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Why Choose A Community College?

Why will you put your college tuition dollars? In an economy tested by tight budgets and a competitive job market, many students are choosing the affordable, quality answer: Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC). At NICC, students learn in a close-knit environment with their peers and instructors, gain real experience in programs that translate into good paying jobs and complete degree programs with credits that transfer to four-year schools.

Your college career may not require four years to complete, and many students discover that two years at NICC is all they need to find great career success. When IBM announced plans in 2009 to open a technology service delivery center in Dubuque, Cory Rennison, who graduated the same year with a Computer Analyst - Administration and Tech Support degree, found work at IBM immediately upon graduation. Rennison now joins the ranks of up to 1300 employees working at the new IBM location, and said that his NICC education, his community college experience and the hands-on approach to his learning made the difference.

Rennison said that his two-year NICC computer science program matched his long term career goals. “NICC really helped me prepare for working with and troubleshooting what most would consider unconventional hardware and operating systems, such as Novell,” said Rennison. “I also found that simply working with small teams in the classroom, and the entire ‘student driven... community focused’ ideology really prepared me for the team-based environment at IBM. The small, intimate classroom experience at NICC translates really well to my on-the-job experience. It’s an experience that I don’t think you could get at many other schools,” he said.

Like Rennison, many students and their families find that the affordability of NICC makes the difference in any economic climate. Joshua Schroetter, a Crestwood High School senior from Lime Springs, received two NICC college degrees, an Associate in Arts and Associate in Science, at the same time he earned his high school diploma this year. Schroetter began the Fall 2010 semester as a junior at Iowa State University.

The Crestwood and NICC graduate said that the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) programs offer an obvious benefit—cost savings. PSEO allows students to earn college credit at NICC while enrolled at their high schools. “The chance to take college courses in high school gets you so much further ahead. I’m starting as a junior at Iowa State now, and I saved so much money,” Schroetter said. “I earned all of this college credit for alot less in tuition dollars.” Schroetter is majoring in computer engineering to follow in the footsteps of his heroes, Bill Gates, of Microsoft, and Steve Jobs, the CEO of Apple.

NICC also provides many opportunities for students to get involved in student life while on campus. The Student Life, Diversity and Leadership offices at both campuses take a student-driven approach to plan activities and events each year.
 transfers the lead role in selecting comedians, performers, entertainment and trips off campus to enrich NICC students’ college experiences. At the beginning of their college careers, some students view the four-year schools as the model for campus life, and later discover that NICC organizations, new friends on-and off-campus, and fun memories contributed to learning as much as a textbook did.

Other organizations, such as the TRiO-Student Support Services (TRiO-SSS) group, make a huge difference in success, said 2010 graduate Ashley McClain of Dubuque. “I was initially drawn to NICC because of the reasonable price, and I could explore what my interests were until I knew for certain which path I wanted to take. After I set my goals and began to get involved in campus organizations, I realized how much of a lifetime experience I was earning,” said McClain. “The opportunities provided to me at NICC opened the doors to finding my life’s passions. I also enjoyed the wonderful experience of caring professionals, willing to help any way possible, in every room or hallway I entered,” she said.

McClain transferred her credits to the University of Dubuque this fall and is currently a business major starting as a junior. Students who chart out their academic path at NICC and beyond enjoy high transfer success rates. Transfer agreements with all of Iowa’s Regents universities and many four-year colleges in the state help to streamline the journey from community college graduation to the next two-year step.

Why choose a community college?
At NICC, the academic programs are affordable, relevant, offer hands-on learning opportunities and prepare graduates for real jobs in our area. Agreements with area high schools and four-year colleges give students and their families a high return on their educational investment in two years or less. The chance to participate in NICC campus life and leadership also makes for two memorable, fun years. A better question is: Why not Choose a community college? For more information, visit www.nicc.edu. CF
This part of northeast Iowa is home to some of the best agricultural programs and services in the state and Midwest. Academic agricultural programs, continuing education classes and community services for area farmers grow in popularity each year because of unique facilities at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC). Two farmer-friendly centers at the college’s major campuses help to create this success: The Dairy Center at the Calmar campus and the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety at Peosta. The centers are one-of-a-kind in the U.S., and they provide hands-on learning areas for students and community members to develop their skills, complete a program and earn a degree, or learn to do their farming work more safely.

The Dairy Center is located just south of the NICC Calmar campus. NICC and Iowa State University partnered with the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation to create the center in 2000. The center consists of a 200-cow dairy farm and 17,000 square feet of classrooms, a milking observation area, a freestall barn, and two educational exhibits that chronicle the state’s dairy history, the Iowa’s Dairy Story and Iowa’s Dairy Museum. Educators from neighboring states are studying ways to emulate The Dairy Center model because of how well its educational purpose integrates with area farmers, schoolchildren, community members, tourists and agriculture degree students at the Calmar campus.

Students in the Dairy Science programs train and develop their expertise in the milking parlor twice daily, using state-of-the-art technology in an authentic lab environment. Students in the Pre-Veterinary Medicine program learn prevention and treatment of farm animal health through the application of vaccinations and antibiotics. The original partnership that built The Dairy Center assists in transitioning many students into four-year agriculture programs at Iowa State University. The Dairy Center is helping to produce academic agricultural success stories and a new crop of leaders.

Katie Steinlage, a 2010 NICC Associate in Science-Pre-Veterinary Medicine/Dairy Science graduate from West Union, developed her veterinary and dairy skills in the center’s hands-on learning environment. She was elected to serve as president of the State Post-secondary Agriculture Students (PAS) organization this year. As part of her role as president, Steinlage travels across the state of Iowa to promote the PAS organization, and speak to 4-H and FFA chapters to encourage high school students to get involved in PAS in college. Her selection as president followed another accomplishment in August 2008, when Steinlage was elected Iowa Dairy Princess.

