



CLC CENTRAL
LAKES COLLEGE

The CLC Album

Your ROAD begins here.

Welcome to Central Lakes College



Welcome to Central Lakes College! We're excited you're exploring your next chapter with us. At CLC, you are our top priority, and your success drives everything we do. From day one, you'll find faculty and staff who truly care—ready to help you grow, achieve your goals, and discover your full potential.

Our mission is simple: to build futures. We're proud to serve students of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences, each bringing unique talents and dreams. No matter where you're starting or where you're headed, we'll be here with the guidance, resources, and encouragement you need—every step of the way.

*Dr. Hara Charlier, President
Central Lakes College*



Mission: We build futures.

At Central Lakes College, together we:

- Provide lifelong learning opportunities in the arts, sciences, technical education, and customized training
- Create opportunities for cultural enrichment, civic responsibility, and community engagement
- Nurture a caring and respectful culture to support the success of a diverse community of students and colleagues

Vision: *Central Lakes College will be known as the college that builds futures: removes barriers, inspires learning, and grows community.*

Values: *Excellence, Community, Innovation, Inclusion*



Mix CLC Blue & Red - Purple!

CLC's tracklist: When Doves Learn, Let's Go Crazy for College, and The Beautiful One-Year Diploma.

Iconic note: Minnesota icon Prince brought the world "Purple Rain" in 1984, forever etching the image of him on a purple motorcycle into music history. At CLC, our Marine and Powersports program channels that same spirit, giving students hands-on experience not only with motorcycles, but also with ATVs, snowmobiles, boats, and other machines that fuel freedom, adventure and creativity.

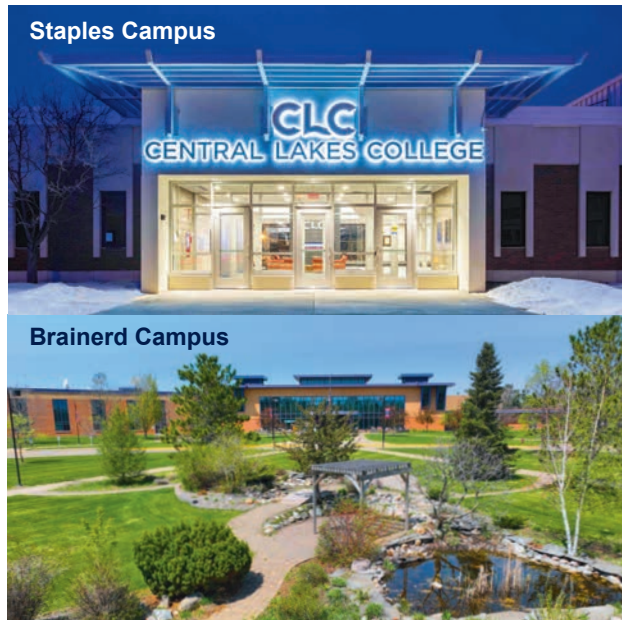
Get to know

Central Lakes College

Want to know what makes CLC special? Start with our students. They come from every background, age and skill level, and each brings a unique story and big dreams.

Our mission is simple: to build futures. Guided by our vision to remove barriers, inspire learning and grow community, we work hard to create opportunities that truly make a difference.

With campuses in Brainerd and Staples, we serve over 6,200 students a year in more than 70 programs. Whether you're exploring your options or chasing a specific goal, you'll find the support, resources and opportunities to get you there.



GRADUATES
45,000 Strong!
Throughout CLC's History

\$ CLC FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
Over \$500,000

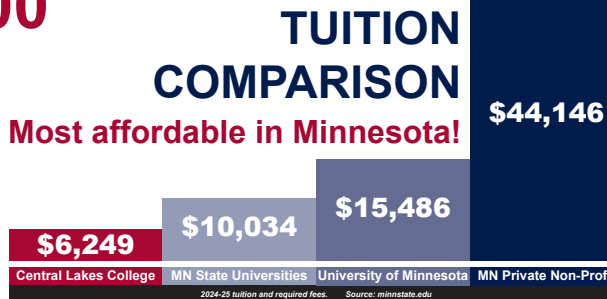
FT or PT
STUDENTS

Full-Time
34%

Part-Time
66%

STUDENT AGE
69% Under 25
31% Over 25

ENROLLMENT
6,202
Served
Annually



WHAT STUDENTS SAY ABOUT CLC



Born to be a Raider.

