

HEALTH CARE IMPACT

Most of the 17 nonprofit institutions that are members of the Minnesota Private College Council focus on preparing students to contribute to the future health care workforce. Yes, the number of graduates is impressive. But so is the nature of how we educate our students, preparing them well to communicate and collaborate — critical skills in an increasingly complex health care environment.

- At the **bachelor’s level**, Council institutions award 34% of the state total of all health-related degrees (1,242 of 3,661) — *see table that follows with examples of bachelor’s degrees*.
 - Health care-focused bachelor’s degrees rank 2nd in popularity at Council institutions.
 - The majority of our colleges offer health care majors.
 - Council institutions award **39% of all baccalaureate nursing degrees** in the state; this includes nursing completion program degrees.
- Whether their undergraduate majors are within health care or not, our undergraduates are well equipped to go on to **pursue advanced degrees in health care**. For example, in 2019 at the University of Minnesota Medical School, two of the top five institutions students came from were Council institutions.
- As for the degrees we award at the **master’s level**, Council institutions award 44% of health-related degrees in the state (698 of 1,574) — *see table that follows with examples of both master’s and doctorate degrees*.
- We create new programs to meet emerging needs. For example, Bethel University created a new Nurse midwifery program that had its first graduates in 2016.

BACHELOR’S DEGREES: examples at Council member institutions

Nursing	940 graduates	From 12 Council institutions (Augsburg University, Bethany Lutheran College, Bethel University, College of Saint Benedict, Concordia College, Concordia University-St. Paul, Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint John’s University, Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota, St. Catherine University, St. Olaf College, and The College of St. Scholastica)	39% of state total
Social work	169 graduates	From 7 Council institutions (Augsburg University, Bethel University, Concordia College, St. Catherine University, St. Olaf College, The College of St. Scholastica, and University of St. Thomas)	26% of state total

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Augsburg University
Bethany Lutheran College
Bethel University
Carleton College
College of Saint Benedict
The College of St. Scholastica

Concordia College, Moorhead
Concordia University, St. Paul
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University
Macalester College
Minneapolis College of Art and Design

Saint John’s University
Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota
St. Catherine University
St. Olaf College
University of St. Thomas

Public health	113 graduates	From 3 Council institutions (St. Catherine University, St. Mary's University of Minnesota, and University of St. Thomas)	60% of state total
Administration (including facility administration and health information)	107 graduates	From 3 Council institutions (Concordia University St. Paul, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, and The College of St. Scholastica)	38% of state total
Respiratory care therapy	23 graduates	From 2 Council institutions (Concordia University-St. Paul and St. Catherine University)	100% of state total

ADVANCED DEGREES: examples at Council member institutions

Social Work (Master's)	409 graduates	From 4 Council institutions (Augsburg University, St. Catherine University, The College of St. Scholastica, and University of St. Thomas)	63% of state total
Nursing (Master's of Nursing Practice)	198 graduates	From 5 Council institutions (Augsburg University, Bethel University, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, St. Catherine University, and The College of St. Scholastica)	53% of state total
Psychology (Master's and Doctorate)	184 graduates	From 3 Council institutions (Bethel University, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, and University of St. Thomas)	35% of state total
Marriage and family therapy (Master's)	61 graduates	From 1 Council institution (Saint Mary's University of Minnesota)	84% of state total
Administration (Master's in Health Information, Health Care Administration)	195 graduates	From 3 Council institutions (The College of St. Scholastica, Concordia University-St. Paul, and Saint Mary's University of Minnesota)	69% of state total
Physical therapy (Doctorate and Transitional Doctorate)	223 graduates	From 3 Council institutions (Concordia University-St. Paul, The College of St. Scholastica, and St. Catherine University)	73% of state total
Occupational therapy (Master's)	94 graduates	From 2 Council institutions (The College of St. Scholastica and St. Catherine University)	67% of state total
Physician Assistant (Master's)	118 graduates	From 4 Council institutions (Augsburg University, Bethel University, The College of St. Scholastica*, and St. Catherine University)	100% of state total

*Data from IPEDS for 2018-19, with Walden and Capella excluded for state totals.
Data from the College of St. Scholastica Physician Assistant Studies Graduation and Attrition Rate Report.