



A Closer Look at Community and Technical Colleges

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An Overview of this presentation

- Reasons for selecting a community college and/or a technical college
- Profile from Minnetonka High School
- Sampling of a few institutions
- Finding the right match
- A closer look – in review!



Reasons for selecting a community college

- Low cost – tuitions range from \$3,500 to \$6,200
- Stay local – most students choose a school within 30 minutes of home
- Wide curriculum, with chance to take general education courses, in addition to specialized courses
- Begin to build a college gpa, in preparation to transfer to a 4-year college or university.
- Live at home. Work your job. Stay close to family and friends. Continue to grow and mature.
- For the undecided student, a chance to explore options.



Reasons for selecting a technical college

- Low cost – tuitions range from \$2,400 to \$5,800
- Stay local – most students choose a school within 30 minutes of home
- Specialized curriculum, with a focus on career preparation. No distribution requirements!
- Live at home. Work your job. Stay close to family and friends. Continue to grow and mature.
- On the job training and opportunities for internships.
- Finish your degree in one year or two!



Minnetonka High School – Profile from 2019 & 2018

- % attending 4 year colleges 80%
- % attending 2 year colleges 11%
- % attending MN institutions 39%
- % attending out-of-state institutions 52%
- Average number of applications 4.7



- **Class of 2019**

The top 7 schools include:

Univ of Minnesota – TC

Normandale Community College

Univ of Wisconsin – Madison

University of St. Thomas

Iowa State University

Univ of Nebraska, Lincoln

Univ of Minnesota – Duluth

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MHS Favorites in 2019

- Normandale Community College 38
- Dunwoody College of Technology 5
- Iowa Central Community College 5
- Saint Paul College 3
- Hennepin Technical College 2
- Minneapolis Community & Technical College 2
- North Dakota State College of Science 2



Normandale Community College - Bloomington

- 14,877 students (42% full time; 58% part time)
- Tuition and fees: \$5,960 per year
- Most popular majors:
 - Liberal arts 71%
 - Health sciences 11%
 - Business/marketing 7%
 - Security/criminal justice 6%



Normandale Community College (cont.)

- Admission requirements
 - High school diploma
 - ACT score, in lieu of Course Readiness Assessment for orientation and placement in math, reading and writing
 - No minimum gpa (except for nursing, dental hygiene and dietetic technology)
 - Open admission for all those who will graduate from high school



Minneapolis Community & Technical College

- 11,301 students (34% full time; 66% part time)
- Tuition and fees: \$5,556 per year
- Most popular majors:
 - Liberal arts 34%
 - Business/marketing 12%
 - Visual/performing arts 11%
 - Health sciences/nursing 10%
 - Security/protective services 7%



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Hennepin Technical College

- 7,764 students (37% full time; 63% part time)
- Tuition and fees: \$5,385 per year
- Current job placement rate is 99%
- Popular programs:
 - Business and Information Technology
 - Health Careers
 - Trade and Industry
 - Manufacturing and Engineering Technology
 - Automotive Technology



Hennepin Technical College (cont.)

- Admission requirements
 - High school diploma
 - No minimum gpa
 - No required testing (no ACT score requirement)
 - Open admission for all those who will graduate from high school



A Closer Look: Let's Review!

- Open admission, with no ACT test requirement
- Affordable and, in many cases, close to home
- Great opportunity to transfer to 4 yr. college, based on academic work at the community college. Transfer center at www.MinnState.edu
- Career oriented at a technical college – a chance to gain relevant experience and job skills



The college search – it's all about finding the fit!

- Our pledge – to help each student find the best match possible for their post-secondary experience!
- Students considering a community college and/or a technical institute will select their institution based on fit – and finding the right match!

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