

CLC
CENTRAL LAKES
COLLEGE



Building Futures. Transforming Lives.

Welcome to Central Lakes College

Opening doors, creating opportunities



Dr. Hara Charlier, President
Central Lakes College

Thank you for exploring Central Lakes College! Here, our focus is you – our students. You are our first priority in everything we do. You'll quickly find that our staff and faculty truly care about you as an individual, and helping you be successful on your educational journey is the core of our work.

At CLC, we live and breathe our mission to "build futures." We are proud that our students come from all backgrounds and ages and bring with them many talents, challenges and goals. No matter your path, we are here to help you, every step of the way.



Mission: *We build futures.* At Central Lakes College, we-

- provide life-long learning opportunities in Liberal Arts, Technical Education, and Customized Training programs;
- create opportunities for cultural enrichment, civic responsibility, and community engagement; and
- nurture the development and success of a diverse student body through a respectful and supportive environment.

Values: *Excellence, Innovation, Inclusion, Community*

Vision Statement: *Central Lakes College inspires learning, advances innovation and transforms lives.*



Academics

Arts & Sciences Associate Degrees

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

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

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

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

Zero Textbook Cost Degree

CLC is the Minnesota leader in offering the Z-Degree. By taking classes, students can earn their Associate of Arts Degree without ever buying a textbook.



Tanya Hoting Mrazek
American Sign Language Instructor
Years at CLC: 29



"Working at CLC is an honor because it really is a place where people want students to succeed! Faculty and staff care about students, not only in classes, but in all areas of their lives. Faculty and staff do what it takes to help students become successful. CLC has an environment where students are supported and encouraged."



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

Business Careers

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

Criminal Justice & Public Safety Careers

- Conservation Officer Preparation [B]
- Criminal Justice [B]
- Minnesota Peace Officer Skills [B]

Health Careers

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

Workforce Development Scholarships are available for qualified students.

Information Technology Careers

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

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]
- Master Video Producer [B]
- Online Media Specialist [B]
- Social Media Producer [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]
- Individualized Studies [B] [O]
- Occupational Skills [B]

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

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

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Nick Heisserer
Business Instructor
Years at CLC: 19



“What makes CLC unique is that it is an institution that seeks personal relationships with each student. By getting to know the student, we learn best how to help them meet their goals, and what supports they need to be successful.”



Activities

Something for Everyone!

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 have free access to the CLC Food Pantry.
- Participate in more than 30 clubs, each representing different interests and passions.

Student Senate

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

Raiders Athletics

- CLC is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Minnesota College Athletic Conference (MCAC).
- 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.
- 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

Instrumental groups include the Wind Symphony, Concert Winds, Jazz Collective, Jazz Orchestra, String Orchestra, Brass Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and Sports Band. The Concert Choir and Chamber Choir are great vocal music options.

CLC's audio recording studio is available through classes and club activities.

Esports Lounge

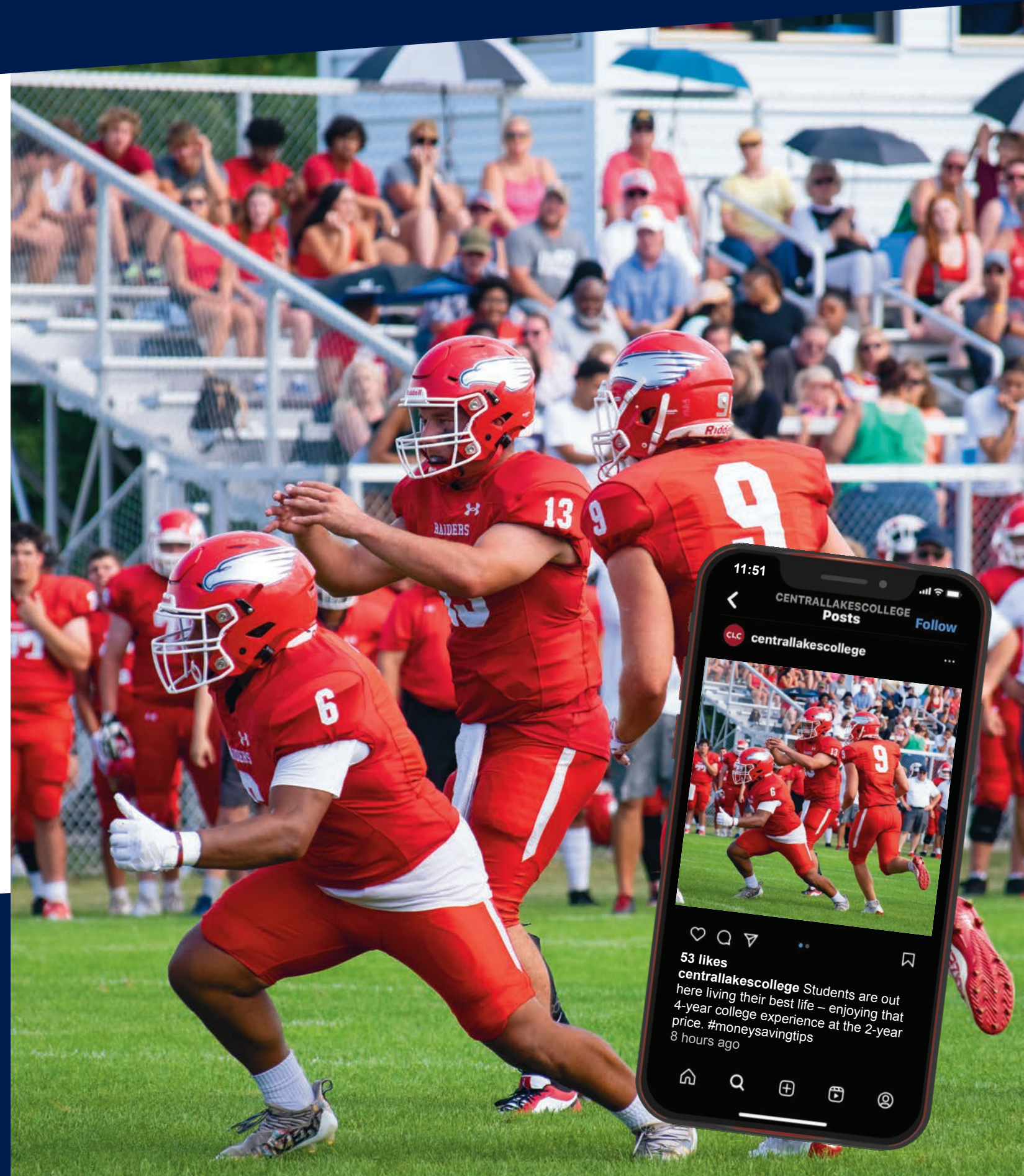
The Central Lakes College Esports Lounge provides an exciting setting for students interested in the ever-popular and emerging field of Esports. Our Esports Lounge is the place to game casually or competitively on campus.