Steinlage’s educational and career goals are ambitious. Last summer she worked as an intern with Bill Northey, the Iowa Secretary of Agriculture and this fall, Steinlage transferred to Iowa State University to pursue a degree in large animal veterinarian medicine.

“Five to seven years from now, I would like to use my background and education to go back to northeast Iowa to farm a small herd of dairy cattle,” said Steinlage, on her plans after earning her doctorate in veterinary medicine. “Having a smaller-scale dairy farm will allow me to pay close attention to my herd and provide the opportunity for me to begin my own veterinarian practice. Although I will work hard toward achieving these goals, my dream pursuit is to become the Iowa Secretary of Agriculture,” she said.

Not only do NICC agriculture students learn at the center, but the facility consistently draws its own fan base. The Dairy Center has become an increasingly popular tourist attraction, even internationally. In 2008-2009, tourists from France, Southeast Asia and the Ukraine visited the center to learn about agricultural advances in America’s heartland, and more than 10,000 schoolchildren visited the Iowa’s Dairy Story exhibit since 2000, a milestone and testament to the center’s educational success.

The NICC Peosta campus has its own partner in agricultural education The National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS). Formed in 1997, this unique center’s objectives are to raise awareness regarding the high incidence of farm injuries and fatalities, to increase knowledge of the serious nature of agricultural injuries and their causes, and to teach communities about the difficulty of conducting on-farm rescues. American farmers labor every day in one of the world’s most dangerous occupations, and year-round NECAS programs teach participants how to prevent these tragic occurrences.

Farm life presents obvious dangers, such as grain bin engulfment, and other more subtle long-term threats like chronic lung disease and hearing loss, according to Dan Neenan, NECAS manager. In the past year, recent equipment donations and funding for the center are providing additional resources to educate the public on these health concerns. Dubuque Racing Association and ongoing funding through the USDA make many of the center’s farm safety lessons possible, Neenan said.

In 2009, there were 551 fatalities and 70,000 disabling injuries in the U.S. as a result from farming. These statistics indicate an average of 26 deaths per 100,000 workers, making agriculture one of the most dangerous industries in America. NECAS provides safety and health training to farmers, ranchers and
agribusiness professionals, and coordinates agricultural rescue training programs for rural volunteer fire and EMS personnel. Within the last year, NECAS created a Farm First Aid kit to treat medical emergencies on the farm, and uses a mobile grain engulfment simulator to teach grain safety and grain bin rescue. For more information, visit www.necasag.org or become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/necasag.

NICC offers a variety of agriculture and natural resources programs. NICC Associate in Science programs include the Agriculture, Animal Science, Companion Animal Science, Dairy Science and Pre-Veterinary Medicine options. The college also offers Associate in Applied Science programs in Agriculture Business, Agriculture Production, Dairy Science Technology, Enology and Viticulture, and John Deere AgTech. In addition to these associate degrees, NICC offers many agriculture certificate and diploma options.

Dave Lawstuen
Dairy Students Learn with the BEST

Why would someone want to wake up before dawn every morning to milk cows? For many in our local agricultural area, a family heritage and rich history of dairy farming becomes the logical career choice. Luckily, advancements in milking work have replaced physically exhausting hand-milking and the oft-romanticized story of the dairy farmer’s experience. At Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC), students know that the dairy world offers wonderful career options, and new tools of the trade make preparing milk for sale a much more efficient process.

NICC Dairy Science students, under the guidance of dairy science instructor and program chair Dave Lawstuen, learn and advance their knowledge of dairy farming through one of the most hands-on dairy lab environments in the Midwest – The Dairy Center. The center, with dairy cows in a freestall barn, gives students practical experience using advanced milking equipment on a daily basis. Students are bringing that knowledge, combining it with classroom studies and earning top honors nationally.

Lawstuen’s own background influences the approach he takes to teaching students. He grew up on a registered Holstein farm in Lanesboro, Fillmore County, teaches courses in genetics, dairy production and animal science, and coaches national champion two-year collegiate teams in both dairy judging and proficiency.

At the National Post-Secondary Dairy Judging Contests at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis., Sept. 26-27, NICC Dairy Science students took first place in a Practical Application and third place nationally in the Traditional Dairy Cattle Judging contest. The students also received numerous individual and team awards, and will advance to the June 2011 International Judging Contest in Scotland.

The students’ success in applying what they have learned in the Dairy Science program is due in part to what The Dairy Center contributes to the curriculum, Lawstuen said. “It is truly a pleasure to work with these outstanding young men and women at The Dairy Center. The facility provides an exceptional training site and continues to attract some the Midwest’s brightest and hardest working students,” he said. Lawstuen said that efforts to increase the Dairy Science program’s academic rigor two years ago are also making a strong impact on the preparedness of his students.
There are many people and things that will influence your career path, but ultimately it is your decision. Having the tools to help you make that decision is key.
Want Answers?
Start with the Right Questions

Never let a piece of paper tell you where your future leads, but there’s nothing wrong with letting it hint at a direction for those first steps. Assessments and surveys are great tools to tease out the common threads in your life. They help identify likes, dislikes, values and interests. They can give you a clearer picture of how you interact with the world and how that can play out in your career.

So what is it you want to know about yourself?

Before you start filling in bubbles or clicking away at random, warm up with our survey and see where your time’s best spent.

