



### Choosing College

- After high school....there are many paths you can choose for higher education. The 2 main options would be to enroll in:
  - . Technical/Community College (Certificate, AA): 1-2 Years
  - 2. College/University (Bachelor's degree or Masters/beyond) 4 years+
- To learn more about the differences between a 2 year and 4 college view this link: <u>Difference between 2 and 4 year</u> college
- To learn more about what trades or certificates you could earn at a Technical or Community College view this link: MN Goes to College, Trade school vs. College

### Things to consider when choosing:

- Location
- Cost
- Degrees/majors
- Size of campus
- Campus Environment
- Housing Options
- Social Activities/clubs
- Athletics
- Financial Aid

For more information follow this link:

**Considerations** 

Use this <u>link</u> to view an interactive map of colleges in the MINNSTATE system

# What are the different ypes of colleges

- Public and private colleges
- For-profit colleges
- Four-year and two-year colleges
- Liberal arts colleges
- Universities
- Community colleges
  - Vocational-technical and career colleges
- Colleges with a special focus
- To learn more click on this link



# Types of Degrees

- Associate's Degree
  - 2-year program
  - Bachelor's Degree
    - 4-year program
- Master's Degree
  - 2-year program

Doctorate Degree

• 3 to 6-year program

To learn more about each level click on this <u>video</u>



# What is a Major/Minor?

### Major

- A specific area of study you focus on while completing your degree
- Qualifies for an undergraduate degree

### Minor

- Like a mini major
- Consist of 18-30 credits towards a specific subject matter
- Must be combined with a major

To learn more click on this link







- 51 percent of students are not confident in their career path when they enroll in college
- Almost two-thirds of students feel overwhelmed by the process of selecting a major
  - Gen Z (68 percent) and Millennials (63 percent) feel the most stress, followed by a large percentage of Gen X students (49 percent).
- One in three students are not sure which major aligns with their chosen career path
- More than half of students change their major at least once

To read more about how it is okay and usual to be unsure of our career path, click this link

## Know your Why



- How do I know my why?
- What is my purpose behind my actions?
- When you know your why, your what becomes more impactful
- To learn more about this concept click on this video

### Know Your Values

- Values drive our actions and motivate our goals...learn your most important values and they will help you determine what your future goals are (in work, home and personal life)
- What does successful mean to you?
  - Money?
  - Influencing people?
  - Helping others?
  - What are your priorities
- View this list of values and see which ones tend to be the most important for you: click here



# now Yourself: Personality nventories

- Personality inventories is a self-assessment tool that career counselors and other career development professionals use to help people learn about their personality types and how that can turn into a career path
- It reveals information about individuals' social traits, motivations, strengths and weaknesses, and attitudes.
- Keep in mind that the results is best aligned with what you answered, and it might not completely describe you
- There a several inventories you can do online (some free and some that cost money)

16 Personalities

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### Minnesota Career Fields, Clusters & Pathways

■ Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

- Marketing
- > Merchandising
- > Marketing Management
- > Marketing Communications
- > Marketing Research
- > Professional Sales
- Business, Management, and Administration
- > Administrative Support
- > Operations Management
- > Business Information Management
- > Human Resources Management
- > General Management
- **■** Hospitality and Tourism
- > Lodging
- > Recreation, Amusements and Attractions
- > Restaurants and Food/Beverage Services
- > Travel and Tourism

■ Law, Public Safety,

> Correction Services

> Emergency and Fire

> Law Enforcement

Protective Services

Administration

**■** Government and Public

Services

> Legal Services

> Security and

> Revenue

and Taxation

> Foreign Service

> National Security

> Public Management

and Administration

> Governance

> Planning

> Regulation

Management Services

Corrections, and Security

#### > Agribusiness Systems

- > Animal Systems
- > Environmental Service Systems
- > Food Products and Processing Systems
- > Natural Resources Systems
- > Plant Systems
- > Power, Structural, and Technical Systems

#### CAREER FIELD

Agriculture, Food, Natural Resource

#### Foundation Knowledge and Skills

Academic and Technical Literacy .....

