



**CONSIDER**  
YOUR OPTIONS  
AT A NORTH DAKOTA  
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE  
DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU  
DICKINSON STATE UNIVERSITY  
LAKE REGION STATE COLLEGE  
MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY  
MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY  
NORTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE  
NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA  
VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY  
WILLISTON STATE COLLEGE

# WHAT DOES THE NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OFFER ME?

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## WHY ATTEND COLLEGE IN NORTH DAKOTA?

North Dakota has a college that's just right for you! North Dakota University System colleges and universities offer many areas of study, from one-year technical programs to professional degrees in law, medicine and pharmacy. NDUS colleges and universities will help prepare you to meet your career goals.

### THE NDUS OFFERS YOU...

- Hundreds of programs to choose from
- A college near your hometown or one that's miles away
- Room to grow and opportunities to spread your wings
- Individualized attention from your professors
- Cutting-edge technology at your fingertips
- Sports, student government, music and more than 750 clubs and student organizations

### THE NDUS PROVIDES ACCESS TO EDUCATION

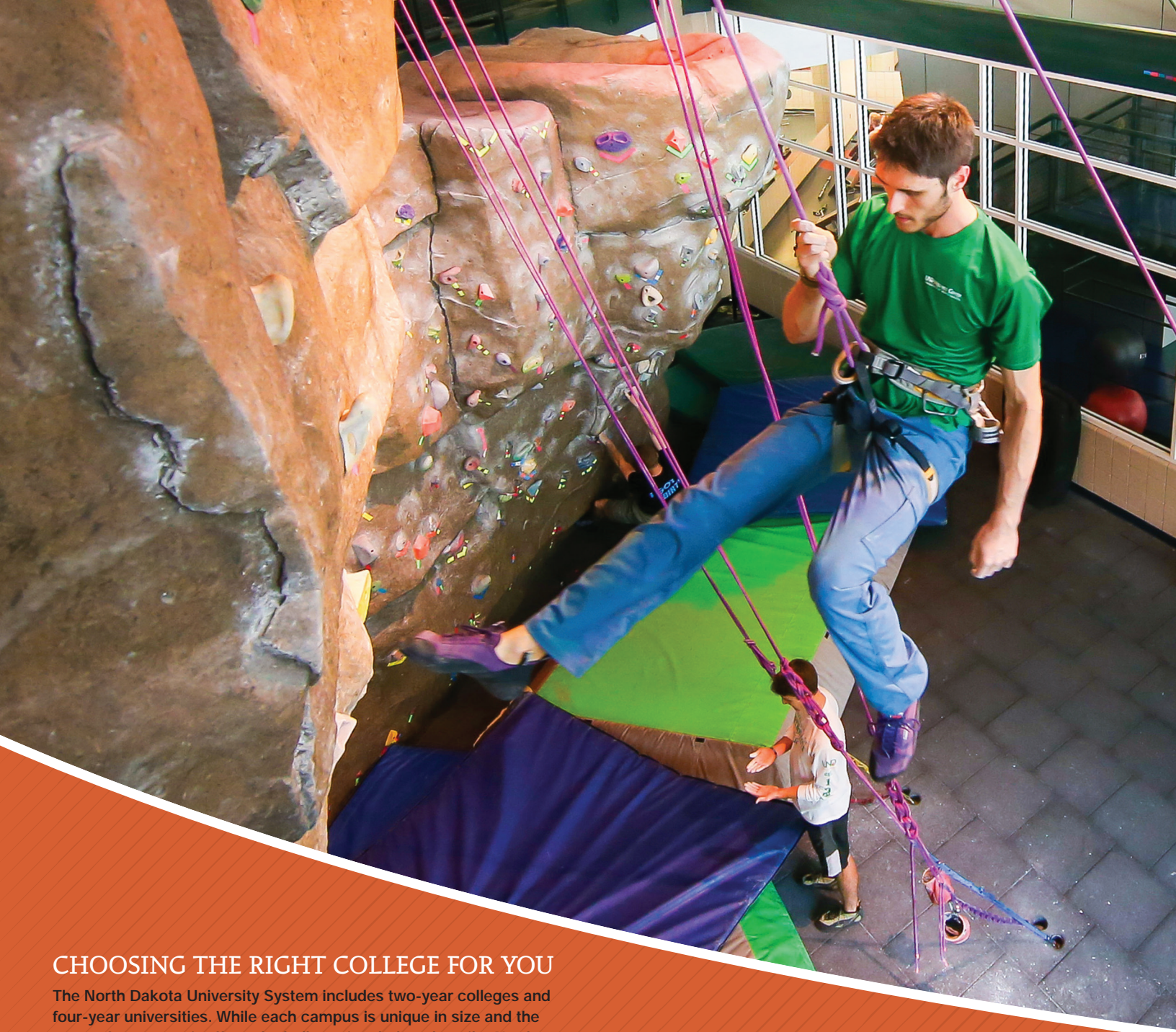
NDUS colleges and universities provide access to education anywhere in the world by offering distance learning in many forms, including:

- Online
- Interactive TV
- In-person classes off-campus

For more information about each type of distance learning opportunity, go to any of the 11 campus websites. For more information about anytime, anywhere access to more than 1,000 online courses offered through the North Dakota University System Online (NDUSO), go to [ndus.edu](http://ndus.edu) and explore "Take Courses/Earn Degrees Online" in the *Student* section of the website.

### CHOICES, CHOICES, CHOICES!

What if you're not sure what type of education best fits your strengths and interests? Your high school counselor will help you evaluate your options and make a smooth transition to college. Or, visit [RUReady.ND.gov](http://RUReady.ND.gov) or [Insights.ND.gov](http://Insights.ND.gov) for more information on career, educational, and financial planning.



## CHOOSING THE RIGHT COLLEGE FOR YOU

The North Dakota University System includes two-year colleges and four-year universities. While each campus is unique in size and the types of programs it offers, the bullet points below describe North Dakota's public colleges and universities in general terms.

### TWO-YEAR COLLEGES ...

- Offer career and technical programs that prepare you for a specific career. When you complete a technical program, you will receive a certificate, an associate in arts (AA) degree or an associate in applied science (AAS) degree, any of which will enable you to directly enter the workforce in your particular field of study. Some programs take less than two years to complete.
- Offer associate in arts (AA) and associate in science (AS) degrees; either degree may meet your educational goals or prepare you to transfer to a four-year university.
- Have open enrollment policies; they accept all high school graduates and general educational development (GED) recipients, but require students to take the ACT test.

### FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITIES ...

- Offer a broad range of programs and degrees, including four-year or bachelor's degrees; some also offer graduate degrees, such as master's degrees and doctorates.
- May offer a limited number of technical programs.
- Require students to meet admission requirements, including taking core high school courses and the ACT test with a minimum score. Some also accept SAT test results.

To learn more about North Dakota University System colleges and universities and the programs they offer, go to: [Insights.ND.gov](https://insights.nd.gov). This website includes helpful information and links to the websites of all 11 campuses in a quick, mobile-friendly format.



## ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDING NORTH DAKOTA COLLEGES IN 2024-25\*

	PRIVATE	TWO-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGES	FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
ONE YEAR OF COLLEGE	\$40,144	\$20,582	\$26,541
FOUR YEARS OF COLLEGE	\$173,026	- NA -	\$114,397

For a complete listing of approximate college costs for children ages 1 through 18, visit the College Planning Center at the Bank of North Dakota website: [collegehandbook.bnd.nd.gov](http://collegehandbook.bnd.nd.gov).

\* Contact the college or university of your choice for the actual cost of attendance.



## WHAT ARE CORE COURSES?

Core courses are those required for admission to a four-year university in the North Dakota University System.

**English:** Four courses

**Mathematics:** Three courses (algebra 1 and above)

**Laboratory science:** Three courses (including at least two in biology, chemistry, physics or physical science)

**Social studies:** Three courses (not including consumer education, cooperative marketing, orientation to social science and marriage/family) NDUS recommends that students take a mathematics course each year of high school, including advanced algebra.

Additional courses may be required before you can be admitted to some college programs.

A student who has not taken the required courses is welcome to attend any of the state's two-year colleges. Upon satisfactory completion of 24 credits, the student will be eligible to transfer to a four-year university.

Your school counselor can help you find out more about the specific requirements for the programs that interest you. These course requirements will increase to 15 core courses by Fall 2018 for admission to the research universities – North Dakota State University and University of North Dakota.

