Normandale Community College (Normandale) is the largest two-year college in Minnesota State. Located in Bloomington, it serves students from communities across the southwestern portion of the Minneapolis–Saint Paul metropolitan area. Each year, Normandale enrolls nearly 18,000 students (15,000 credit students and 3,000 non-credit students).

Normandale prepares students for success and an appreciation of lifelong learning. More than half of its students transfer to four-year institutions within one year of graduating. Students complete a certificate or degree, join the workforce, pursue continued learning, and leave Normandale prepared to participate in their communities locally and globally.

Normandale works with local employers and economic development organizations like DEED to train and retrain students, while remaining flexible enough to react to urgent and emerging workforce needs. It offers students affordable access to STEM, technology, health care, and highly specialized programs, including the only vacuum technician and thin film technology program in the nation. Normandale is also the only community college in the state to have specialized accreditation in art, theater, and music. Normandale offers students diverse opportunities to meet liberal studies interests, pursue a degree, or transfer to a four-year degree.

Normandale is committed to providing access to a quality education for all students. Two-thirds of degree-seeking students come from underrepresented groups, including low-income, first generation, or students of color.

**Contributing to the Minnesota Economy**

- Normandale generates a combined economic contribution of $401.2 million. This includes a direct impact of $207.6 million and an indirect/induced impact of $193.6 million.
- Operational and capital spending in the State of Minnesota generates $154.0 million of the total impact and $247.2 million from student and visitor spending.

**Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State**

- Normandale directly employs 608 people.
- Overall, Normandale supports more than 3,474 Minnesota jobs (2,184 direct which includes direct employees of Normandale and jobs created as a result of students spending money on goods and services throughout Minnesota) and 1,290 indirect/induced).
Students and Alumni in the State Generate Additional Impact

In academic year 2017-2018, Normandale awarded 1,279 degrees and certificates. The class of 2017 will realize increased earning power as a result of getting a post-secondary credential or degree beyond high school. The estimated number of alumni living and working in the state total 19,104. Assuming that a career lasts for 40 years, Normandale alumni currently living in Minnesota will have contributed nearly $3.1 billion in impact over 40 years.

Service and commitment to community are in the Normandale DNA. Nine Mile Creek, which transects the college campus near East Marsh Lake Park’s wetlands, was the initial site for the Normandale “Adopt-A-Wetland” service learning prototype. The Normandale Center for Experiential Learning along with dozens of clubs and activities help keep Normandale alumni engaged beyond graduation. Its free dental clinic is a big asset for the community with 1,843 visits for teeth cleanings and dental services annually.

Making a Difference in the Community and State

Every day learners and employers share their concerns about the constantly evolving workplace. They need updated skills that can be immediately applied in the work environment. Employers are looking to hire and promote individuals who can keep pace with technology, facilitate change, work in teams, effectively utilize data, and innovate.

The Continuing Education and Customized Training division at Normandale offers courses, certificates, and resources designed for today’s marketplace. The development of health IT programs are a prime example of the college’s ongoing response to the rapidly advancing healthcare industry. In recent years, the college has received close to $3 million for its health IT efforts. These resources have been used to develop relevant curriculum, align courses and certificates to industry credentials, support training requirements needed by healthcare employers, and to promote thousands of people within the industry.

The impact of Normandale is highly evident in local businesses, hospitals, and communities. Its culture of preparation is helping support a workforce that is making a significant impact in the region.

An estimated $3.9 million in charitable donations and volunteer services are generated annually by Normandale faculty, staff, and students.

- $747,585 donated to local charitable organizations by Normandale staff, faculty, and students.

- $3.1 million of volunteer time by Normandale faculty, staff, and students.

“Normandale is dedicated to the mission of ensuring our students the highest quality education possible. Student Success is our primary focus, and we strive to create futures and change lives. We actively partner with community, industry, K-12 and university partners to enhance education opportunities for our surrounding communities.”

- Joyce Ester, PhD, President