

HEALTH CARE BACKGROUND

Most of the 17 nonprofit institutions that are members of the Minnesota Private College Council (MPCC) 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**, MPCC institutions award 37% of the state total of all health-related degrees (1,180 of 3,158) — *see table that follows with examples of bachelor's degrees.*
 - Health care-focused bachelor's degrees rank 2nd in popularity at MPCC institutions.
 - Majority of our colleges offer health care majors.
 - MPCC institutions award **45% 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, the University of Minnesota Medical School's incoming class in 2013 included graduates from 13 of Minnesota's private nonprofit colleges.
- As for the degrees we award at the **master's level**, MPCC institutions award 38% of health-related degrees in the state (550 of 1,437) — *see table that follows with examples of both master's and doctorate degrees.*
- We offer unique opportunities for crucial primary care providers.
 - **Nurse practitioner** programs are established at The College of St. Scholastica and St. Catherine University, with a combined total of about 100 graduates a year. (Augsburg College initiated a DNP-FNP program in 2013-14; 14 students are expected to graduate in 2017.)
 - **Physician assistant** programs are established at Augsburg College, Bethel University and St. Catherine University, each graduating between 25 and 32 students a year. (The College of St. Scholastica is adding a program with 28 students expected to start fall 2016.)
 - A new **Nurse midwifery** program is in place at Bethel University, with the first students graduating in 2016.

Our institutions are diverse, as are their offerings tied to health care. Contact individual institutions or the Minnesota Private College Council for more information.

Minnesota's Private Colleges | Excellence within reach

Augsburg College
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

BACHELOR'S DEGREES: examples at MPCC member institutions

Nursing	877 graduates	From 10 MPCC institutions (Augsburg College, Bethel University, College of Saint Benedict, The College of St. Scholastica, Concordia College, Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint John's University, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, St. Catherine University and St. Olaf College)	45% of state total
Social work	198 graduates	From 7 MPCC institutions (Augsburg College, Bethel University, The College of St. Scholastica, Concordia College, St. Catherine University, St. Olaf College and University of St. Thomas)	32% of state total
Public health	81 graduates	From 2 MPCC institutions (St. Catherine University and University of St. Thomas)	51% of state total
Administration (including facility administration and health information)	73 graduates	From 4 MPCC institutions (The College of St. Scholastica, Concordia University St. Paul, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and St. Catherine University)	28% of state total
Respiratory care therapy	20 graduates	From 1 MPCC institution (St. Catherine University)	100% of state total

ADVANCED DEGREES: examples at MPCC member institutions

Social Work (Master's)	320 graduates	From 4 MPCC institutions (Augsburg College, St. Catherine University and University of St. Thomas)	60% of state total
Nursing (Master's of Nursing Practice)	186 graduates	from 4 MPCC institutions (Augsburg College, Bethel University, The College of St. Scholastica, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and St. Catherine University)	45% of state total
Psychology (Master's and Doctorate)	167 graduates	From 3 MPCC institutions (Bethel University, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and University of St. Thomas)	34% of state total
Marriage and family therapy (Master's)	108 graduates	From 1 MPCC institution (Saint Mary's University of Minnesota)	63% of state total
Administration (Master's in Health Information, Health Care Administration)	117 graduates	From 3 MPCC institutions (The College of St. Scholastica, Concordia University St. Paul and Saint Mary's University of Minnesota)	53% of state total
Physical therapy (Doctorate and Transitional Doctorate)	144 graduates	From 2 MPCC institutions (The College of St. Scholastica and St. Catherine University)	63% of state total
Occupational therapy (Master's)	79 graduates	From 2 MPCC institutions (The College of St. Scholastica and St. Catherine University)	64% of state total
Physician Assistant (Master's)	28 graduates	From 1 MPCC institution (Augsburg College) — see p. 1 for more recent data	100% of state total