Careers Requiring High School: Diploma
Adult Education: GED
Human Services Tech
Security Counselor
Overnight Youth Counselor
Behavioral health technician
Residential Counselor

Careers Requiring State Agency Certification (30-76 hours)
Certified Peer Support Specialist  (I & II)
Mental Health Behavioral Aide I

Careers Requiring Community College Certificate/Diploma (16-30 credits)
Mental Health Behavioral Aide

Careers Requiring Community College AA/AS Degree 60+ Credits
• Registered Nurse • Human Services Tech • Program Assistant • Psychiatric Tech
• Behavioral Assistant • Special Education Assistant


With an Associate’s Degree, you can move some of your credits to a four-year psychology or social work program.

Careers Requiring College/University BA/BS Degree (2-4 years)
• Psychiatric Tech • Mental Health • Associate Inpatient Behavioral Health Tech • Social Worker (LSW) • Special Education Teacher

Programs in Minnesota: Social Work: Bemidji State University, Southwest MN State University, St. Cloud State University, MN State University-Mankato, Metropolitan State University, Minnesota State University-Moorhead, Winona State University. Also: Augsburg College, St. Catherine’s University, The College of Saint Scholastica, Concordia College at Moorhead, Saint Olaf College, Bethel University, University of Saint Thomas

Psychology: Most of Minnesota’s public and private colleges and universities offer Bachelor’s degrees in Psychology.

Careers Requiring Advanced Degrees (Masters’ PhD, MD – 4 plus years)
Social Worker (LICSW), Professional Counselor (LPCC), Marriage & Family Therapist, School Psychologist, Psychologist, Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurse, Psychiatrist

Advanced Degree Programs in Minnesota
Social Work: Augsburg College, Saint Cloud State University, St. Catherine University, St. Mary’s University, U of M- Duluth, U of M-Twin Cities, U of St. Thomas, Capella University, Walden University
Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists: Argosy, University of MN, University of St. Thomas, Capella University, Walden University
Marriage and Family Therapist: Argosy, Saint Mary’s University, St. Cloud State University, Capella University
Mental Health Counselor: Capella University, Bethel University, Saint Thomas University, Saint Mary’s University, Adler Graduate School
Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurse: University of Minnesota, College of St. Scholastica
Psychiatry (MD + residency): 3 residency programs (U of M, Regions’ Hospital/HCMC, Mayo Clinic)