



**RIDGEWATER**  
COLLEGE



HUTCHINSON | WILLMAR | ONLINE | [RIDGEWATER.EDU](http://RIDGEWATER.EDU)

# EDUCATION BUILT FOR YOUR FUTURE

Being equipped with the skills and knowledge to better your future is vital, but college is complicated and expensive. We prepare and equip you with everything you need at a cost that won't break the bank, so you can achieve your career dreams.

## THE WARRIOR EXPERIENCE



### EXCELLENT INVESTMENT

Providing an affordable, high-quality, student-centered education for our diverse learners is our top priority.



### CARING ATMOSPHERE

Friendly and welcoming campuses offer opportunities to engage in and out of class. Small classes and supportive student services staff offer helpful personal attention.



### HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITIES

Learn by doing through lab experiences and real-world projects.



### FLEXIBLE OPTIONS

Take classes full time or part time, on campus, fully online, or partially online hybrid with face-to-face on campus.



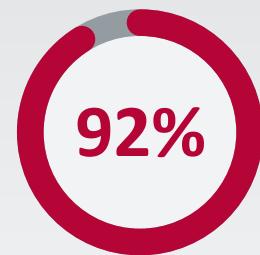
### SUCCESSFUL START

Studies show that students who begin at Ridgewater and then transfer to four-year colleges perform as well or better in their junior/senior years than students who begin at four-year colleges.



### EASY CREDIT TRANSFER

Associate degrees based on the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum pave the way for smooth transfer to any public university in Minnesota. Work with your advisor to ensure a smooth transition.



**Ridgewater graduates  
leave with jobs in a  
related field**  
(preliminary for 2023-24)

# WE'RE HERE FOR EVERY STEP

## Does Planning for Your Future Have You Feeling Overwhelmed and Anxious?

You deserve a college experience that equips you with what you need to thrive (without unnecessary debt).

We've been where you are right now, and we've got the experience to show you the many ways your education can be simple, straightforward, and cost effective.

Ridgewater has Outreach and Admissions Specialists, dedicated advisors, counselors, and award-winning faculty to help you on your journey.

If you are a prospective student considering how Ridgewater might fit into your education and career plans, please reach out and connect with one of our Outreach and Admissions Specialists. We will put your needs first and help you make decisions that are best for you.

### Not Sure Where to Begin?

We're here for you. Schedule a visit with our Outreach and Admissions Specialists at **320-222-5971** to explore education and career options. [ridgewater.edu/visit](http://ridgewater.edu/visit)

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND STUDENT SUCCESS

- Academic coaches
- Academic Support Centers
- Accessibility and Disability Services
- Basic needs resources
- Career Services
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Developmental courses
- Library assistants
- Online tutoring
- Peer tutoring
- Study skills training
- Supplemental instruction
- Technology labs
- Testing assistance
- TRIO Student Support Services
- Veterans' services
- Warrior Pantry



# 3 SIMPLE STEPS

**1** Choose your area of interest

**2** Schedule a visit

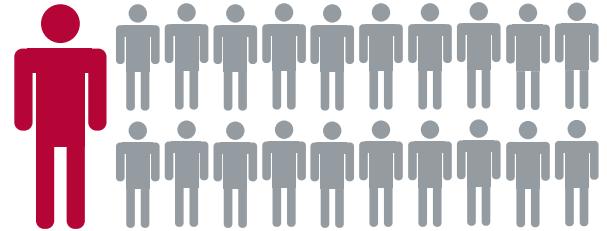


*“I believe that Ridgewater College is a wonderful place to further my education. I have known many people who have attended Ridgewater, and they all had good things to say. Hearing all the great things and the convenience of being close to home helped me choose Ridgewater. My first year was the best experience. Meeting tons of new people and developing different academic skills that will be useful for my future!” -Gabrielle*

## About Ridgewater

A Minnesota community and technical college, Ridgewater is recognized as an educational leader focused on innovation and excellence.

1:20 Average  
faculty-to-student  
ratio



44%

General Education/Liberal Arts students with the intention to transfer to a four-year college or university

56%

Students in technical programs

## 3 Apply to Ridgewater

### Begin Your Bachelor's Degree

A Liberal Arts & Sciences education is made up of general education courses that make up an Associates of Arts (AA) degree.

An AA paves the way for a smooth transfer to any Minnesota public university for a Bachelor's degree.

Pathway-specific (transfer pathways) AA degrees also transfer to MN State universities but allow you to focus on a specific career area.



### Pursue Technical Training

Obtain training and a degree, diploma or certificate for in-demand employment in two years or less.

Receive hands-on training to complement academic coursework  
Gain practical knowledge and skills for technical careers.

### Transfer Pathways

Business  
Communication Studies  
Criminal Justice  
Early Childhood Education  
Elementary Education  
Law Enforcement  
Psychology  
Special Education

### Be a Casual Student

Explore a passion or build a skill. Not all students seek a degree, diploma or certificate. Take a class that interests you!

