


Cost Breakdown



At Dakota Lakes Technical College, program costs are designed to reflect the real value of hands-on training, industry-grade equipment, and career-ready education. Our programs are built to prepare students for immediate entry into the workforce, which means your tuition supports more than just classroom learning, it supports real experience, real tools, and real career outcomes.

Average Program Cost Range

Costs vary based on program length, equipment usage, and level of specialization:

- Certificate Programs: \$6,500 – \$9,500
- Diploma Programs: \$12,000 – \$13,500
- Associate Degrees: \$15,500 – \$17,500

Where Your Investment Goes

Instruction & Curriculum (40–45%)

Supports expert instructors, up-to-date curriculum, and career-focused learning aligned with industry standards.

Labs & Equipment (25–40%)

Covers hands-on training with industry-grade tools, technology, and real-world lab environments.

Internships & Career Services (10–25%)

Includes internships, career prep, job placement support, and employer connections.

Student Support Services (5–10%)

Provides advising, tutoring, tech support, and access to campus resources.

Materials & Certifications (5–10%)

Covers materials, software, safety gear, and certification exam preparation.

What You're Really Paying For

Dakota Lakes Tech programs are designed with a focus on:

- Hands-on learning (up to 60% of your time in labs)
- Small class sizes and personalized instruction
- Industry partnerships and real-world experience
- Job-ready skills from day one

Why It Matters

Unlike traditional education paths, Dakota Lakes Tech focuses on efficient, career-driven training, meaning less time in school and faster entry into a stable, well-paying career.

Your investment is not just in education, it's in skills, experience, and your future career path.

Questions about cost or financial aid?

Our admissions and financial aid teams are here to help you explore options, including scholarships, grants, and payment plans.

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