



Northwestern Michigan College

Meeting Our Community's Needs

*We're not just a community college;
we're our community's college.*





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Michigan College:
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1. Workforce/Job Training

Meeting Workforce Needs with
High-Demand, High-Wage
Programs

2. Infrastructure

Investing in Facility and
Housing Needs





**Workforce/Job
Training:
High Demand,
High Wage Jobs**

Meeting Workforce Needs

Community colleges provide training for in-demand careers in programs like Aviation and Marine Technology.

Northwestern Michigan College's programs demonstrate strong employer demand and placement.





High-Demand, High-Wage Programs at Northwestern Michigan College



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100% PLACEMENT

DISCOVER THREE NMC PROGRAMS WHOSE
GRADS GET HIRED IMMEDIATELY

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Transfer student
success

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HS seniors can save with
Michigan Achievement
Scholarship

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High-Demand, High-Wage Programs at Northwestern Michigan College



Aviation

- **Time to complete program:** two years (associate degree); 131 students
- **Typical starting salary:** \$70,000+ plus sign-on bonuses of \$50,000+
- **Job Opportunities:** pilot for airlines, corporate or charter aircraft, air freight industry, air tours, pipeline patrol, air ambulance, ferry aircraft for brokers and dealers, professional flight instructor



High-Demand, High-Wage Programs at Northwestern Michigan College

Marine Technology

- **Time to complete program:** four years (bachelor's degree); 50 students (178 in GLMA)
- **Typical starting salary:** \$75,000-\$85,000+
- **Job Opportunities:** mapping/hydrography, marine construction, exploration, science/research, environmental monitoring



NMC'S MARINE TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS, LIKE SARAH SERGENT, USE THE R/V NORTHWESTERN TO TRAIN IN THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM.





State Support for High Demand, High Wage Programs

FY26 State Investments in Workforce and Job Training

- Making the Michigan Achievement Scholarship (including CCG) permanent (552 Students @ NMC)
- Making Reconnect Expansion Permanent (649 Students @ NMC)
- Support Community College Operations Funding (4%)





Infrastructure: Addressing Facility and Housing Needs

Why Investing in Infrastructure Matters

- Safety and technology upgrades are needed to meet modern standards
- Aging and functionally limited facilities limit program expansion
- Limited housing is a barrier for enrollment

*an investment in infrastructure
is an investment in student success*





Addressing Facility & Housing Needs: Innovative Solutions



One-Stop Shop Student Services Hub

- **Student Success vs. Bricks & Mortar**
(centralized student services = satisfaction/retention/success)
- **FY26 Capital Outlay Request**
(Ranked 3rd in State)
- **\$8 million dollar total project cost**



Addressing Facility & Housing Needs: Innovative Solutions



Getting Results with ITEMS

- Safety and technology upgrades are needed to meet modern standards
 - Geothermal Power Plant to replace steam boiler system
- Aging and functionally limited facilities limit program expansion
 - Aviation Hangar expansion
 - Reducing a two-year long waiting list
- Limited affordable housing is a barrier for enrollment
 - Purchase of off-campus Apartment Complex
 - \$1.1M of \$3.6M cost funded by ITEMS
 - Increased housing by 50 beds
 - Estimated new build = \$7.5 million



State Support for Facility and Housing Needs

So, what can the legislature do?

- Establish ongoing **ITEMS** funding to help community colleges improve infrastructure, upgrade technology and equipment, ensure safe and well-maintained facilities.
- These investments are foundational to Michigan community colleges' ability to provide accessible, affordable, and high-quality education and training.
- **FY26 Request: \$45 million**



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For Your Support**



**Northwestern Michigan College
and, All of Michigan's Community Colleges
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