Find YOUR future!

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#1 MN Community College and US Top 20, 2020 & 2021 niche.com
Schedule a Visit
ridgewater.edu/visit or 320-222-5971

Visits are available in person or virtually. We also offer group events and information sessions.

- Visit with an admissions specialist about applying and transitioning successfully to college
- Tour our safe, high-tech facilities, small classrooms, and labs
- Learn about programs and services available to help you succeed

Apply to Ridgewater
ridgewater.edu/apply

Complete your application online. It’s easy and FREE!
Veterans/military members should receive approval from your ESO, military counselor or service prior to enrolling at Ridgewater College.

Apply for Financial Aid
fafsa.gov - Ridgewater’s college code 005252

Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Interested in on-campus student employment? Indicate that on your FAFSA by checking the work study option. Need help? Ask our Financial Aid Office.

Explore and Apply for Scholarships
ridgewater.edu/scholarships

Don’t miss deadlines for scholarship applications.

Ridgewater Vision

Ridgewater College is a student-centered educational leader focused on innovation, excellence and affordability.
Our Communities: Hutchinson and Willmar

- Regional, progressive, safe communities in central Minnesota
- Abundant lakes, beaches, public wildlife areas, and trails to enjoy year-round in both communities
- Variety of shopping, dining, music, theater, cultural, and recreational opportunities
- Outdoor activities such as water sports, hiking, biking, disc golf, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, and skiing

We Have Central Minnesota Covered

- Both campuses offer full academic programs and student services, including many online and blended programs and courses
- Each campus has its own special character, comfortable academic setting, safe environment, and abundant student life opportunities

Housing

- Explore the many affordable housing options within walking distance of campus
- Check out ridgewater.edu/housing for resources
- Access public transportation as needed in both Willmar and Hutchinson
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

You don’t have to know exactly what you want to do – as long as you have a goal or a dream. Ridgewater is a great place to start!

BEGIN YOUR BACHELOR’S DEGREE

- A Liberal Arts & Sciences education offers a foundational Associate’s degree designed to transfer to a four-year college
- Enables you to do your generals or general education
- Guarantees smooth transfer to any public university in Minnesota for Liberal Arts & Sciences AA degrees based on the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum
- Pathway-specific AA degrees also transfer to Minnesota State universities but allow you to be more focused on your academic goals

See more info at ridgewater.edu/liberalarts and ridgewater.edu/pathways.

Transfer Pathways: Bridges to Bachelor’s Degrees

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

We’re Here for You!

Not sure how to begin your academic journey? Schedule a visit with our counselors at 320-222-5971 to help you explore education and career options.

Learn more at ridgewater.edu/explorecareers.
Pursue Technical Training

- Offers a degree, diploma or certificate that leads to in-demand employment in two years or less
- Utilizes hands-on practice to complement academic coursework
- Applies practical knowledge for skilled trades careers

Learn more at ridgewater.edu/academics.

43% Transfer program students

57% Technical program students

94% Graduate job placement rate in related fields

1:20 Average ratio for faculty-to-students
WHAT CAREER

Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering
ridgewater.edu/manufacturing
Computer-Aided Drafting & Design - O
Machine Tool Technology - H, W
Manufacturing Automation Technologies - H
Nondestructive Testing Technology - H
Welding - H, W

Agriculture & Veterinary Technology
ridgewater.edu/ag-vettech
Agri Business - W, O
Agricultural Science & Technology - W
Agriculture Power & Equipment Technician - W
Agronomy Applicator Technician - W
Agronomy Technology - W
Dairy Management - W
Farm Operation & Management - W
Meat Cutting - B
Poultry Management - O
Precision Agriculture - W
Veterinary Technology - W

Art, Design & Visual Communications
ridgewater.edu/art-design
Multimedia Design Technology - O
Photography & Design - O
Professional Photography - O
Web Developer - H, W, O

Automotive Trades
ridgewater.edu/autotrades
Auto Body Collision Technology - W
Automotive Service Technology - W

Business & Marketing
ridgewater.edu/business
Accountant - O
Administrative Assistant - O
Business Transfer Pathway - H, W
Entrepreneurship - H, W, O
Healthcare Administrative Assistant - O
Legal Assistant - O
Marketing & Design - O
Marketing & Sales Management - H, W
Multimedia Design Technology - O
Office Assistant - O
Photography & Design - O
Professional Photography Technology - O

Construction Trades
ridgewater.edu/construction
Electrician - H, W
Plumbing Technician - BW

