

St. Scholastica Mission

- Grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition and shaped by the Benedictine heritage, the College stresses "intellectual and moral preparation for responsible living and meaningful work"
- Founded in 1912 in Duluth
- Programs also offered in Austin, Brainerd, Cloquet, Grand Rapids, Inver Grove Heights, St. Cloud







St. Scholastica Today

- 3,712 students; 78% from Minnesota
- 2,244 traditional and non-traditional undergraduates (1/3 receive State Grants)
- 18% of students from diverse backgrounds
- 100% of CSS undergraduates receive financial assistance
- 37% of undergraduates have family incomes less than \$50,000
- 23% of undergraduates have family incomes less than \$30,000





Serving Our Veterans

- Top-ranked as a military-friendly college
- Yellow Ribbon campus
- Partner with the 148th Fighter Wing on trauma training and mentoring
- Nursing major offers Veteran cohort experiences and recognizes leadership experiences







"Your Success is Our Purpose"

- Inclusive Excellence 2025 strategic plan
- Four-Year Pledge
- Only Minnesota private college nationally recognized in inaugural First Forward cohort
- #1 college in Minnesota for overall economic mobility of our graduates
- CSS hosts 5 TRIO programs (5th grade through graduate school preparation)
- 98% of alumni survey respondents are employed or in graduate school within 6 months of graduation--the majority in healthcare and other professional fields





Preparing Minnesota's Workforce

- A liberal arts and sciences foundation is the underpinning for all 40+ majors at CSS
- Largest private School of Nursing in Minnesota
- Other health professions programs include: Health Information Management, Health Infomatics, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, and Social Work
- All CSS nursing and health professions programs focus on preparing students for work in rural and/or underserved communities
- CSS community clinic offers OT and PT to uninsured/underinsured adults and children





Contributions to the Region

- 500 employees and a \$220 million impact on the regional economy
- Strong community partnerships in healthcare, business, and education
- More than 8,000 nursing alumni, including BS, post-baccalaureate, RNBS, MS, and DNP graduates
- 60% of all CSS students major in nursing or other health professions
- CSS students, faculty, and staff volunteer actively in the community





Impact of the Minnesota State Grant

- 900 undergraduates at CSS (> 30%) receive Minnesota State Grant funding
- The Minnesota State Grant helps low and middle-income families at private *and* public colleges throughout the state
- Great investment in future workforce: 70% of CSS alumni live & work in Minnesota
- The pandemic has affected many students' families financially and has also reduced availability of student jobs and internships

Thank you for supporting and strengthening this vital program!