# CHOOSE YOUR AREA OF INTEREST

## Full-Time, Part-Time On Campus, Fully Online, or Hybrid

Flexible options give you the opportunity to pursue your goals on your terms. Step into your course work with confidence!



### Key: Program Location/Delivery

H - Hutchinson  
W - Willmar  
O - Online



HH - Hybrid Hutchinson (combination of online & in-person in Hutchinson)  
HW - Hybrid Willmar (combination of online & in-person in Willmar)

### Translate

To view program information in other languages, use our website's convenient language translator button. See Spanish and Somali versions of program fact sheets at [ridgewater.edu/dei](http://ridgewater.edu/dei).

### Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering

[ridgewater.edu/manufacturing](http://ridgewater.edu/manufacturing)

Computer-Aided Drafting & Design - O  
Machine Tool Technology - HH  
Nondestructive Testing Technology - H  
Welding - H, W

### Agriculture & Veterinary Technology

[ridgewater.edu/ag-vettech](http://ridgewater.edu/ag-vettech)

Agri Business - W, O  
Agricultural Science & Technology - W  
Agriculture Marketing & Communications - HW, O  
Agriculture Equipment Mechanic - W  
Agronomy Applicator Technician - W  
Agronomy Technology - W  
Dairy Management - HW  
Farm Operation & Management - W  
Meat Cutting - O  
Poultry Management - O  
Precision Agriculture - W  
Veterinary Technology - W

### Art Design & Visual Communications

[ridgewater.edu/art-design](http://ridgewater.edu/art-design)

Multimedia Design Technology - O  
Photography & Design - O  
Professional Photography - O  
Web Developer - O

### Automotive Trades

[ridgewater.edu/autotrades](http://ridgewater.edu/autotrades)

Auto Body Collision Technology - W  
Automotive Service Technology - W

### Business & Marketing

[ridgewater.edu/business](http://ridgewater.edu/business)

Accountant - O  
Administrative Assistant - O  
Business Transfer Pathway - O  
Entrepreneurship - O  
Legal Assistant - O  
Marketing & Design - O  
Marketing & Sales Management - O  
Office Assistant - O

## Construction Trades

[ridgewater.edu/construction](http://ridgewater.edu/construction)

Electrician - H, W

Plumbing Technician - HW

## Cosmetology & Massage Therapy

[ridgewater.edu/cos-massage](http://ridgewater.edu/cos-massage)

Advanced Esthetics - W

Cosmetology - W

Estheology - W

Massage Therapy - HH, HW

## Education

[ridgewater.edu/education](http://ridgewater.edu/education)

Early Childhood Education Transfer  
Pathway - O

Elementary Education Foundations Transfer  
Pathway - HH, HW

Special Education Transfer Pathway - HH,  
HW

## Health Care

[ridgewater.edu/healthcare](http://ridgewater.edu/healthcare)

Activity Director - O

Health Information Technology - O

Health Science Broad Field - HH, HW

Healthcare Administrative Assistant - O

Medical Assistant - HH, HW

Medical Coding - O

Nursing - Associate Degree - H, W

Nursing - Practical Nursing - H, W

Nursing - Part - time Practical Nursing - HH

Paramedic - HW

Patient Access Representative - O

Phlebotomy - HH, HW

Radiologic Technologist - W

## Information Technology

[ridgewater.edu/computers](http://ridgewater.edu/computers)

Computer Programmer - O

Computer Support Technician - O

Network Administrative & Security - O

## Liberal Arts & Sciences

[ridgewater.edu/liberalarts](http://ridgewater.edu/liberalarts)

### Transfer Pathways

Business - O

Communication Studies - O

Criminal Justice - HW, O

Peace Officer & Public Safety - O

Early Childhood Education - O

Elementary Education Foundations - HH,  
HW

Special Education - HH, HW

Psychology - O

### Additional Liberal Arts & Sciences Courses (program location/delivery varies by course)

Art

Biology

Chemistry

Communication Studies

Economics

English

Geography

Global Studies

History

Mathematics

Music

Philosophy

Physical Education & Coaching

Political Science

Psychology

Sociology

Spanish

Theater

## Occupational Skills Program

[ridgewater.edu/occupationalskills](http://ridgewater.edu/occupationalskills)

Occupational Skills - W

## Peace Officer, Legal & Emergency Services

[ridgewater.edu/law-ems](http://ridgewater.edu/law-ems)

Criminal Justice Transfer Pathway - HW, O

Peace Officer - HW, O

Peace Officer & Public Safety Transfer  
Pathway - O

EMT and Nursing Assistant (NA) are short-term career trainings offered through Ridgewater's Customized Training and Continuing Education. Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training is also available.

[ridgewater.edu/customized](http://ridgewater.edu/customized)



# SCHEDULE A VISIT



## Let Us Show You Around

Come and see the hands-on, practical, and supportive approach we take each and every day at Ridgewater.