Cosmetology & Massage Therapy
ridgewater.edu/cos-massage
Advanced Esthetics - W
Cosmetology - W
Estheology - W
Massage Therapy - H, W

Key: Program Location/Delivery
H - Hutchinson
W - Willmar
O - Online
B - Blended online and in person on site,
i.e. BW is Blended online and Willmar campus
Education
ridgewater.edu/education
Agricultural Science & Technology - W
Early Childhood Education Pathway - H, W
Elementary Education Foundations Pathway - H, W
Special Education Transfer Pathway - H, W

Health Care
ridgewater.edu/healthcare
Activity Director - O
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)* - BH, BW
Health Information Technician - O
Healthcare Administrative Assistant - O
Massage Therapy - H, W
Medical Assistant - H, W
Medical Coding - O
Nursing Assistant (NA)* - H, W
Nursing - Associate Degree - H, W
Nursing - Practical Nursing - H, W
Paramedic - BW
Phlebotomy - H, W

Information Technology
ridgewater.edu/computers
Computer Programmer - H, W, O
Computer Support Technician - H, W, B
Network Administration & Security - H, W, O
Web Developer - H, W, O

Liberal Arts & Sciences
ridgewater.edu/liberalarts
Transfer Pathways
Business - H, W
Communication Studies - H, W, O
Criminal Justice - O
Early Childhood Education - H, W
Elementary Education - H, W
Law Enforcement - O, BW
Psychology - H, W, O
Special Education - H, W

Mathematics, Science & Engineering
ridgewater.edu/stem
Health Sciences Broad Field - H, W
Manufacturing Automation Technologies - H
Nondestructive Testing Technology - H

Occupational Skills Program
ridgewater.edu/occupationalskills
Occupational Skills - W

Peace Officer, Legal & Emergency Services
ridgewater.edu/law-ems
Criminal Justice Transfer Pathway - O
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)* - BH, BW
Law Enforcement Transfer Pathway - O, BW
Legal Assistant - O
Paramedic - BW
Peace Officer - O, BW

* EMT and NA are short-term career trainings with Customized Training and Continuing Education. Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) training is also available.

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.
Online and blended/hybrid courses can be great complements to face-to-face courses.

How Much Flexibility is Right for You?

- Synchronous – online classes with set times
- Asynchronous – online classes with no set times for maximum flexibility
- Blended/hybrid – scheduled in-person classes and online learning

Discover options and explore how online might be right for you! [ridgewater.edu/online](http://ridgewater.edu/online)

Some like the convenience of learning at home

- 67% Students taking at least one online course
- 8% Totally online students
Fully Online Programs

Accountant
Activity Director
Administrative Assistant
Agri Business
Communication Studies Transfer Pathway and Certificate
Computer-Aided Drafting and Design
Computer Programmer
Computer Support Technician
Criminal Justice Transfer Pathway
Early Childhood Education (Certificate only)
Early Childhood Special Education (Certificate only)
Entrepreneurship
Global Studies Certificate
Health Information Technician
Healthcare Administrative Assistant
Law Enforcement Transfer Pathway
Legal Assistant
Liberal Arts & Sciences
Marketing and Design
Marketing and Sales Management
Medical Coding
Multimedia Design Technology
Network Administration and Security
Office Assistant
Peace Officer
Photography and Design
Poultry Management
Professional Photography Technology
Psychology Transfer Pathway
Sales and Management Associate
Web Developer

Others enjoy the computer assistance available when on campus.
Ridgewater 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.
Ridgewater offers exceptional student support services provided by caring instructors and staff members.

**Counseling and Advising**

Every Ridgewater student is assigned an academic advisor to assist you in selecting courses and creating a schedule to achieve your educational goals. Our team of counselors is also available to assist with academic, personal or basic needs, plus career exploration and interest or skills assessments.

**Academic Support and Student Success**

- Academic Support Centers
- Basic needs resources
- Developmental courses
- Disability services
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Library assistants
- Online tutoring
- Peer tutoring
- Study skills training
- Supplemental instruction
- Technology labs
- Testing assistance
- TRIO Student Support Services
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**Our Warrior Family**

- 686 Students of color
  * Includes 329 Hispanic students, 184 African-American students and 45 Asian students
- 21% First-generation students
  * First in family to attend post-secondary institution
- 55% Full-time students
- 45% Part-time students

**Student Age Breakout**

- 1,534 19-24
- 1,198 25-54
- 1,162 55+
- 109 18 or <18
- 109 55+

- 29% Unknown
- 29.93% 19-24
- 38.32% 25-54
- 2.72% 55+
Make the most of your Warrior college experience.