## EARN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CREDIT AT THE SAME TIME!

As a high school sophomore, junior or senior, you may be able to take dual-credit and advanced placement (AP) courses. These courses meet high school graduation requirements, plus they may help you get an early start on college classes. If your high school and an area college have an agreement to offer dual-credit courses, ask a high school counselor to help you determine if you're academically ready for college. You may end up on the fast track for a college degree.

## GRADE-POINT AVERAGE – WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

A high grade-point average helps you gain admittance to the college or university of your choice. Plus, a good GPA may make you eligible for college scholarships. Your GPA will be one factor considered for acceptance at a college or university.

The four-year universities are broken down into three categories, each with its own minimum requirements for admission. 2.0 is the minimum GPA required by the regional universities (Dickinson State University, Mayville State University and Valley City State University). 2.75 is the minimum GPA required by the master's university (Minot State University) and the research universities (North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota).

## EARN A \$6,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The North Dakota Legislature created scholarships for high school graduates, the North Dakota Academic Scholarship, the N.D. Career and Technical Education Scholarship, and the N.D. Scholarship. These programs reward North Dakota high school graduates who meet specific coursework, grade-point-average and test score requirements. If you qualify, you may be eligible for up to \$6,000 for undergraduate study at eligible institutions of higher education within North Dakota. Your high school counselor can work with you to make sure you're taking the right steps to qualify for one of these scholarships. For more information, contact NDUS or call the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction at 701.328.2755.

There are many financial aid options available. To learn more about North Dakota state grants and scholarships, go to [ndus.edu/students/paying-for-college/](http://ndus.edu/students/paying-for-college/).

A HIGH GRADE-POINT AVERAGE HELPS YOU GAIN ADMITTANCE  
TO THE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY OF YOUR CHOICE.



# PLAN AHEAD – NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM GIVES YOU MORE OPTIONS

It's not too early to begin charting your career path. But what if you choose a college and major, then begin college and change your mind? Many college courses transfer with you from one North Dakota University System college or university to another. In fact, systemwide agreements guarantee the transfer of all general education courses.

## WHY TAKE THE ACT?

All students who plan to attend a public college or university in North Dakota are required to take the ACT Assessment. As a North Dakota high school student, you will take the ACT during your junior year. NDUS colleges and universities use ACT scores as a tool for determining admission (at four-year universities) and eligibility for scholarships. For more information, contact your school counselor or visit the ACT website at: [act.org](http://act.org). When taken at your school during your junior year, ACT costs are covered by the state.

The SAT test is another form of assessment used in some other states. SAT results also are accepted by NDUS colleges and universities.

## GET CONNECTED

For a simple guide to careers in your favorite subject area, go to: [RUPrepareND.gov](http://RUPrepareND.gov).

For more detailed information about career choices, go to: [bls.gov/ooh](http://bls.gov/ooh).

To evaluate your career interests, strengths and options, read the Career Outlook tabloid available through your high school counselor or contact the North Dakota Career Resource Network Office at 701.328.9733.

To learn more about jobs available in North Dakota, go to: [jobsnd.com](http://jobsnd.com).

To explore the North Dakota University System college or university that's just right for you, go to: [Insights.ND.gov](http://Insights.ND.gov).