CLC is where big dreams start.

Iconic note: Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A." is an anthem for the working class. At CLC, our Heavy Equipment Operations and Maintenance program, Diesel Technician program and other career and technical programs carry that same spirit, preparing students for careers built on skill, grit and pride.

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]
- Athletic Coaching [B]
- Deaf Studies [B]
- Environmental Studies [B]
- Global Studies [B]
- Health Sciences Broad Field [B]
- Honors Certificate [B] [S]
- Jazz Studies [B]
- Latin American Studies [B]
- Music A.F.A. [B]
- Music Performance [B]
- Music Technology A.F.A. [B]
- Women's Studies [B] [O]



Transfer Pathways

Transfer Pathways make it easy to complete an associate degree at CLC 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.

- 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]
- Criminal Justice Transfer Pathway A.S. Degree [B]
- Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway A.S. Degree [B] [O]
- Economics Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree [B] [O]
- English Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree [B] [O]
- Exercise Science Transfer Pathway A.S. Degree [B]
- History Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree [B] [O]
- Peace Officer/Public Safety Pathway A.S. Degree [B]
- Political Science Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree [B] [O]
- Pre-Social Work Transfer Pathway A.S. Degree [B]
- 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

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. Students can earn their Associate of Arts Degree without ever buying a text book.

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



"As soon as I finished the tour, I felt like I was at home. Everybody was so welcoming. I didn't want to go to a big university where nobody knows you. I wanted those relationships with my teachers. They really help you to succeed."

Kylee, Nursing student



Any way the wind blows, it leads to CLC.

A rhapsody of creativity, curiosity and ambition.

Iconic Note: Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" broke boundaries with its bold mix of ballad, opera and rock, blending unexpected elements into one unforgettable masterpiece. In the same way, CLC also brings together people with diverse interests and talents to create something remarkable. Students here represent classes in American Sign Language, Art, Biology and Music.

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]
- Horticulture [B]
- Meat Cutting & Butchery [S]
- Natural Resources Conservation Services [B]
- Natural Resources Technology [B]
- Sausage Smoking & Curing [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 Management [B] [O]
- Entrepreneurship [B] [O]
- Healthcare Accounting [B]
- Healthcare Administrative Specialist [B] [O]
- Management [B] [O]

Health Careers

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

Human and Personal Service Careers

- Early Childhood Education [B] [O]
- Human Services [B]
- Human Services Technician [B]
- Individualized Studies [B] [O]
- Occupational Skills [B]
- Recovery Support Specialist [B]

Information Technology Careers

- Computer CompTIA [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 Design [B]
- Graphic Design Media Technologies [B]

MN Peace Officer

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

Transportation Careers

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

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

Workforce Development Scholarships are available for qualified students.

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



"I've learned so much from my instructors. They're really some of the best I've had."
Jacob, Graphic Design student



The CLC Blue Album

Four students, four career paths, one college.

Iconic Note: Weezer's 1994 self-titled debut, instantly recognizable for its bright blue cover, became an icon of its time. Channeling that same bold energy, four dedicated CLC students step into the spotlight, representing careers in Meat Cutting & Butchery, Dental Assisting & Hygiene, Criminal Justice, and Natural Resources.

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 and vocal groups include Central Lakes Wind Symphony, Central Lakes Jazz Orchestra, Woodwind Ensemble/Choir, Brass Ensemble/Choir, Percussion Ensemble, CLC Choir, and Chamber Singers. CLC's audio recording studio is available through classes and club activities.