Organizations

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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. A sampling includes:

- 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)

Division III Athletics

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Varsity 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 by playing on a team or cheering from the stands.

Recreational Fun

Recreational Fun

- Fitness centers
- On-campus disc golf
- Pool tables, bean bags and tournaments
- Student Life events

Electrician student Emma Becker, competitor in the IDEAL Elite Tradesman National Championship

Brad Bakker, SkillsUSA MN champion: auto body collision repair & refinishing divisions

A Lifetime

Worth of college friendships and connections
Alexis Kubista, MCAC Clay Target Championship second-place women's division shooter

Bryce Thompson and Makayla Breth, new president and vice president for National Professional Agriculture Student (PAS) organization

Warrior baseball team advanced to Region and Super Regional tournaments in 2022
Ridgewater offers educational excellence with some of the lowest tuition costs in the state, as well as a variety of ways to help you with your investment.

**Tuition and Fees**

For fall 2022-23, a credit load of 16 credits per semester will be $3,247.92 plus books and other related expenses.

**Program Differential Tuition Rates Per Credit**

Some programs and courses cost more to offer and thus are charged a tuition differential rate.

- Nursing: Associate Degree: $238.92
- Nursing: Practical Nursing: $232.92
- Veterinary Technology: $225.42

* Includes student fees

**Online Courses**

Minnesota Resident/Non-Resident Tuition and Fees:

$219.27 per credit plus books

**Other Expenses**

Students should plan for other expenses as well. A few things to consider:

- Books
- Food
- Gas
- Rent/utilities/phone
- Program-specific expenses
- Entertainment

Student fees include student services, health services, technology, parking and the Minnesota State College Student Association. They total $21.35 per credit for 2022-23 for most students. Online students do not pay parking nor health services fees.

**Exceptional Value**

Affordable tuition combined with high-quality education delivers tremendous educational value whether you are working toward a technical degree or starting your bachelor’s degree.

* Approximate tuition and fees for 30 credits/year from minnstate.edu, 2021-2022. Does not include room, board, etc.

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Payment Plans
Several payment plans can help you manage your educational investment, including 0% interest options. Ask – we’re here to help!

Scholarships
ridgewater.edu/scholarships
Our Ridgewater College Foundation generously supports incoming and enrolled students every semester.

$350,000+
Scholarships awarded annually

Financial Aid
ridgewater.edu/financialaid
Ridgewater College offers an extensive financial aid program for qualified students.
- State and federal grants
- Work study
- Subsidized and unsubsidized loans

0%
Payment Plans

Don’t miss the deadlines

Students receive financial aid

Warrior Guiding Principles
- Enterprising
- Empowerment
- Excellence
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Trust and Respect
- Collaboration
- Curiosity and Creativity
- Accountability
GLAD WE CHOSE
“My experience at Ridgewater College has been phenomenal. They have a wide variety of program and degree options, customizable schedules, and incredible instructors.... I decided to join the Marketing & Design program, which has been the perfect fit for me. Having a program that mixes the two is fantastic because it has given me the ability to experience the business side of operations, as well as the design side.
~ Faith Gabriel, Post-Secondary Enrollment Options, Hutchinson

“Ridgewater was the closest opportunity I had to start my dream of studying abroad. Now that I’m here, I’m even closer to achieving my educational goals!”
~ Santiago Espinosa, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Queretaro, Mexico, and Kerkhoven

”I was originally planning to go to a four-year college.... but Ridgewater was close to home and I had heard a lot of good things about the Peace Officer program.... It’s a rewarding career with something new every day!”
~ Niki Cappelen, Peace Officer graduate, Spicer

“People who like to tinker, welders, anybody who is interested in shop, anybody who likes to work with their hands - Nondestructive Testing is definitely the field to get into.... It’s a very realistic training experience all the way through.... The pay is excellent, the benefits are excellent and it’s awesome to be able to move around, see different things, work with different people and gain different experiences.”
~ Rob Sheets, Nondestructive Testing Technology, Grove City
Ridgewater Anti-racism commitment

Ridgewater College fully commits to opposing racism, bigotry and all forms of exclusion and unjust bias based on personal identity. We view such actions as critical threats to the health and well-being of our College and the communities we serve.
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 blended 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 are guaranteed to transfer to any public university in Minnesota. Work with your advisor to ensure a smooth transition.
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Ridgewater College, A member of Minnesota State

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Viewbook data provided from 2020-21 and 2021-2022 academic years as available.

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ACCREDITATION

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