CLC and the Music Department have welcomed me in a way that I've never felt before — I felt encouraged, challenged, confident and included. Music is my passion, my favorite thing, playing everyday, and playing in groups big or small is an experience I love."

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 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

For a complete up-to-date listing of academic programs and detailed program information, please visit clcmn.edu



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]
- Animal Science Core Concepts [B] [S]
- Culinary Arts [S]
- Environmental Studies [B]
- Horticulture [B]
- Meat Cutting & Butchery [S]
- Natural Resources Conservation Services [B]
- Natural Resources Technology [B]
- Sustainable Greenhouse Production [B]
- Sustainable Landscape Technology [B]
- Sustainable Local Food [B]
- Wildlife Tourism [B]

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

Business Careers

- Accounting [B] [O]
- Business Assistant [B] [O]
- Business Management [B] [O]
- Healthcare Accounting [B]
- Bookkeeping [B] [O]
- Entrepreneurship [B] [O]
- Healthcare Administrative Specialist [B] [O]
- Medical Scribe [B] [O]

Health Careers

- Dental Assisting [B]
- Emergency Medical Response Technician [B]
- Medical Assistant [S]
- Nursing (RN) [B] [S]
- Nursing Assistant [B] [S]
- Phlebotomy Technician [S]
- Practical Nursing [B] [S]
- Trained Medication Aid [B] [S]

Information Technology Careers

- Computer CompTIA [B]
- Computer Information Technology [B] [O]
- Computer IT Security & Networking [B] [O]
- Computer Microsoft Office Professional [B]

Criminal Justice & Public Safety Careers

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

Manufacturing Careers

- Mechatronics [S]
- Robotics/Automated Systems Technology [S]
- Welding and Fabrication [B]



Media Careers

- Graphic Design [B]
- Graphic Design Media Technologies [B]
- Master Video Producer [B]
- Social Media Producer [B]
- Online Media Specialist [B]
- Videography Production [B]

Transportation Careers

- Automotive Technology [B]
- Diesel Equipment Technician [S]
- Heavy Equipment Operation & Maintenance [S]
- Marine & Powersports Technology [B]

Human and Personal Service Careers

- Early Childhood Education [B] [O]
- Human Services [B] [S]
- Individualized Studies [B] [O]
- Occupational Skills [B]



Candice
Graphic Design
Student

"Throughout my time at CLC, I have truly learned the full value of putting in the hard work that it takes to maintain future success. I will be able to supply myself with the necessary tools needed to help build my portfolio and soon after graduation, enter the workforce swiftly and confidently."

**Workforce
Development
Scholarships
available!**

**More than
9 in 10
CLC graduates get
jobs related to
their program
major.**

For a complete up-to-date listing of academic programs and detailed program information, please visit clcmn.edu



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 held each semester. Students also have access to the CLC Food Pantry. Students can participate in more than 30 clubs, each representing different interests and passions.

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.



Tyler
**Welding &
Fabrication
Program Student**

"As a Student Life Office workstudy student and representative, I see the impact it makes everyday for the students. Whether it is a much needed meal coming from the food pantry, or a place to relax after classes."



Raiders Athletics

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



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 guest artists of national and international reputation 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, String 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.



Supportive 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.

Learning and Computer Commons

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



**Hoang
Nhat Anh**
AA Degree Student

"I am so grateful that (support staff took) an essential role in my education journey. Thanks to all my advisors, I feel more confident because I know I have a solid system that makes my goals and dreams possible."

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

CLC is 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 - Family Resiliency Program

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

Multicultural Center "The Nest"

Provides a welcoming environment, honoring and celebrating diversity, equity and inclusion.

Veterans Resource Center

A newly remodeled space offers great resources for all students who are actively serving in the military, a veteran, military spouse or a dependent.

Career and Transfer Center

Students are supported and empowered with the resources, skills and knowledge necessary to be successful with their career exploration, educational planning and employment search. Workshops and one-on-one counseling are available to all students.

Mental Health, Wellness and Basic Needs

Professional supports on campus to guide and support students with a variety of personal needs, including food pantries, tele-psychiatry services, a social worker and licensed mental health clinician, and connections to basic needs and community resources.



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. CLC Foundation scholarships are not limited to class valedictorians and star athletes. They are awarded based on a variety of criteria. Last year, over 200 scholarship funds provided more than \$364,000 in scholarship awards to deserving students.



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. 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 the transfer information page on the CLC website.

2

Determine Your Course Placement

High school GPA, previous assessment scores, Accuplacer testing and guided self placement may be used to determine your best course placement. Check the Course Placement & Testing page for more information.

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.

4

Register for courses at a registration session or virtually with an Advisor

Join us on campus or virtually to be guided into the courses that will advance your education and career goals. You'll also receive important information about financial aid, billing and payment, campus services and receive your student ID. Sign up for your registration session on our Records and Registration page.



Ali
A.A. Degree
Student

"Receiving a CLC Foundation scholarship allowed me to have confidence within myself and my education goals. As I continue my education at CLC, I will always remember this scholarship and know that I can accomplish my goals of becoming an elementary school teacher."



Take the Next Step



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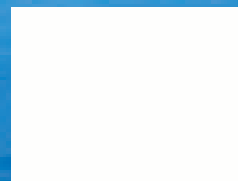


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is believing!**

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