Esports Lounge

The Esports Lounge provides an exciting setting for students interested in the ever-popular and emerging field of Esports. Game casually or competitively in this high-tech space.



"I love CLC because it challenges me in the classroom and on the field. Being part of the football team has taught me discipline, accountability, and how to balance academics with athletics. My teammates push me to grow as a student and an athlete, while also giving me a strong sense of brotherhood and support."
Mario, Computer Networking and Security student



March to your own beat.

Not even a Seven Nation Army can keep you from making the most of campus life.

Iconic Note: *The White Stripes' "Elephant" gave the world unforgettable tracks like "Seven Nation Army." In the same way that the duo's daring sound and creativity set them apart, our campus distinguishes itself through comprehensive support services that nurture every aspect of the student experience, from basic needs and mental health to academic success.*

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.

Tutoring Center

Students have access to free tutoring, both in person and online.



"Coming back to school as a first-generation, non-traditional student was honestly scary, but the support at CLC has made it so much easier. I've learned that I really can succeed here, and that's thanks to the amazing people who have helped me along the way."

Jessica, Psychology Transfer Pathway student



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Shake it off!

Tutors, advisors and other supportive staff are here to help you through.

Iconic Note: Taylor Swift's "1989" gave fans songs full of empowerment and confidence. At CLC, our supportive services do the same for students, giving them the tools, guidance and confidence they need to succeed.

Steps to Enroll

Financial Support

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 at studentaid.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 300 scholarship funds provided more than \$500,000 in scholarship awards to deserving students.

Questions?

Please contact the CLC Admissions Office at admissions@clcmn.edu or 218-855-8000. We look forward to seeing you at CLC!

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



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Apply to Central Lakes College

Complete your free application on the CLC Admissions website, selecting the major of your choice, and keep an eye on your email for your admission decision and next steps. We're excited to welcome you!

2

Apply for Financial Aid & Scholarships

College is an investment in your future—and we're here to help make it affordable. Start by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov. Then explore scholarships through the CLC Foundation. If you're eligible for Veteran benefits, connect with our Veteran Resource Center to get the support you've earned.

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Determine Your Course Placement

We want you to start strong. Some programs or courses require placement in reading or math before registration. Visit the Course Placement and Testing webpage to find out what's needed for your chosen program and how to meet it.

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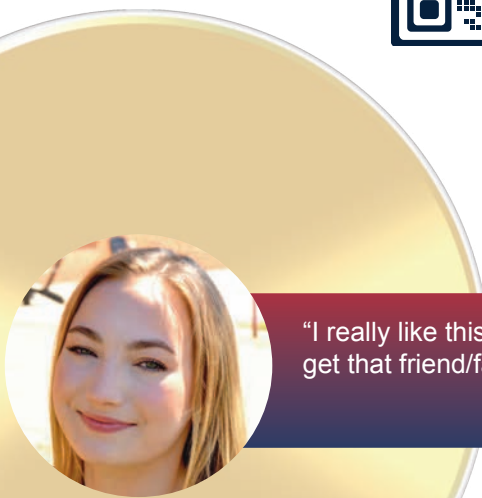
Register for Courses

Let's build your schedule! You can attend a group registration session or meet one-on-one with an academic advisor to create a plan that fits your goals. Registration opens in late March for fall and late October for spring. Check the Advising or Records & Registration webpages for important details and deadlines.