I have few career fields in mind but I’m looking for a resource that will tell me:

- a) If I might, by nature, be uncomfortable in a particular field.
- b) How my willingness to take risks compares to people already doing these jobs.
- c) How my impression of a typical day at work compares to the reality in these fields.

I want a career where I can earn a decent living, but:

- a) A comfortable, respectful work environment is a must.
- b) I don’t want to be stuck at a desk.
- c) I need to know if I can find a job in my state.

The most important thing for me to know as I start exploring careers is:

- a) What kind of work I’ll find emotionally rewarding.
- b) What fields are growing in my state.
- c) Both of the above are equally important to me.

I want to advance in my chosen career someday. How do I find out:

- a) How might best use my strengths to excel in my field.
- b) If my leadership style is suited to being a successful business owner.
- c) How to prepare for and find more education to advance in my career.

I’d like to know more about my ability to work with others. Which tool can tell me:

- a) What traits determine whether I work better alone or on a team?
- b) If my preference corresponds to a specific career.
- c) Details about careers that fit my working style?

Am I creative or analytical? Structured or a free spirit? I want to find out:

- a) What makes a job a natural fit for me.
- b) Which jobs correspond to the abilities I’m most confident in.
- c) What level of education my chosen field requires.

Quick Career Quiz
An interest inventory can be the first step to a new career.

**Step 1: Identify your interests**
Which of these jobs interest you? Place an “X” next to those that do, then rank order those that are marked with an “X”, starting with 1 on the job you find most interesting.

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<td>____ A job which allows you to express information and ideas in a creative way.</td>
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<td>____ An office job which values organization, accuracy, and attention to detail.</td>
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<td>____ A job in which your primary concern is the mental, spiritual, social, physical, or vocational well-being of others.</td>
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<td>____ A job in a manufacturing environment where your tasks are clearly defined and repetitive.</td>
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<td>____ A job which calls on you to influence and lead others.</td>
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<td>____ A hands-on job requiring the use of machines and tools.</td>
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<td>____ A job granting you the authority to protect people and property.</td>
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<td>____ A job involving scientific research and discovery.</td>
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<td>____ A job in which you’re called upon to persuade others.</td>
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**Step 2: Match your interests with career fields**
The 10 jobs described in Step 1 correspond to the following 10 career categories. An example of related jobs are listed for each category.

**BUSINESS DETAIL:** Accountant, banker, credit manager, food service manager, bookkeeper, administrative assistant, coding specialist

**HUMANITARIAN:** Social worker, counselor, minister, elementary teacher, human services worker, special education teacher, occupational therapist, nurse RN, paramedic, recreation leader

**INDUSTRIAL:** Industrial electrician, industrial machine operator, heavy equipment operator, warehouse worker, welder

**LEADING/INFLUENCING:** Personnel director, elected public official, store manager, purchasing agent, realtor, marketing specialist, salesperson, investments manager, small business owner

**MECHANICAL:** Auto mechanic, machinist, carpenter, electrician, engineering technician, tool and die maker, utility worker

**PROTECTIVE:** Police officer, corrections officer, firefighter, military personnel, Postal Inspector, probation officer

**SCIENTIFIC:** Computer programmer/systems analyst, computer analyst, biologist, physician, respiratory therapist, physical therapist, medical technician, college professor

**SELLING:** Sales associate, realtor, distributor, sales manager, marketing director

**Step 3: Assess where you are vs. where you want to be**
How closely does your current job match your interests? If the answer is “not very,” visit the Career Services Office at Northeast Iowa Community College. You will find a helpful staff with useful tools, to help you chart your career path. Visit NICC Career Services at www.nicc.edu/careerservices.

**Answer key**
If you most often answered (a):
You are looking for a personality test to tell you how your “soft skills” fit into a work environment. Assessments like the Kiersey Temperament Sorter www.keirsey.com or TypeFocus www.typefocus.com (click on free assessment) help you identify the ways you like to gather information, make decisions and deal with the outside world and get to know the real you!

If you most often answered (b):
Try an interest inventory. These tests match your interests with those of people in different professions and give you some concrete professions to explore. You can visit with the NICC Career Services office about taking an interest inventory.

If you most often answered (c):
You want it all, and you want it now. Fortunately, the Internet has several career portals that combine assessment tests, detailed occupation profiles and employment outlooks, career path planning and college information. There’s loads of information—if you have the discipline to use it. If you already have some career ideas you want to explore, a career portal can help you round out what you know and figure out your next steps. Likewise, if you haven’t got a clue, these sites make it easy to get started such as www.nicc.edu/mycareer and for a variety of college information visit myroad.collegeboard.com. CF
Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) and its jobs training programs embrace the growing “green” collar sector of the Iowa economy for earth-friendly, environmental reasons, and also because these emerging occupations and ways to do business are rewarded through good paying jobs, cost savings and economic common sense. Solar, wind and geothermal energy, sustainable communities and building structures that conserve energy looked like a dreamy idea 30 years ago – and now there are rewards for good intentions.

NICC offers training programs in green construction practices and will roll out Building Performance Institute (BPI) classes in Spring 2011. BPI courses teach local construction professionals how to take a holistic, house-as-a-system approach to do energy efficiency retrofit work on existing homes. Millions of homes in the U.S. were constructed before modern energy and building codes were established, and these homes often consume too much energy, provide poor thermal comfort during summer and winter months, and have unhealthy indoor air quality. BPI coursework trains professionals how to identify and improve these conditions for homeowners and commercial properties. Throughout the college’s district, many communities aren’t looking to tear down homes and start over. They want to improve existing structures and their comfort, health, safety, durability and energy efficiency.