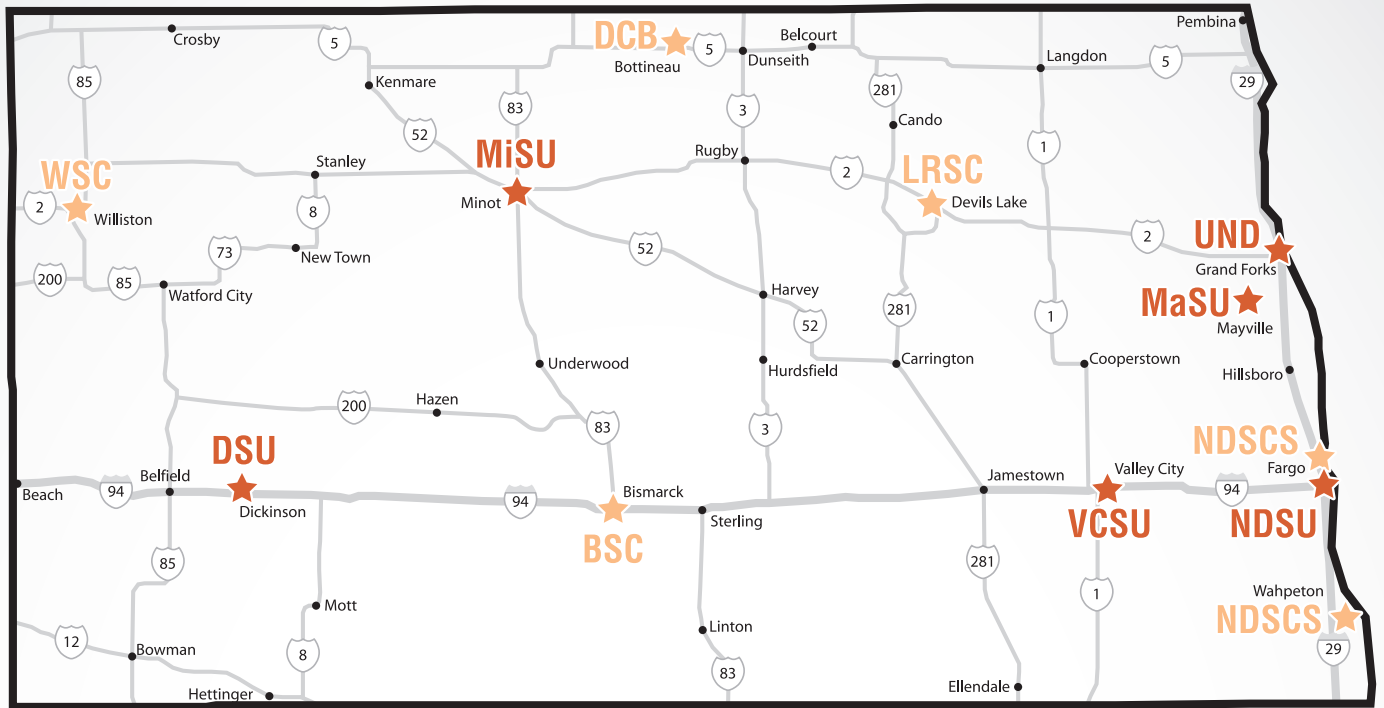
CTE also has career and college planning tools available at: [ruready.nd.gov](http://ruready.nd.gov).

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAREER FOR YOU

High School Diploma	Certificate Program or 2-Year Degree	4-Year Degree	Graduate Degree	Professional Degree
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farmer or rancher</li> <li>Office clerk</li> <li>Bookkeeping clerk</li> <li>Sales representative</li> <li>Child care worker</li> <li>Service unit operator</li> <li>Carpenter apprentice</li> <li>Electrician apprentice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heavy or tractor-trailer truck driver</li> <li>Nursing assistant</li> <li>Licensed practical or vocational nurse</li> <li>Welder</li> <li>Registered nurse</li> <li>Computer user support specialist</li> <li>Dental hygienist</li> <li>Preschool teacher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General or operations manager</li> <li>Elementary teacher</li> <li>Accountant or auditor</li> <li>Secondary teacher</li> <li>Industrial engineer</li> <li>Petroleum engineer</li> <li>Financial manager</li> <li>Market research analyst</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical therapist</li> <li>Nurse practitioner</li> <li>School counselor</li> <li>Minister</li> <li>School administrator</li> <li>Healthcare social worker</li> <li>Speech-language pathologist</li> <li>Occupational therapist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lawyer</li> <li>Pharmacist</li> <li>Family or general practitioner</li> <li>Surgeon</li> <li>Dentist</li> <li>Optometrist</li> <li>Veterinarian</li> </ul>

UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL AT A NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.





