

## HEALTH CARE BACKGROUND

Fall 2022

Most of the 18 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 37% of the state total of all health-related degrees (1,305 of 3,568) — *see table that follows with examples of bachelor’s degrees.*
  - Health care-focused bachelor’s degrees rank 2<sup>nd</sup> in popularity at Council institutions.
  - The majority of our colleges offer health care majors.
  - Council institutions award **41% 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 Minnesota Private College Council member institutions.
- As for the degrees we award at the **master’s level**, Council institutions award 43% of health-related degrees in the state (736 of 1,708) — *see table that follows with examples of both master’s and doctorate degrees.*
- We create new programs to meet the state’s needs.
  - The College of Saint Benedict, in partnership with Saint John’s University, introduced two new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs in 2021 and a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program in 2022.
  - In 2022 classes began at the University of St. Thomas’ new Susan S. Morrison School of Nursing, with students enrolled in two programs — a Pre-Licensure Master’s and a Bachelor of Science.
  - Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota, which has been educating nurse anesthetists for decades, launched a new Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia program in 2021.

### BACHELOR’S DEGREES: examples at Council member institutions

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| <b>Nursing</b> | 959 graduates | From 13 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, The College of St. Scholastica and University of Northwestern-St. Paul) | <b>41% of state total</b> |
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| <b>Social work</b>  | 202 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) | <b>34% of state total</b>  |
| <b>Public health</b>  | 153 graduates | From 4 Council institutions (Concordia University-Saint Paul, St. Catherine University, St. Mary's University of Minnesota and University of St. Thomas)   | <b>67% of state total</b>  |
| <b>Administration</b><br>(including facility administration and health information) | 99 graduates  | From 3 Council institutions (Concordia University St. Paul, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and The College of St. Scholastica)   | <b>33% of state total</b>  |
| <b>Respiratory care therapy</b>   | 21 graduates  | From 2 Council institutions (Concordia University-St. Paul and St. Catherine University)   | <b>100% of state total</b> |

### ADVANCED DEGREES: examples at Council member institutions

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| <b>Social Work</b><br>(Master's and Doctorate)          | 260 graduates | From 4 Council institutions (Augsburg University, St. Catherine University, The College of St. Scholastica and University of St. Thomas)                                | <b>51% of state total</b>  |
| <b>Nursing</b><br>(Master's and Doctorate)              | 315 graduates | from 5 Council institutions (Augsburg University, Bethel University, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, St. Catherine University and The College of St. Scholastica) | <b>47% of state total</b>  |
| <b>Psychology</b><br>(Master's and Doctorate)           | 184 graduates | From 3 Council institutions (Bethel University, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and University of St. Thomas)  | <b>31% of state total</b>  |
| <b>Marriage and family therapy</b><br>(Master's)        | 49 graduates  | From 1 Council institution (Saint Mary's University of Minnesota)   | <b>70% of state total</b>  |
| <b>Administration</b><br>(Master's)                     | 171 graduates | From 4 Council institutions (The College of St. Scholastica, Concordia University-St. Paul, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and University of Saint Thomas)        | <b>64% of state total</b>  |
| <b>Physical therapy</b><br>(Doctorate)                  | 220 graduates | From 3 Council institutions (Concordia University-St. Paul, The College of St. Scholastica and St. Catherine University)  | <b>73% of state total</b>  |
| <b>Occupational therapy</b><br>(Master's and Doctorate) | 80 graduates  | From 2 Council institutions (The College of St. Scholastica and St. Catherine University)   | <b>86% of state total</b>  |
| <b>Physician Assistant</b><br>(Master's)                | 123 graduates | From 4 Council institutions (Augsburg University, Bethel University, The College of St. Scholastica and St. Catherine University)                                       | <b>100% of state total</b> |

*Data from IPEDS for 2019-20, with Walden and Capella excluded for state totals.*

## Minnesota Private Colleges | Excellence within reach

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

Concordia College  
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 Northwestern – St. Paul  
University of St. Thomas