NICC works with other educational resources, such as the Center on Sustainable Communities (COSC), to hold workshops for local contractors, subcontractors, planners, architects, appraisers, city officials and communities to share the current best practices in green building construction. Building a home or facility that minimizes energy consumption, from foundation and floors to windows and insulation, is the objective. COSC classes teach green building basics that cover planning and design, plumbing and electrical water conservation, domestic hot water systems, re-using rainwater and many other small and large scale methods that construction...
professionals can do to conserve energy.

New coursework in Green Advantage, or GA construction, rewards builders and building related practitioners with certification in green building principles. The training focuses on residential and commercial buildings, and as area communities look for construction firms to bid on new community projects that are more efficient and environmentally friendly, the GA certified contractors, designers and developer will get the nod to do the work. The trained Green Advantage Certified Practitioner (GACP) can demonstrate his knowledge of green building principles, materials and techniques. Green Advantage Certification helps builders get jobs and create stable employment for their workers. Homeowners win in the process and enjoy healthier, more efficient homes and buildings that save them money.

Ever wonder how your energy company, such as Alliant Energy, finds and hires the people who assess your home’s energy usage? These personnel have RESNET Home Energy Rater training to conduct home energy audits. Classes through NICC teach energy rating criteria and the methods to inspect a home, and students taking these new courses praise the application approach to learning.

“The hands-on field work is a great asset to putting the classroom knowledge to work,” said Justin Reeder, a RESNET student. Sometimes these audits’ recommendations are a simple as moving to fluorescent lighting to save money for homeowners; other times a home energy rater’s attic inspection shows that spray foam insulation will produce cost savings.

Solar, wind, hydro and geothermal energy sources are among the cleanest and safest ways to generate electricity or heat a home. Unlike fossil fuels, like coal and oil, these renewable energy sources don’t produce harmful byproducts in their heating and cooling processes. According to the Iowa Office of Energy Independence, there are many tax credits for homeowners in the state who take these green approaches into consideration for their energy needs. The Personal Production Tax Credit rewards property owners who incorporate wind, solar thermal and solar electric systems in construction with property tax reductions and even exemption. These incentives – and in some cases, state law mandates – create jobs. NICC green jobs training programs identify these needs and teach how these alternative energy sources save money.

Although solar energy is a small section of Iowa’s renewable energy economy, Iowans have been generating electricity for their homes from the sun for decades. Solar thermal collectors collect energy from the sun and convert it to heat air, water or heat-transfer fluids that can be used to heat water tanks. Energy produced from solar thermal collectors can also be stored and distributed throughout a building to heat a room or a floor.

Green construction and the energy efficiency industry are creating new employment opportunities in northeast Iowa. Not only do these options serve an environmental purpose and conserve energy, but the growing green collar industry offers real jobs with great pay. NICC and its educational and employment partners created educational programs to meet these emerging workforce needs. Visit www.nicc.edu/green for more information today!

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Additional NICC non-credit, continuing education classes, and academic degree programs prepare students to enter the wind energy field. In the Wind Energy Technology continuing education program, students learn to assemble, maintain and repair wind turbines used in wind energy generation. Through U.S. Department of Labor funding, qualifying students can learn wind turbine service, operation, preventative maintenance and repair tuition-free.

Two NICC credit programs teach wind energy technology in comprehensive Wind Turbine Repair Technician diploma and associate
Wired Up: NICC Electrical Programs

If you have been fascinated with all things electric, the Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Calmar campus is home to two programs that prepare students to do professional electrical work. The Associate in Applied Science - Industrial Electrician and Commercial-Residential Electrician programs are geared toward students’ interests in wires, electric current and motors, DC and AC power sources, schematic drawings of electric circuits, and the comfort of knowing there are jobs in this field locally in northeast Iowa.

“The electrical programs really stress the theory of electricity from the start. DC and AC theory coursework gives students the foundation they need to be a successful electrician, and that theory is used throughout the program to stress the hands-on learning after the first semester,” said Jeff Cooper, NICC electrical instructor. “Most of the students who sign up for our classes learn by doing.”

Cooper and the college’s other electrical program faculty, Mark Wilmes and Tom Junko, say that both electrical programs take a hands-on approach to teaching students. Learning from a textbook teaches the difference between series and parallel circuits, and how to compute voltage, ohms and amps. Yet, students learning to apply that knowledge in real electrical work, such as wire and fusebox installation, experience the real “a-ha” moments. Jenny Smith, an Industrial Electrician student from Dorchester, attests to how the NICC approach is helping her to grasp new concepts more quickly.

“I give the program an A+, and it’s nice to be grading, when I’m so used to being graded,” Smith joked. “The teachers are wonderful and you can tell that they love what they do. I’m in my last year of schooling and we have mostly hands-on classes now, which is invaluable in this industry,” she said.

As an Industrial Electrician student, Smith has logged hundreds of hours so far in on-the-job credit to prepare her for her future career. By the time she graduates, Smith will already have 25 percent of the hours needed to be eligible to test for her journeyman’s license. After passing that test and working in the field professionally, the next test is to become a master electrician. NICC Electrical instructor Mark Wilmes said that getting this “running start”

Jenny Smith
Electrical Work Runs in the Family

Jenny Smith, a Calmar campus Industrial Electrician program student from Dorchester, journeyed into the electrical program to explore a lifelong and family interest in the field, and to land a good paying job locally. The NICC electrical program makes Smith’s career goals possible, and gives her academic credentials in a field that has always interested her.

“When I first entertained the idea of becoming an electrician, I have to admit, it was because I was curious to know how electricity works. I have had a fascinating journey through this program in understanding what it takes to work in this field,” said Smith. “I now have great admiration for all the men and women who work with electricity because of the danger and intelligence it demands of them everyday. I hope to join these important people when I graduate,” she said.

