Northland Community and Technical College has two campuses located in Minnesota's great north. The college’s East Grand Forks and Thief River Falls campuses have a far reaching impact on the region by providing education and training to the regional workforce, supporting local economies, and generating a tremendous amount of Pioneer pride.

Northland is a comprehensive college offering state-of-the-art, nationally-renowned technical programs designed for those looking to join the workforce quickly. Northland also has a liberal arts program which helps students navigate their first two years of a bachelor degree. With nearly 5,000 full and part-time students enrolled, Northland is woven into the career paths of a significant percentage of the regional population.

While each campus boasts a distinct personality, programs are synthesized for efficiency and tailored to ensure job placement upon graduation. Northland maintains a direct relationship with several local employers, designing programs to suit their current and future needs. Digi-Key University helps prepare the workforce for one of the state’s largest employers, and Altru Health, Sanford Health, American Crystal Sugar, Philadelphia Macaroni, and Simplot recruit directly from Northland and employ students throughout their coursework. Northland is a hub in higher education and workforce development in Minnesota’s Northwest region.

Contributing to the Minnesota Economy

- Northland has a combined economic contribution of $133.6 million. This includes a direct impact of $69.8 million and indirect/induced impact of $63.8 million.
- Operational and capital spending in the State of Minnesota generates $51.0 million of the total impact and $82.6 million from student and visitor spending.

Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State

- Northland directly employs 268 people.
- Overall, Northland supports 1,137 Minnesota jobs (712 direct and 425 indirect/induced).
Students and Alumni in the State Generate Additional Impact

Alumni of Northland are making a difference in their communities through service organizations, public office, and contributions to the Northland Community & Technical College Foundation. Moreover, Northland alumni are helping sustain a regional economy. Many alumni work locally, own businesses, and create industry within the area generating a significant impact in both communities and across the region.

Northland is an innovation lifeline to local employers looking to expand and a recruiting pool to grow the next generation workforce. Through scholarships and student loan repayment agreements, the private sector is investing in local people who are likely to stay in the community.

Making a Difference in the Community and State

Community connections are creating innovation at Northland. The Inter-County Community Council operates a Head Start center on the Thief River Falls campus. This collaboration provides the county’s youngest students with a vital learning space, and in turn, generates revenue for the college. In East Grand Forks, Northland partnered with East Grand Forks public schools to provide high-quality food service for students. This partnership generates a revenue benefit for the public schools and saves money for Northland. Utilizing facilities, partnering locally, and supporting a regional economy are making a difference in Minnesota and producing a financially sustainable asset in these far northern communities.

Annually, $1.2 million in charitable donations and volunteer services are generated by Northland faculty, staff, and students.

- $238,290 donated to local charitable organizations by Northland staff, faculty, and students.
- $1.0 million of volunteer time by Northland faculty, staff, and students.

"The Chambers of Commerce and economic development corporations of both EGF and TRF feature Northland as a community economic development gem in their promotional efforts to attract new business into their respective communities. We are true partners in our collective efforts to sustain and grow this region of the State."

-Dennis Bona
Northland Community & Technical College President