



What do students say about the NCCC?

- "I was able to start my generals and attend college in a convenient location."
- "It was more affordable and it was closer to home!"
- "It was better for me since I am a full-time employee and a full-time mom."
- "I wanted to go back to school but needed support, and the staff is very helpful."
- "Thanks to the NCCC, I was able to go back to college and feel more confident in taking the classes that in high school I avoided or failed...I went from being a C, D, and F student to being an A and B student."
- "If we are in trouble in any area, everyone at NCCC tries to help and support us."

We'd love to hear from you!

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Northfield Community College Collaborative

Empowering Students Through Education



Our mission

The mission of the Northfield Community College Collaborative (NCCC) is to provide a quality and accessible local community college option with support services that empower all students in Northfield to reach their college potential.

How do we accomplish this?

The NCCC partners with community colleges in Minnesota to offer their accredited courses and career pathway programs in a classroom setting in Northfield. All classes are taught by the community college faculty.

Making a difference

Education is the key to a brighter and better future, and the NCCC is determined to help everyone open the door. We believe that access to postsecondary education is a crucial part of a community like ours: one that is committed to equity and opportunity. We meet individuals wherever they're at in their lives and help them unlock their full potential. We are dedicated to helping youth find a way to make their dreams come true, regardless of barriers.

NCCC provides:

- Accredited college classes, both in-person and online options
- Guidance through the college application process and the Minnesota State College and Universities system
- One-on-one academic counseling, career advising and tutoring support
- Assistance with financial aid applications and connections to potential grants, loans and scholarships
- A welcoming and supportive place for students to study (with free wireless internet, free printing, space to work quietly or collaborate with others, and knowledgeable and available staff)
- A commitment to diversity and a dedication to equity in education
- Free childcare





At the NCCC, we believe in the potential of every student in Northfield. Our job is to provide a bridge to their success in college and beyond.

The NCCC provides a unique opportunity: a local community college experience and a network of student services that empower the success of all students.

The community's generous support of the NCCC allows us to support local students who otherwise might not have the opportunity to reach their college potential.

Imagine how much more we can do when we work together!

"I graduated from Northfield High School in 2020 and moved to Austin, Minnesota, to attend Riverland Community College. Through the TORCH program, I had already earned a lot of PSEO credits from Riverland, so it seemed like a good choice.

Living in Austin, though, was too difficult for me and didn't work with my life and my obligations, so I turned to the NCCC. I wanted to continue working at Laura Baker, and to be close to my family to help my mom and brother, while still working towards my dreams.

The NCCC is not just a place to attend my classes, but a place that has helped me with so much more. It's a place where I have felt accepted and listened to. The NCCC has not just helped me set goals for myself, it also made it possible for me to accomplish them. They have provided support every step of the way!"

- Arturo Gomez Rojas
2022 NCCC/Riverland Community College Graduate



Student impact

In fewer than three years, the NCCC has served 117 students. We had more than 10,000 academic advising and tutoring contacts with students, and we partnered with 15 colleges and universities to help students access degrees, classes, and credits. Students earned 2,687 credits.

- **97%** of our students were first-generation college students
- **82%** were students of color
- **80%** were from low-income homes
- **22%** were young parents
- **99%** worked full- or part-time while also going to school

How does the NCCC address diversity, equity and inclusion in our community?

The NCCC is open to all, but it serves many first-generation students and students of color, as well as a large number of single parents and young families. Access to postsecondary education is crucial to economic stability. By helping remove obstacles that disproportionately stand in the way of historically marginalized groups, the NCCC works to create a more just and equitable community and future for all.



How does the NCCC evaluate and measure success?

The NCCC, as a program of Healthy Community Initiative (HCI), is data-driven. HCI employs a full-time Director of Reporting and Analytics, and we track every individual contact we have with students. We focus primarily on retention and graduation rates to determine the success of our program and its initiatives.

The NCCC is a flagship initiative of Northfield Promise, a community-wide initiative that pledges to support all Northfield youth from cradle to career. Northfield Promise has established 10 benchmarks to support each

individual on that journey. Benchmark 10 states that youth will “Graduate from high school with a plan to reach their full potential.” We believe that the NCCC can play a significant role in helping youth access that potential, and we strive to make sure that every student we work with has a plan and the support they need to make it happen.



Leave a legacy

Your generous donation makes it possible for the NCCC to develop and advance sustainable programs to meet the needs of new and current students. An investment in the NCCC is an investment in the future.

One-time or multi-year giving options:

- Provide **textbooks and supplies** for one student for one or two semesters.
- **Classroom enhancements** to provide updated technology, classroom resources, and equipment for the NCCC to create a hands-on lab.
- Fund a full-time **AmeriCorps Promise Fellow**, making it possible for the NCCC to offer additional personalized tutoring and support to students.
- **Start a pathway**, allowing the NCCC to offer a new array of courses in an area of local demand and student interest—current priorities include health care and trade and technical professions.
- Contribute to the **Friends of the NCCC Fund** to help students earn a postsecondary degree or certificate by covering last-dollar tuition costs after other scholarship and financial aid sources have been maximized.



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