Get an in-depth look at the program you're interested in.

See the wide range of student support resources offered like our food pantry, counseling, academic coaches and much more!

## Can't Make it to Campus?

Visit our website and take a virtual tour from the convenience of your phone or computer.

[ridgewater.edu/admission-aid/visit-tour/virtual-tours/](http://ridgewater.edu/admission-aid/visit-tour/virtual-tours/)

### Schedule a Visit

Visits are available in person or virtually. Go to [ridgewater.edu/visit](http://ridgewater.edu/visit) or call **320-222-5971**

Fully Online  
Students

1,000

### Willmar Campus

Our Willmar campus is nestled in Minnesota lake country and overlooks Foot Lake. It's home to approximately 1,500 students.

### Hutchinson Campus

Located an hour west of the Twin Cities, our Hutchinson campus is home to approximately 1,000 students.

# APPLY TO RIDGEWATER

## Complete Your Application Online in Less than 10 Minutes

It's easy and **FREE**. Even if you haven't scheduled a visit or chosen your area of interest, you can still apply at no risk and no cost. This helps speed along the process when you do decide the program you're most interested in.



**First-generation students**  
(First in family to attend post-secondary institution)



**Students of color**

## Why You Should Apply & Enroll Early

Technical and career programs are in demand. Increase your chances of getting into the program you want by applying early. If you meet the acceptance requirements for the program, but it is full, you will be put on a wait list and can take elective or general education requirements while waiting.

You will have a wider choice of classes the sooner you register. Individual courses have limited seating. Apply early so you can sign up for the classes that best fit your schedule.

The financial aid process takes four to six weeks. Apply for financial aid (FAFSA) before the financial aid priority date if you want to receive your award letter before the start of the semester when payment is due.

Give yourself more time for placement assessment. Allows you more time to study for the Accuplacer test and retest if needed.

Less stress! Get accepted and registered early so you can celebrate, relax, and get ready to start.



# KEEPING COSTS LOW

A college education is one of the best investments you can make, and Ridgewater is a tremendous value. While we are one of the lowest-cost colleges in Minnesota, there are still many considerations around how you will pay for college. Tuition and fees are **as low as \$3,247.92** per 16-credit semester, plus books, etc.



Ridgewater students receive financial aid



Ridgewater students receive foundation scholarships

## Scholarships

Our Ridgewater College Foundation generously awards nearly \$400,000 to incoming and enrolled students every semester! Learn more at [ridgewater.edu/scholarships](http://ridgewater.edu/scholarships)

The North Star Promise Program can cover the **FULL COST** of tuition and fees for eligible Minnesotans. Ask our Financial Aid staff to see if you qualify.

## Financial Assistance

An extensive financial aid program is available for qualifying students including state and federal grants, work study, and loan options

Payment plans can help you manage your education investment. We offer **0% payment plans**.

### Financial Aid

Part-time or Full-time? Both qualify for financial aid. Book an appointment with our financial aid staff and we'll help you complete your **FREE** application. [ridgewater.edu/financialaid](http://ridgewater.edu/financialaid)



# JOIN THE FUN



## Athletics

### Division III and/or Club Sport

Varsity and club sports are open to all students. They are based in Willmar, with the exception of clay target, which is available in both communities. Join the action on a team or cheer from the stands.

**MEN'S:** Basketball, wrestling, baseball

**WOMEN'S:** Volleyball, basketball, softball

**CO-ED:** Clay target (club sport)

[ridgewaterathletics.com](http://ridgewaterathletics.com)

## Recreational Fun

Fitness centers

On-campus disc golf

Pool tables, bean bags and tournaments

Student Life events

## Organizations

Choose from dozens of campus organizations. Student groups are a great way to get involved, try new things, develop leadership and career skills, and network with new people.

Student Senate

Multicultural Club

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Rodeo Club

Theater

DECA Professional Leaders Organization

Professional Agriculture Students (PAS)

Hunting and Fishing League

Pride Respect Individuality Support Movement (PRISM)

[ridgewater.edu/studentlife](http://ridgewater.edu/studentlife)





# RIDGEWATER COLLEGE



## MINNESOTA STATE

*Ridgewater College,*  
A member of Minnesota State



### Hutchinson Campus

2 Century Avenue SE  
Hutchinson, MN 55350



### Willmar Campus

2101 15th Avenue NW  
Willmar, MN 56201

## Mission

Ridgewater empowers diverse learners to reach their full potential and enrich their lives through personalized and relevant education in an accessible, supportive and inclusive environment.

## Equity Commitment

Ridgewater College is committed to providing welcoming and inclusive campuses that value and respect the unique experiences, needs and contributions of individuals and groups from every background and identity to ensure that each student, employee and community member has a genuine opportunity for participation and success.



### Accreditation

Ridgewater is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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