North Hennepin Community College Points of Pride

Student/Campus Profile*

- NHCC currently serves 10,671 students (4,928 FYE), a 24.7% increase since 2003
- 10,671 students take credit classes and 1,162 take non-credit classes
- 1,749 students graduated in 2011, 811 received degrees and 938 received certificates
- Average class size is 24
- 68% are part-time students
- 57% are female, 43% are male
- Average age of our students is 28
- 43% are over the age of 25
- 40% are students of color
- 64% are under-represented students (MN definition)
- 61% are first-generation college students (neither parent completed a bachelor's degree)
- the number of low-income students (Pell eligible) has increased over 70% in the last three years
- 494 are high school students taking post-secondary enrollment option college classes
- 4,891 are taking online classes
- 217 take classes at Buffalo High School location
- 16% of students graduate, 34% transfer to other colleges and universities, and 18% are still taking classes and working toward their academic goals**
- *Data represents student demographic profile for 2012 fiscal year
- ** Federal 3-year graduation rate based on limited number of full-time students

Degrees and Certificates

- 32 associate degree programs and 34 credit certificate programs in liberal arts/general studies; business/ computer science; science, math, engineering, and health careers; legal/protective services; art, design, and performing arts; and construction/trades
- 11 degrees and 27 certificates offered completely online, with 20% of courses offered online and 10% blended/hybrid courses
- Top declared majors: liberal arts, law enforcement, criminal justice, computer science, paralegal, accounting, and biology
- Bachelor's degrees offered on the NHCC campus by partnering universities in business administration, accounting, bioscience, operations management, construction management, medical laboratory science, and nursing

• Extensive professional education and training programs in project management, leadership, strengths, and social media

Flexible Course Delivery

- Face-to-face, hybrid, online, and Classroom Capture
- Morning, afternoon, evening, weekend, and every-other weekend
- Accelerated and late-start/fast-track
- Evening/weekend nursing program
- Evening courses at Buffalo High School

Distinction

- Situated on a beautiful 120-acre campus a short drive from downtown Minneapolis, NHCC is one of the largest, most diverse community colleges in the state
- NHCC generates more than \$276 million per year in economic activity and provides 2,628 jobs to the local economy according to a 2013 Wilder research study
- Partnerships with four-year universities make it possible to earn bachelor's degrees at NHCC's campus
- NHCC is one of the few community colleges in the country to offer undergraduate research opportunities in biology, chemistry, geology, and other fields
- With one of the lowest college tuition rates in the state, NHCC awards more than \$35 million in financial aid to students each year in the form of grants, scholarships, work-study opportunities, and loans
- The achievement gap at NHCC is the third lowest in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system
- NHCC has one of the most sought-after nursing programs, with a 98% nursing licensure exam pass rate, and a convenient evening/weekend option
- Both the Histotechnology and Medical Laboratory Technology programs at NHCC have had a 100% pass rate on the national certification exams since 2008
- NHCC's Accounting, Computer Information Systems, and Business programs are nationally accredited by the ACBSP (Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs)
- The ESOL program supports over 300 students from close to 50 countries

Honors

• The NHCC Theatre program was invited to perform at the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and received commendations for acting, ensemble performance, and directing

- NHCC is one of 31 community colleges selected from across the country to partner in a three-year, \$3.3 million National Science Foundation grant to further develop the Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative
- NHCC is a partner with Hamline University on a \$1.1 million Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant to support undergraduate research in the sciences
- G.I. Jobs recognized NHCC as a Distinguished 2013 Military Friendly School
- The Communications Office received six regional awards and one national award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations for works produced in 2012
- Vice President of Academic Affairs Jane Reinke was selected for the prestigious Distinguished College Administrator Award for outstanding support of NHCC's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society
- Music professor Dr. Sophie Christian won a first place award in the American Protégé International Piano and String Competition and played at Carnegie Hall
- NHCC student Chris Hakel is one of 15 nationwide recipients of the Keith Sherin Global Leaders International Scholar Award

Achievement

- With a composite financial indicator of 6.15 and the third highest CFI ranking in the MnSCU system, NHCC is financially strong
- NHCC has the fourth highest space utilization rate in the MnSCU system at 96%
- The NHCC Foundation increased contributions to support students with a 41% increase in overall giving from January 2012 to January 2013
- Service Learning had 1,571 students participate in the 2011-2012 academic year. Since it's inception in 2006, students have contributed \$1.4 million in service to the community
- In the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges Student Math League Exams, NHCC's team score was 2nd highest in the region and placed in the top 30 nationally
- Philosophy professor Joel Jensen recently published his book, There Exists an X, X is a Sandwich about philosophy, food, and deductive logic
- Nursing Lab Coordinator, Katherine Grafft recently published the textbook, Essentials for the EMR (Emergency Medical Responder)
- Dr. Megan Jones, professor of Geology, helped author a textbook called Reconstructing Earth's Climate History: Inquiry-Based Exercises for Lab and Class

Innovation

• NHCC is the first community college in the state to establish honors articulation agreements with universities, including St. Cloud State University and Minnesota State University, Mankato

- Classroom Capture technology allows students to view live and archived classroom lectures, helping them overcome barriers to academic success
- Conversation Partners pairs ESOL students with native English speakers to sharpen language skills and promote intercultural understanding
- Strategic Enrollment Management Team and Continuous Improvement Council established to align planning processes and better inform decision-making with data
- NHCC's Professional Training and Development division offers one of the state's few PMI certified Project Management Certificate programs
- The Nursing program adopted a service learning component as a graduation requirement
- The Graphic Design program, directed by faculty Jason Schoch, launched an internship program for Graphic Design majors starting spring 2013
- •NHCC received honorable mention in the New Innovative Practices category for diversity and multicultural education trainings
- •New "Filmmaking Project" class will shoot two short screenplays developed by students in the "Introduction to Screenwriting" class

Vision

Opportunity Without Limits, Learning Without End, and Achievement Beyond Expectation

Mission

Engaging Students, Changing Lives

North Hennepin Community College creates opportunities for students to reach their academic goals, succeed in their chosen professions, and make a difference in the world.

Guiding Values

We believe in the power of education to change lives. Toward that end, we...

- Inspire intellectual curiosity
- Embrace diversity of all kinds
- Foster trust and respect
- Expect quality and continuous improvement
- Encourage creativity and innovation
- Promote individual responsibility and integrity
- Invest in professional and personal development
- Build strong, collaborative partnerships
- Serve as responsible stewards of resources

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