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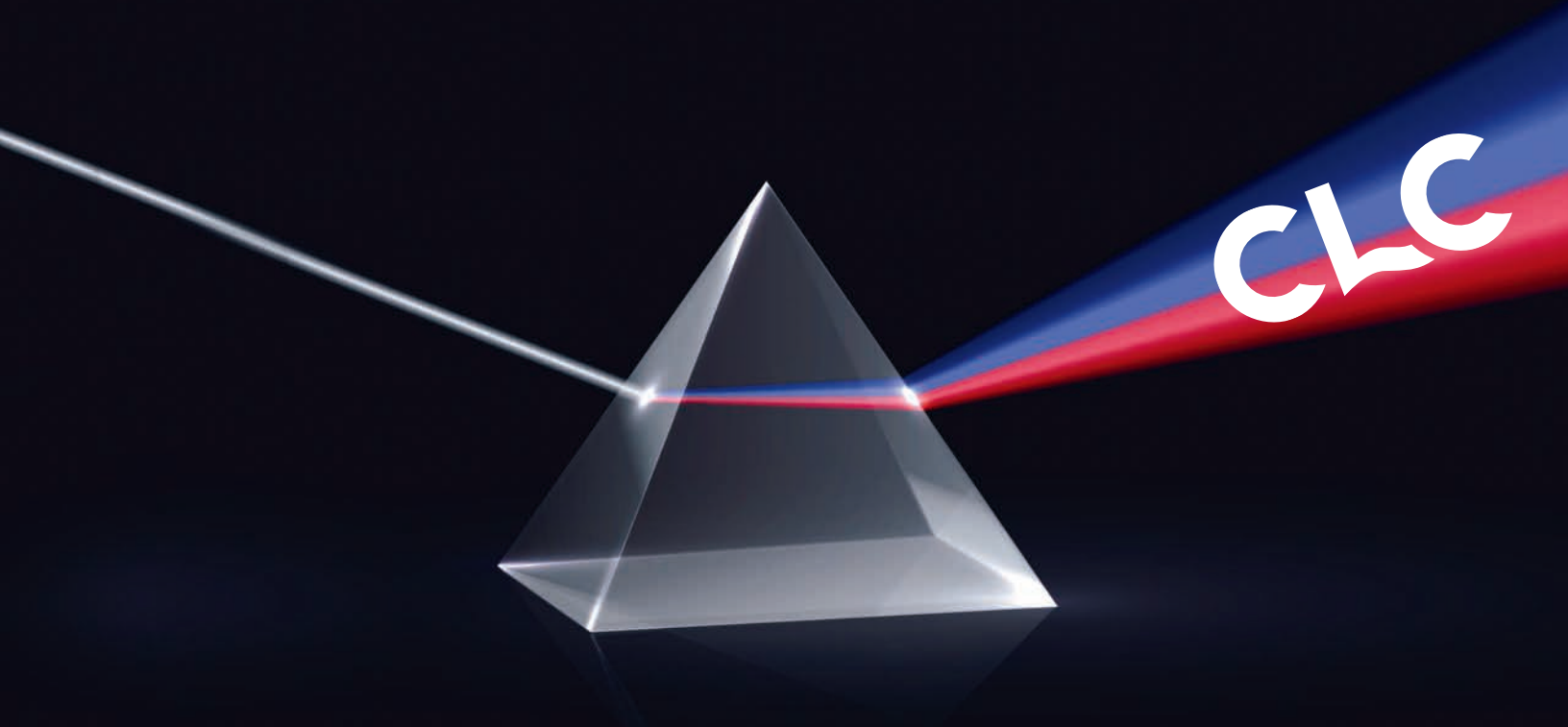
Submit Final Transcripts

Before you can fully step into your next chapter, we need a few final pieces. Submit your final high school transcript (or GED) and any official college or military transcripts to complete your file. Your transcript must include your date of birth, graduation date, and a school official's signature. Transcripts must be sent directly to CLC Admissions from your academic institution.



"I really like this school! It's so wholesome. It's like when you play sports, you really get that friend/family/team thing."

Megan, Criminal Justice student



Money — we help you save it!

Affordable college. Legendary value.

Iconic Note: Just as Pink Floyd's iconic 1973 album "The Dark Side of the Moon" took listeners on a seamless journey through sound, including the classic track Money, starting your journey at CLC is both simple and affordable. With 5 easy steps to enrollment, we're here to guide you every step of the way.



Take the Next Step ...

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.



Connect with us!

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 (218) 855-8000

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