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A.A. Degree and Athletic Coaching Certificate



"I love CLC because of its Athletics Program. My volleyball team feels like family when I'm away from my family. They hold me accountable, promote my self-development, pick me up when I am down and show the true meaning of being a loving and supportive team."



Supportive Services

Your Success is Our Goal.

Attending college is a time for developing your own life direction, learning about yourself and your interests and strengths. To this end, Central Lakes College offers services to increase retention, graduation, and transfer rates of students by offering academic and personal support in a variety of ways.

Academic Advisors

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

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

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.



Ashley

Human Services A.A.S. 2023
Pre-Social Work Transfer Pathway and A.A. Degree Currently



"CLC has many supportive services on campus. I am currently a Mental Health Guide, or someone who can provide peer-to-peer support, help find needed resources, and help with crisis situations. CLC can also provide help with multiple resources that are needed outside of mental health."



CLC FOOD PANTRY

Eat Well. Study Well.

COOKING & BAKING

PROTEINS



Steps to Enroll

Financial Support

1 Apply to Central Lakes College
Students can apply directly on the CLC Admissions website. Once you have submitted your application, watch for an email informing you of your acceptance status. Submit supporting documents if applicable. Please submit high school transcripts and any other college/military transcripts. Immunization Forms are required for any student who did NOT graduate from a MN state high school since 1997.

2 Apply for Financial Aid & Scholarships
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://studentaid.gov>. Apply early to ensure financial aid is complete prior to the beginning of the semester. After completing the FAFSA, apply for scholarships on the CLC Foundation website. If you are eligible for Veteran benefits, contact the Veteran Resource Center.

3 Determine Your Course Placement
To provide students with the best opportunity for success, some CLC courses and programs require reading and/or math skills prior to registering for classes. If course placement is a requirement for the program you are studying, please visit the Course Placement and Testing webpage for more information about determining your correct course placement.

4 Register for Courses
Central Lakes College hosts group registration sessions prior to each semester. Students also have the option of working with an academic advisor for individual appointments. Registration begins at the end of March for the fall semester and the end of October for spring semester. Please see the Records and Registration or Advising webpage for additional instructions and dates.

Questions? Please contact us at admissions@clcmn.edu or 218-855-8000. We look forward to you joining us at CLC!

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

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 300 scholarship funds provided more than \$450,000 in scholarship awards to deserving students.

Financial Aid

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

CLC's Federal School Code is 002339.
Apply today! www.fafsa.ed.gov

Mariia

Graphic Design Student

"CLC is a huge step toward my future. It helps you grow and teaches professional skills that will help you achieve all your dreams. Instructors and employees help in every possible way. You understand that you are not alone, and you can handle everything."



Take the Next Step ...

Visit

CLC

Staples
Campus ●

Brainerd
Campus ●



**Seeing
is believing!**
Set up a campus
visit today!

ONLINE
clcmn.edu/admissions
PHONE
218-855-8000



Great Locations!

Looking for something fun to do with friends? Brainerd and Staples offer a variety of places to eat, shop and play, all while enjoying some of the best outdoor activities Minnesota has to offer!

Our campuses are located in premiere vacation land -- Lakes for water recreation and trails for biking, hiking and snowmobiling. We're also just two hours from the Twin Cities. The home of Paul Bunyan!

Connect with us!



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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.

Central Lakes College complies with Clery Act requirements for reporting crime data. The Annual Security and Fire report can be found on the CLC website.

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