



College of Menominee Nation: Priorities for the 119th Congress (February 2025)

Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) provide rigorous postsecondary education and research opportunities for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIANs) and other rural community residents. TCUs offer higher education that is uniquely Tribal, founded on Native languages, culture, and philosophy, with strong student support systems and community engagement. Through these educational opportunities, research, and industry partnerships for high-demand careers, TCUs are laying the foundation for sustainable economic development within Tribal Nations and beyond. Together, we build *Strong Sovereign Nations through Excellence in TRIBAL higher education*, empowering individuals and strengthening communities.

College of Menominee Nation: AT A GLANCE

Enrollment Trends (Spring 2024/Fall 2024)

- **Affordable Tuition:**
 - Tuition and fees have remained the same for the 2023-2024 academic year, at \$250/credit and \$100 fees
- **Student to Faculty Ratio:** 6.6:1
- **Part-time/Full-time:**
 - Spring 2024
 - Full-Time – 61
 - Part-Time – 137
 - Fall 2024
 - Full-Time – 137
 - Part-Time – 146
- **Persistence Rate:**
 - Fall 2023 to Spring 2024: 71.7%
 - Spring 2024 to Fall 2024: 67.2%
- **Highest Level of degree/program available:** Bachelor's
- **TRIO Program:** No
- **Fun Fact:** For Fall 2024, the College of Menominee Nation offered its first semester of completely online, asynchronous courses.



College of Menominee Nation: Driving Economic Development

The Nextgen Mini Grant Project, funded by the USDA and administered by the CMN in partnership with Indigenous Advise LLC, awarded \$60,000 in mini-grants to representatives from six of Wisconsin's 12 Native American Tribes.

CMN offers Technical Diplomas in CNC Machining, IT Support, Welding, Sustainable Residential Building Systems to support local industries and infrastructure.

CMN also has creative fields such as Digital Media to enhance economic opportunities in marketing, media production and cultural preservation.

College of Menominee Nation: Building Our Futures

The College of Menominee Nation (CMN), in collaboration with the Native American Center for Health Professionals (NACHP), developed the **FANH Club**, a four-week summer youth program designed to equip students with critical thinking skills, problem-solving, collaboration, observation, and analytical skills, conservation ethics, and scientific inquiry. This program aims to inspire youth to pursue education beyond high school and explore opportunities in Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences (FANH).

CMN offers scholarships to motivate them to begin or continue their education. The **NextGen scholarships** are awarded based on financial need, academic excellence, and leadership potential. During the first year of the grant, CMN awarded \$22,250 in scholarships to eligible students. In Fall 2024, \$51,750 was awarded.

College of Menominee Nation: Strengthening Our Workforce

CMN has collaborated with Ponsse, Inc., a global leader in sustainable forest machinery, to bring advanced logging simulators to its programs. CMN has also teamed up with Menominee Tribal Enterprise (MTE) to deliver a welding refresher course for both current and new employees.

College of Menominee Nation: Bringing Education Closer to Home

Through a partnership with Menominee Tribal Transit, students can access free transportation to and from campus. The college also provides free onsite or virtual counseling services, available to the entire community. Emergency aid assistance offers financial support directly to vendors to help students at risk of dropping out. Additionally, the college supports academic success by offering free in-person and virtual tutoring services.

