

## 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 35% of the state total of all health care degrees (1,009 of 2,892) — *see table that follows with examples of bachelor's degrees*.
  - Health care-focused bachelor's degrees rank 2<sup>nd</sup> in popularity at MPCC institutions.
  - Majority of our colleges offer health care majors.
  - MPCC institutions award **43% 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 (540 of 1,421) — *see table that follows with examples of both master's and doctorate degrees*.
- We offer unique opportunities for 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; a new program is being added at Augsburg College that is expected to graduate about 25 students a year.
  - **Physician assistant** programs are established at Augsburg College and St. Catherine University, with around 25 graduates a year; new programs are being added at Bethel University and The College of St. Scholastica that are expected to each graduate about 25 students a year.
  - A new **Nurse midwifery** program is being added at Bethel University.

*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

<b>Nursing</b>	792 graduates	From 11 MPCC institutions (Augsburg College, Bethel University, College of Saint Benedict, The College of St. Scholastica, Concordia College, Concordia University St. Paul, Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint John's University, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, St. Catherine University and St. Olaf College)	<b>44% of state total</b>
<b>Social work</b>	550 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)	<b>30% of state total</b>
<b>Public health</b>	65 graduates	From 2 MPCC institutions (St. Catherine University and University of St. Thomas)	<b>50% of state total</b>
<b>Administration</b> (including facility administration and health information)	42 graduates	From 4 MPCC institutions (The College of St. Scholastica, Concordia University St. Paul, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and St. Catherine University)	<b>20% of state total</b>
<b>Respiratory care therapy</b>	19 graduates	From 1 MPCC institution (St. Catherine University)	<b>100% of state total</b>

### ADVANCED DEGREES: examples at MPCC member institutions

<b>Social Work</b> (Master's)	381 graduates	From 4 MPCC institutions (Augsburg College, The College of St. Scholastica, St. Catherine University and University of St. Thomas)	<b>63% of state total</b>
<b>Nursing</b> (Master's and Doctor of Nursing Practice)	203 graduates	from 4 MPCC institutions (Augsburg College, Bethel University, The College of St. Scholastica and St. Catherine University)	<b>36% of state total</b>
<b>Psychology</b> (Master's and Doctorate)	180 graduates	From 3 MPCC institutions (Bethel University, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and University of St. Thomas)	<b>40% of state total</b>
<b>Marriage and family therapy</b> (Master's)	110 graduates	From 1 MPCC institution (Saint Mary's University of Minnesota)	<b>66% of state total</b>
<b>Administration</b> (Master's in Health Information, Health Care Administration)	110 graduates	From 3 MPCC institutions (The College of St. Scholastica, Concordia University St. Paul and Saint Mary's University of Minnesota)	<b>55% of state total</b>
<b>Physical therapy</b> (Doctorate and Transitional Doctorate)	108 graduates	From 2 MPCC institutions (The College of St. Scholastica and St. Catherine University)	<b>60% of state total</b>
<b>Occupational therapy</b> (Master's)	89 graduates	From 2 MPCC institutions (The College of St. Scholastica and St. Catherine University)	<b>64% of state total</b>
<b>Physician Assistant</b> (Master's)	25 graduates	From 1 MPCC institution (Augsburg College)	<b>100% of state total</b>