The NICC Industrial Electrician and Commercial-Residential Electrician program both emphasize application of theory in hands-on work, said NICC electrical instructor Jeff Cooper. “Every year we work with the carpentry program students who are building a house in the community. The electrical students do all the wiring for the house. Taking the foundational concepts of electrical theory and driving those concepts home with hands-on experience helps with the learning process. Understanding how electricity works is the key concept to staying safe,” said Cooper.

Smith’s career goals include a variety of employment possibilities that include doing electrical work for agricultural, commercial, industrial or residential companies. So far, the NICC program is delivering on its educational and career promise, especially the program’s faculty.

Smith said her career choice runs in the family; cousins, uncles and a grandfather all had careers as electricians. During her first year of coursework, Smith took advantage of flexible online, Iowa Communications Network (ICN), and classes at Dorchester-area high schools to complete general education credit requirements.
on their profession makes a huge difference in their employability as alumni.

“Many electrical contractors in the Calmar area hire NICC graduates, and it is hard to think of a contractor that hasn’t hired a graduate of these programs,” Wilmes said. Because NICC advisory groups are made up of contractors who offer input, the electrical programs and coursework have real school-to-workforce relevance. “We work with local electrical contractors through our advisory committees to provide curriculum that will support their needs,” he said.

There aren’t many differences between the two programs. The Commercial-Residential program is a diploma program and one semester shorter, than the Industrial Electrician degree program. In the Commercial-Residential program, students are typically construction electricians who will be wiring houses and commercial buildings. The Industrial Electrician students have the same background but are given more training in Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs), Solid State components and power systems, which prepare these graduates for a maintenance position in a factory or industrial facility.

NICC takes an interdisciplinary approach to teach students in the electrical program. “Every year we work with the carpentry program students who are building a house in the community. The electrical students do all the wiring for the house. Taking the foundational concepts of electrical theory and driving those concepts home with hands-on experience helps with the learning process. Understanding how electricity works is the key concept to staying safe,” said Cooper.

The program received a financial boost through the NICC Foundation and the Alliant Energy Foundation last summer. The Alliant Energy Foundation awarded funds that could be used to purchase a load simulator, arc fault circuit breaker tester, circuit mapper system, Earth ground tester and an advanced motor and drive troubleshooting kit. This essential instructional equipment locates and identifies electrical circuits, simulates line loads, verifies that existing electrical wiring meets electrical code recommendations, tests circuit breakers to determine proper functionality and teaches students how to perform troubleshooting with electrical motors.

NICC programs receive praise from students, graduates and area employers for their learn-by-doing approach. If you’ve always wanted to handle electrical matters in your home yourself, or envision a great career that’s waiting close by, NICC electrical programs are a great place to start.

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Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) has the services and resources to make your NICC experience rewarding, from academic advisors helping students transfer their credits to four-year schools, to learning and writing center staff coming to your rescue with a tough assignment. Students at NICC can be assured that they will be able to find the help they want or need during their college years.

Worried about paying for college? You are not alone! Luckily, there are plenty of options that exist to help students pay for college-related expenses. Federal and state grants, low-interest loans, scholarships, sponsorships and work study positions are all examples of financial resources that students rely on to finance their education.

The economy is sending people of all ages to college to retrain, upgrade their skills or rekindle an earlier career goal. At NICC, the Adult Transition Centers help adult learners navigate college life, work, their personal lives and their future plans. The Adult Transition Centers work to turn challenges into opportunities for adult learners, and to put a positive spin on whatever sent them back to college. Adult students, unlike college students right out of high school, often have to work harder to balance their life priorities, which can include parenting, working full-time to support a family, assisting aging parents, making time for significant relationships and trying to fit in time for themselves.

Students from many different backgrounds receive support through NICC services, such as the college’s English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Bovic, an ESL student from the Democratic Republic of Congo, takes classes at the NICC Chickasaw County Center to improve his language skills.

“I came to the U.S. almost one year ago. I wasn’t sure of my English, so I didn’t say much. I didn’t have a job or a car. I now have both. My English has improved so much and I am more confident about what to say when I meet new people,” Bovic said.

“I couldn’t have come this far in this short of a time without the English classes at the NICC Chickasaw County Center in New Hampton,” he said.

Support for students is not all paperwork, signing on dotted lines and buying textbooks, though. Other resources, such as the NICC Student Life, Diversity and Leadership offices, plan a variety of on- and off-campus events throughout the year. Trips to Chicago, service learning opportunities in Colorado and seeing theatre performances all provide extra support for students. Many students have formed close friendships and support networks while at NICC because of these free, or low cost, opportunities.

NICC offers help ranging from admissions and financial aid assistance to career advising, referrals and counseling. Campus organizations, student life events and programs, and helpful staff at the college are available for all students. For more information on services and resources available to students visit www.nicc.edu.
Achieve your Educational and Career Goals

Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) offers more than 75 programs of study that provide you with endless opportunities. Our expert faculty give you the specialized attention you need in classes that average 16 students. Many programs enable you to start your career after graduation, giving you the necessary skills for many in-demand occupations. These programs also give you the preparation you need to continue your education. Find out more about our programs of study at www.nicc.edu/collegeprograms.

NICC also offers many benefits to graduates whose goal is to attend a four-year school immediately after earning their associate’s degree. We have many transfer agreements with area colleges and universities, which will help you seamlessly transfer to a four-year institution. Starting your education at NICC by earning your associate’s degree will save you thousands in tuition dollars. For more information about our transfer programs visit www.nicc.edu/transfer.

