



SUMMER  
PROGRAM  
2021

MINNESOTA  
INDEPENDENCE  
COLLEGE &  
COMMUNITY  
**MICC**  
Learn Skills. Experience Life.

# Summer Program

## SUMMER SESSION 1

Ages 18-23 · June 21-25

## SUMMER SESSION 2

Ages 16-18 · July 12-16

This year's Summer Program will be one-week of daily programming and does not include an overnight component as in previous years to ensure participant and staff safety. We provide participants with a taste of independence supported by our instructors. Our experienced and diverse staff come from a variety of backgrounds supporting health and wellness, social skills, and vocational experience.

Participants will:

- Gain and practice social skills.
- Practice general self and community safety skills.
- Explore a variety of industries through tours and speaking to professionals.
- Learn appropriate conversation topics in different settings.
- Be introduced to basic independent living skills including cooking.
- Create lasting friendships.

MICC strongly believes in using a person-centered approach to our programming to help participants discover their full potential and build a vibrant community. At the end of Summer Program, participants and their families will receive a letter celebrating victories and areas for growth.

# Program Snapshot

The Summer Program focuses on teaching key competencies that address growth in the following areas:

- Personal supports
- Advocating
- Community
- Personal Safety
- Basic Food Preparation
- Social Engagement
- Leisure
- Personal Behavior Management
- Personal Relationships
- Career Exploration
- Work Behavior
- Workplace Social Skills

## SCHEDULE

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Drop-off
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Morning Meeting
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Careers Industry Exposure (tours, guest speakers, etc.)
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 4:30 PM	Social Activities and Community Integration
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Pick-up





# Admission Requirements...

- Meet age requirement for session. 18-year olds can connect with Admissions directly to determine which session may be more appropriate.
- Diagnosed learning disability, executive dysfunction, autism spectrum disorder, or other neurological condition. Most applicants have a range of cognitive and processing abilities. See website for more details: [miccommunity.org/summer](http://miccommunity.org/summer)
- Demonstrates emotional and behavioral stability sufficient to participate in our programming and independent living setting.
- Full scale IQ of 70 or above.

## A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE...

- Is excited to be part of MICC programming and have buy-in to participate.
- Is able to make independent and safe decisions.
- Is developmentally ready to participate in a comprehensive community-based program and should respond well to a structured and supportive environment.
- Has evidence of their ability to navigate day-to-day activities (school, volunteering, work, etc.) without significant 1:1 support.

## COST: \$1,250 PER SESSION, PER STUDENT

Cost includes curriculum and instruction, daily lunch, transportation during the program, and activities.

At this time, MICC does not offer financial assistance for our Summer Program. Families with state or county funding may be able to use portions of their funding to offset Summer Program costs.

*MICC is not a therapeutic or psychiatric program and will not be a good fit for those who experience significant emotional and behavioral challenges.*

# Learn More and Apply



## Contact Us

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612.869.4008



## Visit Us

Schedule a virtual tour  
[miccommunity.org](http://miccommunity.org)



## Apply Online

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# Minnesota Independence College and Community (MICC)

is an established nonprofit organization located in the heart of Richfield only 15 minutes south of Minneapolis. For 25 years, we've helped to transform the lives of autistic individuals and those with learning differences, and their families. Our unique campus is located within the Colony Apartments complex allowing our participants to truly engage in an experiential learning and apartment-living environment.

## OUR TRUTHS

- Everyone is different.
- People learn best by doing.
- Vocation leads to independence.
- Cliffs are inevitable without life-long engagement.
- Social beings need a social life.



## We offer three distinct programs.

### COLLEGE PROGRAM

Our three-year program encourages personal growth in the areas of independent living, social skill-building, and vocational certification training. Important life skills are taught such as grocery shopping, menu planning, personal hygiene and grooming, budgeting and finances, navigating public transportation, and more.



### CAREERS PROGRAM

Being able to gain and maintain employment that allows participants to live independently is the heart of our program. We currently offer four Century College certified training certificates: retail, culinary, hospitality and health services, and provide students with the skills necessary to navigate career industries, complete the job search process, obtain employment, and demonstrate the behaviors that will help them maintain their employment.



### COMMUNITY PROGRAM

A life-long program for successful College Program graduates who choose to stay in the Richfield area that provides regular communication, structured supports, a variety of social activities, and future planning guidance.



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