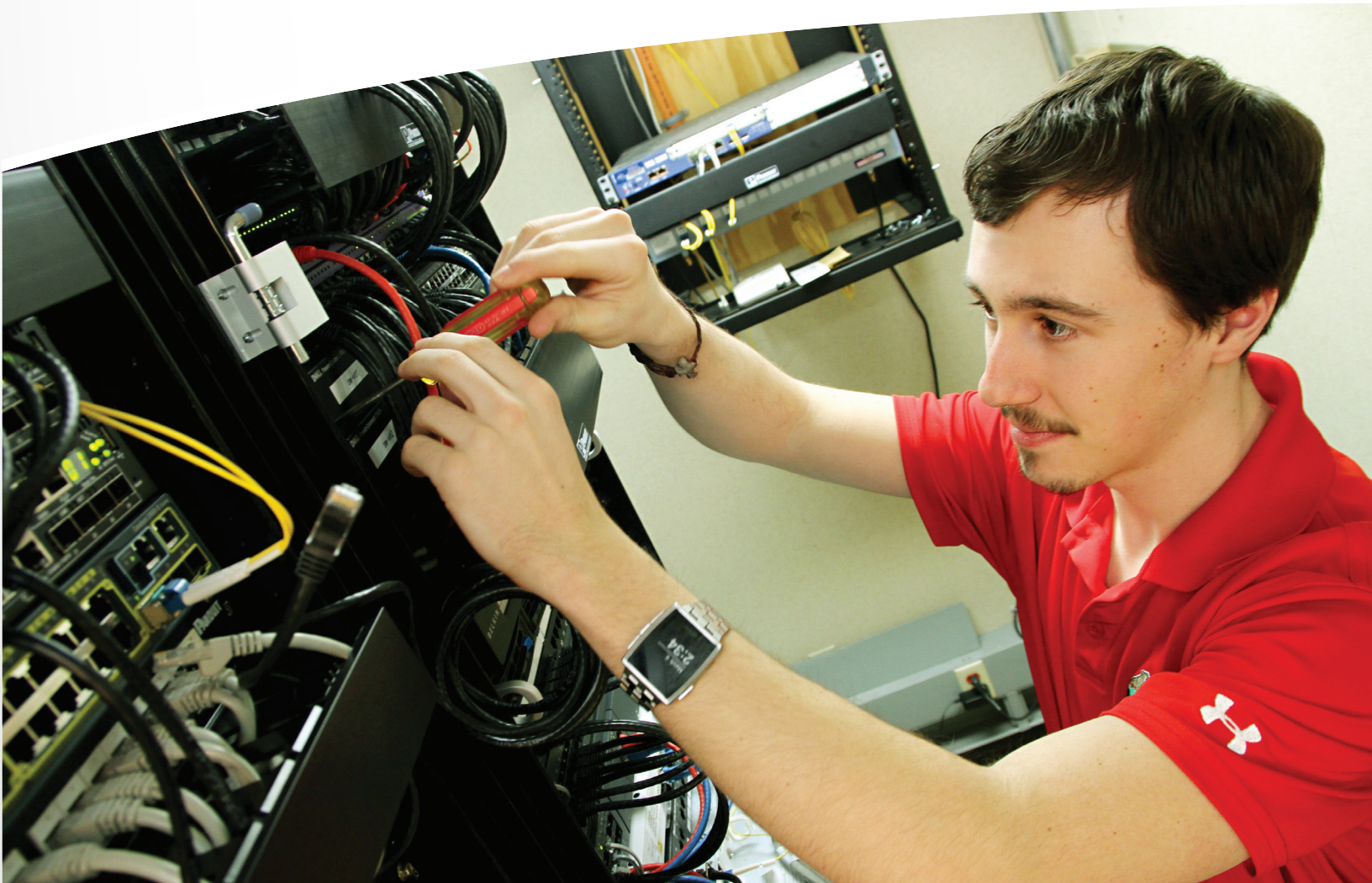
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**Two-Year Colleges**

- Bismarck State College (BSC)
- Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB)
- Lake Region State College (LRSC)
- North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS)
- Williston State College (WSC)

**Four-Year Universities**

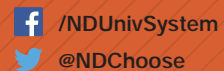
- Dickinson State University (DSU)
- Mayville State University (MaSU)
- Minot State University (MiSU)
- North Dakota State University (NDSU)
- University of North Dakota (UND)
- Valley City State University (VCSU)





YOU'LL FIND ALL THE ANSWERS  
RIGHT HERE, AT A NORTH DAKOTA  
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM COLLEGE  
OR UNIVERSITY.

GET CONNECTED TODAY!



## DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE?

**YES!** We thought you might. Visit [ndchoose.com](http://ndchoose.com) for a profile of all the colleges and universities. Looking for information about a specific institution? Return this reply card or go to [Insights.ND.com](http://Insights.ND.com) and click on "Learn More About the NDUS" in the *Student* section of the website.

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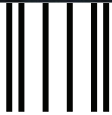
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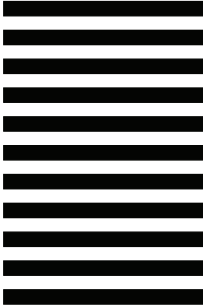
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