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NICC A to Z index

What follows is an alphabetical listing of programs and areas of study offered by Northeast Iowa Community College. Visit NICC at www.nicc.edu for more information.

Associate in Arts (C, P, O)
The AA general degree transfers the first two years of courses toward a bachelor’s degree at most colleges and universities. The general education courses are useful regardless of whether you complete your education at NICC or continue at another college.

Award: AA
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: transfer degree

Accounting Clerk (C, P)
Develop skills to work as an accounting clerk, bookkeeper, cost accounting clerk, or payroll clerk. Students can continue their studies in the Accounting Specialist Program.

Award: D
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $29,000

Accounting Specialist (C, P)
Builds advanced skills in cost accounting, general accounting and other areas of financial reporting.

Award: AAS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $39,850

Administrative Assistant (C, P)
Students will take upper-level courses in management, law, computers and accounting as well as coursework in human relations and business communication. Students may transfer up to two years of credits to several colleges.

Award: AAS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $35,500

Agriculture (C, P)
This degree provides a course of study which will readily transfer to many agricultural baccalaureate majors.

Award: AS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: transfer degree

Agriculture Business (C, O)
Develop the technical, agricultural skills necessary in agribusiness, as well as communications, human relations, management and sales. You can get a certificate in Agriculture GIS/GPS, Agriculture Manager, or Agriculture Office Technician.

Award: AAS, C (in Agronomy Custom Application, Animal Science, Dairy, GIS-GPS, Office Technician, Manager & Marketing)
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $53,000

Agriculture Production (C)
Designed to train people to work in the agriculture production industry.

Award: AAS, D (in Applied Agriculture Studies)
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $53,000

Animal Science (C)

Students enrolling in this program can expect to immediately enter into the workforce after completion of their two year degree or transfer to a four-year college to pursue a B.S. degree.

Award: AS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $53,000

Associate in Science (C, P, O)
Receive preparation in high quality technical and general education courses that readily transfer to a general Bachelor or Science program at a four-year institution.

Award: AS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: transfer degree

Associate Degree Nursing (C, P)
Learn to assess, plan, implement and evaluate all aspects of a client’s health care needs and gain clinical experience in hospitals, home health care, long-term care facilities and community settings. After earning the two-year degree you can complete the licensure exam to be a registered nurse (RN) or enroll in a BSN program.

Award: AAS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $49,300

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Automotive Mechanics (P)
Basic auto repair and the use of modern diagnostic equipment make up this one-year program. Students will be able to complete the ASE certification exam in several areas.
Award: D
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $32,100

Automotive Technology (C)
Develop expertise in maintaining, diagnosing and repairing technologically advanced vehicles in this two-year program. Students will be eligible to complete the ASE certification in exam in several areas.
Award: AAS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $32,100

Building Materials Management (C)
Market and manage material supplies for the construction field.
Award: D
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $30,600

Business Administration (C, P, O)
An excellent beginning if planning to pursue a professional degree in accounting, finance, management, marketing, human resources, business education and computer science.
Award: AA
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: transfer degree

Business Specialist (C, P, O)
Develop general business skills in areas such as accounting, marketing, management, supervision and business law.
Award: AAS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $33,100

Carpentry (C, P)
Develop skills in basic residential and light commercial carpentry. Receive hands-on experience as part of a team that will build a home. Certificates: Cabinetmaking, Finishing, Floor and Framing, or Foundation Skills.
Award: D, C
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $32,400

Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) Machinist Technician (P)
Training as an all-around machinist provides students with the opportunity for employment throughout the region and across the country. Competency-based instruction includes safe operation of engine lathes, milling machines, grinders, saws, drills and hand tools.
Award: D
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $34,600

Coding Specialist (C, P, O)
Designed for the student who wants to be employed in health care settings to do coding activities for health care reimbursement purposes.
Award: D
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $27,800

Commercial-Residential Electrician (C)
Learn about alternating and direct current, National Electrical Code, electrical design, motor control principles and motor repair. Receive hands-on experience as part of a construction project.
Award: D
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $46,900

Communication (C, P)
Get on the career path for a professional degree in business, education, journalism, media, public relations and other communications related areas.
Award: AA
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: transfer degree

Computer-Aided Design (CAD) Specialist (P)
In less than one year, learn to make two and three dimensional computer generated drawings, blueprints, and computer animation and simulation.
Award: C
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $28,000

Construction Technology (C, P)
Students will increase their skills and improve advancement opportunities through hands on construction experience, communications, business and math.
Award: AAS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $32,400

Cosmetology (C)
Earn an associate's degree or a diploma in the NICC full service salon. The two-year program provides a strong foundation with theory and salon experience. After successfully completing the licensure exam, students can work in an established salon or become a salon owner.
Award: AAS/D
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $21,400

Criminal Justice (C, P, O)
Provides a course of study which will readily transfer to most four-year colleges and universities. This is a useful beginning to get a start in law enforcement, criminal and juvenile justice systems, corrections or security.
Award: AA
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: transfer degree

Dairy Science (C)
Students enrolling in this program can expect to transfer to a four-year college with junior status after completion of their two-year degree.
Award: AS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: transfer degree

Dairy Science Technology (C)
For students entering a dairy career or transferring for a four-year degree. Get 120 hours of hands-on experience in a 150-cow, state-of-the-art training facility.
Award: AAS/ C (in Dairy Breeding Specialist, Dairy Feeding Specialist, Dairy Health Specialist)
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $22,300

Dental Assisting (P)
Assist the dentist in all phases of dentistry including general and specialty chair-side procedures, materials, radiology, lab procedures and business office management.
Award: D
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $32,200