Employability • Ethics • Systems Teamwork • Career Development Problem Solving • Critical Thinking Information Technology Application egal Responsibilities • Communicatio Safety, Health and Environment Social Studies • Math • Science

#### Health Science Technology

#### CAREER FIELD

#### **■** Education and Training

■ Human Services

> Consumer Services

Mental Health Services

> Family and Community

> Personal Care Services

Development and Services

> Counseling and

> Early Childhood

Services

Finance

> Accounting

> Insurance

> Banking Services

> Business Finance

> Securities and Investment

- > Professional Support Services

#### > Administration and

- Administrative Support
- > Teaching/Training

#### **■** Health Science

- > Biotechnology Research and Development > Diagnostic Services
- > Support Services
- > Health Informatics
- > Therapeutic Services

#### **Additional Resources**

www.cte.mnscu.edu/programs/index.html www.mnpos.com

#### Legend:

- = Career Cluster
- > = Career Pathway

Explanation provided on reverse side.

#### ■ Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications

- > Audio/Video Technology and Film
- > Journalism and Broadcasting
- > Performing Arts
- > Printing Technology
- > Telecommunications
- > Visual Arts

#### ■ Information Technology

- > Information Support and Services
- > Network Systems
- > Programming and Software Development
- > Web and Digital Communications





#### ■ Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

- > Facility and Mobile Equipment Maintenance
- > Health, Safety, and Environmental Management
- > Logistics Planning and Management Services
- > Sales and Services
- > Transportation Operations
- > Transportation Systems/Infrastructure Planning, Management, and Regulation
- > Warehousing and Distribution Center Operations

#### ■ Architecture and

- > Construction
- > Design/
- Pre-construction > Maintenance/

### Operations

#### ■ Manufacturing

- > Production Manufacturing Production
- Process Development > Engineering > Maintenance.
- > Quality Assurance
- Logistics and Inventory Control
- > Health, Safety, and Environmental Assurance

- and Technology
- Installation, and Repair > Science and Mathematics



Career Wheel: to learn about different careers in different fields...

click here



# Minnesota State College System

- MINN state has some great links to websites that help you explore careers
- They also help you connect with career centers on campuses
- MINNstate



- How to set them up
  - All colleges have admission offices that can help you plan your visit. You can plan your own informal visit to a college campus.
    - Contact the college admission office through the college's website or by email or phone to get details and make a reservation.
    - Schedule time to be on your own. Walk around the public areas of the college and don't be shy about asking students questions.

To learn more click on this link



- During your Jr/Sr years of high school is a great time to visit colleges to learn more about their program and if the college is a good fit for you
- What to expect
  - Campus visits can range from a quick hour to an overnight stay, from a casual guided tour to a formal presentation
  - Many colleges offer virtual tours

To learn more click on this link



- Questions to ask
  - What is the average class size of introductory classes?
  - How widely used are teaching assistants on your campus?
  - What is the average class size of upper-division courses?
  - What is your average financial aid package?
  - What is the typical breakdown of loans versus grants?
  - What percentage of financial need does the school typically meet?

For more helpful questions to ask, click here

- When to do college visits
  - If possible, it's best to visit colleges before your applications are due. That way, you can be confident you'd be happy at any of the colleges you're applying to.
  - It's also best to go is when the college is in session. That way, you'll get to see it when classes are meeting, and day-to-day activities are taking place.

learn more click on this link



### Career Exposure Options

- Internships
  - Visit college career centers to find internships relating to your career interest
  - Click on this <u>link</u> to go to MINNstate career centers
- Job Shadowing
  - short term learning experience (day or week) which is an opportunity for students to gain exposure to an industry and/or a work setting
  - Click on this <u>link</u> to learn more on how to set up a job shadow
- Interviewing
  - These types of interviews are used to learn about the skills, training, and experience needed for an occupation. This allows you to evaluate how well your skills and interests fit with a career or employer.
  - Click on this <u>link</u> to learn how to set up an informational interview

## Talk to your Counselor/ Parents/ Teachers



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