Hennepin Technical College (HTC) is firmly planted in the future. With a keen eye on industry trends and workforce needs, its course offerings and degree programs have constantly evolved, adapted, and changed to reflect the needs of employers and of today’s students.

From a cutting-edge foster parent training and women in transition program launched in 1975 and 1981 when it added word processing to the office occupations training program, to today’s expanding animations and motion graphic program, HTC is keeping pace with Minnesota’s transforming economy and communities.

Today there are more than 9,500 students enrolled at HTC, attending classes at its Brooklyn Park and Eden Prairie campuses as well as online. The student population is diverse, comprised of 62.5 percent of underrepresented populations and an average student age of 27-years-old. In addition to general education and Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, HTC offers degrees in over 45 fields of study such as manufacturing and engineering technology, practical nursing, dental assistant, and law enforcement.

An HTC education creates long-term career opportunities for its students and makes an impact on the communities it serves, as well as the Minnesota economy.

- HTC directly employs 456 people.
- Overall, HTC supports more than 2,080 Minnesota jobs (1,303 direct and 777 indirect/induced).
- The combined economic contribution of HTC is $237.7 million. This includes a direct impact of $121.1 million and an indirect/induced impact of $116.6 million.
- Operational and capital spending in the State of Minnesota generates $103.8 million of the total impact and $133.9 million from student and visitor spending.

Contributing to the Minnesota Economy

Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State

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Students and Alumni in the State Generate Additional Impact

The HTC community of graduates is making an impact and extending its educational reach by filling crucial workforce gaps. Alumni also help sustain future enrollment by providing scholarships to students, and promoting networking among fellow graduates, current students, and the surrounding community.

Since January 1, 1990, HTC has granted 38,778 awards. Based upon the (conservative) assumption that each recipient will earn an additional $6,250 annually over those with a high school degree, the impact of graduates' additional earnings of alumni living and working in Minnesota over the span of 40 years, will be $5.4 billion.

Making a Difference in the Community and State

HTC is an integral asset to the region, impacting the local workforce and businesses beyond the halls of its campuses. The quality of the education at HTC is enriched by its faculty, who are experts in their fields, offering a unique tool in the local economic development toolbox.

Customized training designed by HTC faculty specifically around an individual organization’s needs and employees learning requirements, is making a major impact in local industry. Working together, HTC faculty and staff assess the training needs and develop specific, tailored solutions. Companies benefitting from this unique program include: 3M, l, Xcel Energy, Kraft Heinz Company, among others.

When two major Minnesota-based medical device employers identified the need for occupational English to improve quality and reached out to HTC, it changed outcomes. After implementing tailored training for ESL employees, the assessment showed 75 percent of the employers gained large improvements in their understanding and comprehension of workplace related communication (i.e. processes and procedures). The employers saw improvement in daily communication and overall improvement in quality.

It is noteworthy that HTC has over 300 industry partners that serve as members of program advisory boards. These advisory boards help the college maintain relevant curriculum that is responsive to industry needs and standards. Some of our industry partners include: Luther Automotive, CenterPoint Energy, Eaton Corporation, Trane, Ryder, Dow Chemical, Medtronic, Graco, Caterpillar, and Park Nicollet.

As Minnesota’s economy rapidly evolves, HTC is providing the expert training companies and organizations need to enhance their workforce, building new career pathways for all students, and supporting a strong regional workforce.

An estimated $2.1 million in charitable donations and volunteer services are generated annually by HTC faculty, staff, and students.

• $458,527 donated to local charitable organizations by HTC staff, faculty, and students.

• $1.7 million of volunteer time by HTC faculty, staff, and students.

“Hennepin Technical College provides innovative career and technical education. The college creates a diverse and inclusive workforce. Evidence of the quality of education at Hennepin Technical College is noted by our faculty receiving the teaching in excellence award for multiple years in the state of Minnesota. The college’s 99 percent job placement rate is a clear indicator of our quality academic programs and strength of our industry partnerships.”

- Dr. Merrill Irving Jr.
President, Hennepin Technical College

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