Computer Applications Technician (C)
Develop skills in electronic data entry, access, construction and manipulation of data that will make you a valued employee of any business. Continue into the Administrative Assistant program or continue your education in other computer related areas.
Award: D
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $25,100

Computer Technology (C)
Be able to manage computer systems and databases and gain a foundation in math, physics, electricity, electronics and computer networking.
Award: AAS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $38,800

Computer Analyst-Network Administration & Tech Support Option (P)
Network Administrators design, install and support an organization’s Network or Internet System. They also maintain network hardware and software, analyze problems and monitor the network to ensure availability to users. Technical Support Specialists investigate and resolve problems with computers. They listen to issues, find solutions and write technical reports.
Award: AAS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $48,750

Computer Analyst-Business & Web Programming Option (P)
Computer Programmers design code, test, and debug computer programs, review and update existing programs as changes are needed. Web Designers develop, manage, and maintain web sites and overall Internet presence for an organization.
Award: AAS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $59,000 - $54,400

Dairy Health Specialist
Award: AAS/ C (in Dairy Breeding Specialist, Dairy Feeding Specialist, Dairy Health Specialist)
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $32,100

Computer Applications Technician (C)
Develop skills in electronic data entry, access, construction and manipulation of data that will make you a valued employee of any business. Continue into the Administrative Assistant program or continue your education in other computer related areas.
Award: D
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $25,100

Computer Technology (C)
Be able to manage computer systems and databases and gain a foundation in math, physics, electricity, electronics and computer networking.
Award: AAS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $38,800

Computer-Aided Design (CAD) Specialist (P)
In less than one year, learn to make two and three dimensional computer generated drawings, blueprints, and computer animation and simulation.
Award: C
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $28,000

Construction Technology (C, P)
Students will increase their skills and improve advancement opportunities through hands on construction experience, communications, business and math.
Award: AAS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $32,400

Cosmetology (C)
Earn an associate's degree or a diploma in the NICC full service salon. The two-year program provides a strong foundation with theory and salon experience. After successfully completing the licensure exam, students can work in an established salon or become a salon owner.
Award: AAS/D
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $21,400

Criminal Justice (C, P, O)
Provides a course of study which will readily transfer to most four-year colleges and universities. This is a useful beginning to get a start in law enforcement, criminal and juvenile justice systems, corrections or security.
Award: AA
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: transfer degree

Dairy Science (C)
Students enrolling in this program can expect to transfer to a four-year college with junior status after completion of their two-year degree.
Award: AS
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: transfer degree

Dairy Science Technology (C)
For students entering a dairy career or transferring for a four-year degree. Get 120 hours of hands-on experience in a 150-cow, state-of-the-art training facility.
Award: AAS/ C (in Dairy Breeding Specialist, Dairy Feeding Specialist, Dairy Health Specialist)
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $22,300

Dental Assisting (P)
Assist the dentist in all phases of dentistry including general and specialty chair-side procedures, materials, radiology, lab procedures and business office management.
Award: D
State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $32,200

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Prepares students to install, maintain and operate high and low pressure natural gas distribution systems for the National Education Council for Agricultural Safety Center.

**Award:** AAS

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $29,800

**Diesel Mechanic (P)**

Prepare as an all around mechanic capable of performing work on all systems of the vehicle.

**Award:** D

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $35,800

**Early Childhood (C, P)**

Enter the early childhood education field as an assistant or lead teacher in a day care, preschool, or Head Start program, and with experience in a position as a director. This is an excellent first step if planning to earn a four-year degree in early childhood or elementary education.

**Award:** AAS/D

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $20,900

**Education (C, P)**

Students can complete their first two years of a teaching degree at a four-year college. Complete general education courses as well as specialized education experiences.

**Award:** AA

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: transfer degree

**Electroneurodiagnostic Technology (C, P)**

Technologists record and study electrical activity of the brain and nervous system using a variety of techniques and equipment. This program is in cooperation with Eastern Iowa Community College.

**Award:** AAS (award granted from EICC)

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $29,500

**Electronic Technology (P)**

This two-year program combines science, engineering and math. Learn to solve problems in the development, manufacture and service of electronic equipment and systems.

**Award:** AAS

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $50,900

**Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic (P)**

Learn to evaluate and manage ill or injured people at pre-hospital and emergency sites. Paramedics work with other highly trained people to provide quality emergency care in the least amount of time. An EMT-Basic Certificate is also offered.

**Award:** AAS, C

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $27,200

**Enology (C, P)**

Provides the necessary skills to enter the field of wine-making either as an entrepreneur or a skilled worker for an established winery.

**Award:** AAS, D, C

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $28,400

**Entrepreneurial Cosmetology (C, P, O)**

The degree will provide the needed training to successfully open and operate a cosmetology business.

**Award:** AAS

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $21,400

**Fire Fighting Specialist (C, P)**

The program is designed for firefighters affiliated with an existing paid or volunteer fire department. Emphasis is placed upon specialized firefighting courses offered through the Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau and the National Education Council for Agricultural Safety Center.

**Award:** AAS

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $36,500

**Gas Utility Construction & Service (P)**

Prepares students to install, maintain and operate high and low pressure natural gas distribution systems for residential structures, and commercial and industrial companies.

**Award:** AAS

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $29,800 - $33,500

**Graphic Design (P)**

A design based educational program that equips students with skills and materials necessary to compete for professional design positions upon graduation or continue their education at a four-year institution.

**Award:** AAS

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $35,500

**Health Information Technology (C, P, O)**

The Health Information Technician is responsible for maintaining health information in a manner consistent with current medical, administrative, ethical, legal and regulatory requirements. A primary job function is coding of health care data for research and reimbursement.

