Alexandria Technical & Community College

The evolution of Alexandria Technical and Community College (ATCC) is evident on its campus, in its programs, and its long-standing community commitment. Still known for its hands-on approach to learning, ATCC is making an impact in the Alexandria Lakes area, attracting students from just down the road to California.

ATCC keeps its curriculum under a microscope through its Program Advisory Boards. With guidance of advisory members, the college anticipates what is happening in industry then aligns its curriculum accordingly. This relationship helps account for its high job-placement rate: 98 percent of graduates are working in their chosen fields.

The development of a University Center, aligning on-campus transfer counseling for students in partnership with nearby universities, creates a clear and early connection for university bound students.

Offering careers in health and education, business and information technology, design, manufacturing, transportation, and transfer opportunities, ATCC is also known for one of the largest law enforcement programs in Minnesota, which attracts students from across the region.

ATCC houses a Head Start program on campus supporting working parents, while offering hands on training for its early childhood education students. In order to support student success, the college provides emergency financial funds. By helping students stay on track and complete their education, ATCC solidifies its reputation as “The College that Cares.”

Contributing to the Minnesota Economy

- The combined economic contribution in FY 17 of ATCC in Minnesota was $114.5 million. This includes a direct impact of $58.2 million and indirect/induced impact of $56.3 million.
- Operational and capital spending in the state of Minnesota generated $54.2 million of the total impact and $60.3 million in impact from student and visitor spending.

Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State

- ATCC directly employs 188 people.
- ATCC supports more than 950 Minnesota jobs (576 direct and 374 indirect/induced).
Students and Alumni in the State Generate Additional Impact

There are an estimated 12,000 alumni of ATCC living and working in the state. Assuming that a career lasts for 40 years, ATCC alumni currently living in Minnesota will have contributed nearly $2.4 billion in impact over the span of their careers.

In 2018, 700 scholarships totaling more than $375,000 were given out to ATCC students, supporting Minnesota’s future workforce. Many local community members and privately owned businesses support students through tuition support. Faculty and staff are proud to fully engage in their community and are encouraged to serve on boards and committees.

An estimated $1.1 million in charitable donations and volunteer services are generated annually by ATCC faculty, staff, and students.

- $249,201 donated to local charitable organizations by ATCC staff, faculty, and students.
- $837,502 of volunteer time by ATCC faculty, staff, and students.

“The surrounding communities in the region go out of the way to support the college and the students who attend.”

- Dr. Laura Urban, President