**Award:** AAS

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $27,800

**Heating and Air Conditioning (C, P, O)**

Learn to install and repair heating and air conditioning equipment in this one-year program.

**Award:** D

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $36,200

**Human Services (C, P)**

Prepares students to work in human service as a counseling staff or youth care supervisor. Transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a degree in psychology, social work, sociology, special education or substance abuse.

**Award:** AA

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: transfer degree

**Human Services Generalist (C, P)**

Prepares students to enter the workplace in human services agencies, services and delivery systems.

**Award:** AAS

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $25,600

**Human Services Specialist (P)**

Prepares students to work in human service as a counseling staff or youth care supervisor. Transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a degree in psychology, social work, sociology, special education or substance abuse.

**Award:** AAS

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $25,600

**Human Services Technician (C, P)**

Develop basic skills essential for working with persons in need of assistance.

**Award:** D

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $25,600

**Industrial Electrician (C)**

Prepares students for employment as an electrician in an educational institution, a utility, municipal, state or federal agency, food processing plant, manufacturing facility, and other businesses that rely on the skills and experience of qualified electricians.

**Award:** AAS

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $46,900

**Industrial Technology Teacher Education (C)**

Earn an Associate in Science degree from NICC and a bachelor’s degree in Secondary Teacher Education with a 7-12 teaching endorsement in Industrial Technology from Upper Iowa University.

**Award:** AAS

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: transfer degree

**John Deere Ag Tech (C)**

Receive classroom and lab experiences on John Deere products and a unique opportunity to work at a John Deere dealership. The program is supported by John Deere Company, Kansas City branch and operated by NICC.

**Award:** AAS

**State of Iowa Median Salary Range**: $32,600
### Law Enforcement (C, P)
Work with police departments, sheriffs' offices, highway patrol departments, narcotics bureaus, correctional institutions, crime prevention laboratories, or industry and private investigation services.
- Award: AA
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $40,200

### Legal Assistant/ Paralegal (P)
Prepare for a professional career in the legal field. This degree makes students eligible for the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) exam. Students can transfer the degree to a four-year college.
- Award: AA
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $40,100

### Management Information Systems (P)
Will prepare you to enter the workforce or transfer to a computer-related major at a four-year college or university.
- Award: AA
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: transfer degree or $38,000

### Marketing (C, P)
Develop skills in merchandising, displaying and personal selling.
- Award: D
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $19,400

### Marketing Management (C, P)
Class work and on-the-job training to teach skills needed in retail operation and management functions.
- Award: AAS
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $33,100

### Medical Laboratory Technician (C, P)
Work under the supervision of a medical technologist, pathologist, or other qualified physician, performing tests to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.
- Award: AAS (award granted from HCC)
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $35,100

### Medical Transcriptionist (C, P, O)
Translate and edit recorded dictation by physicians and other health care providers. Students need to understand the language of medicine, human biology, diagnostic procedures and treatment.
- Award: D
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $29,600

### Office Technology: General or Medical (C)
The office assistant is able to interpret the needs of the employer, maintain poise and friendliness, and apply good human relations principles at all times.
- Award: D
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $25,200/$28,100

### Office Technology: Legal, Medical, or Secretarial (P)
The office assistant is able to interpret the needs of the employer, maintain poise and friendliness, and apply good human relations principles at all times.
- Award: D
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $25,200/$31,300

### Para-educator Certification (C, P)
Support and assist teachers and students in a wide range of educational and community service settings. An opportunity to work with children, especially those with disabilities.
- Award: C
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $19,400

### Practical Nursing (C, P)
Prepare to work as an LPN and or continue to work on the second year of the Associate Degree Nursing program.
- Award: D
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $35,400

### Pre-Veterinary Medicine (C)
Upon graduation transfer to Iowa State University as a junior and complete a four-year degree for eventual application to its veterinary school. Students complete their general education requirements and are trained in dairy cattle management at a 150-cow dairy training center.
- Award: AS
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: transfer degree

### Professional Massage Therapy (C)
Prepares students for entry-level work in hospitals, chiropractic offices, health clubs, spas, salons, pain management centers, sports medicine, and private practice.
- Award: D
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $30,100

### Psychology (C, P, O)
Provides a solid base for students interested in pursuing a baccalaureate degree in Psychology.
- Award: AA
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: transfer degree

### Radiologic Technology (P)
Prepares students to work in a hospital, clinic or a physician's office producing diagnostic X-rays.
- Award: AAS
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $44,200

### Respiratory Care (P)
Working closely with physicians, students will be involved in managing the care of patients with heart and lung disease.
- Award: AAS
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $36,900

### Surgical Technology (P)
Prepares students to work in operating rooms or in ambulatory surgery areas. Students will work in the scrub (sterile field), circulating (outside the sterile field), or as first assistant directly assisting the surgeon. This program is in cooperation with Kirkwood Community College.
- Award: AAS
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $34,700

### Tourism (P)
Develop skills for the hospitality and travel industry. Students will be prepared for immediate employment in an entry-level position.
- Award: C
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $24,300

### Viticulture Technology (C, P)
Provides the necessary skills to enter the field of grape growing either as an entrepreneur or a skilled worker for an established vineyard.
- Award: AAS, D, C
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $22,300

### Welding (P)
Students have opportunities to repair, perform fabrication or construction in a variety of industries.
- Award: D
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $32,400

### Wind Turbine Repair Technician (C)
This program prepares students to become qualified in various entities of the wind energy industry. Students will be exposed to the fundamentals of site acquisition, design, construction, turbine service, operation, preventative maintenance and repair.
- Award: AAS, D
- State of Iowa Median Salary Range*: $30,900

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