

# FYI on NDR

National Disaster Resilience

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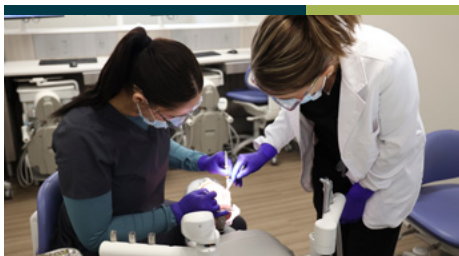


## CTE Program Celebrates Nearly One Year of Success in Minot

As the Center for Technical Education (CTE) in downtown Minot approaches its first anniversary, the facility is delivering on its promise to transform education and workforce development in the region. What began as an ambitious National Disaster Resilience (NDR) project has become a thriving educational hub addressing critical workforce needs in North Dakota.

The state-of-the-art facility, which opened in August 2024, has established itself as a vital community resource. Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB) and Minot State University (MSU) have implemented several technical training programs, beginning with Dental Assisting.

"This year, we enrolled eight students in Dental Assisting, and we've relocated our Computer Information Systems instructor to this location," said Maggie Backen, DCB-Minot Programs Director. "Our IT courses including Webmaster, Web Design, and Cybersecurity have collectively enrolled 83 students, with many attending virtually through our TEAMS classroom."



Instructor Ricki Hill providing hands-on instruction to Student Breah Crissler in simulation lab (photo credit DCB Photography)

Applications for Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene programs remain open until May 15, with enrollment targets of 12 and 10 students respectively.

The facility at 120 Burdick Expressway features modern classrooms, specialized labs with cutting-edge equipment, and dedicated learning



Front Row: Emma Schelling (Minot), Alexis Bauer (Berthold), Mya Olson (Minot), Breah Crissler (Belcourt)  
Back Row: Kendra Kuhnhehn (Granville), Stephanie Lentz (Burlington), DaNae Jones (Minot), Sarah Smith (Minot)

spaces. The dental simulation lab has proven particularly valuable for students developing skills before entering clinical settings.

The CTE also offers Allied Health courses via TEAMS, with instruction from Bottineau and Minot. These courses support degree programs such as Medical Coding and Medical Assisting, while serving as prerequisites for programs like Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Paramedicine.

"One of our greatest challenges has been recruiting faculty and staff," Backen noted. "Career and Technical Education fields often offer significantly higher earning potential within the industry than in teaching roles. However, with both recent accreditation site visits going exceptionally well, we're confident these programs will be valuable assets to the Minot community and North Dakota."

Dr. Steven Shirley, Minot State and DCB President, emphasized that the CTE addresses the region's "brain drain" concern by allowing students to stay in their community while gaining valuable skills.

Looking ahead, the CTE plans to continue current offerings while considering select general education courses for the fall.

The \$3.54 million in NDR funding, combined with \$1.84 million in HUB City funds and \$800,000 in MAGIC Fund investment, has yielded returns beyond the physical building to Minot's broader economic landscape. With its ten-year operational commitment to meet HUD standards, the facility continues its mission of transforming technical education in north central North Dakota.

"It is a win for Minot and all of Western North Dakota to have the CTE in operation. The variety of coursework available for students allows them to advance their skills while remaining near their home. It also serves as a benefit to employers who can hire employees that are well trained and want to live in this part of the state," said Lisa Olson, Minot City Council. "The investments made in this facility are beginning to show their dividends to our entire community."

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

### Acquisition Program

- Currently, the NDR Team is working to acquire the Park View mobile home park, which is needed for the flood project; all tenants have vacated the park. Also, the NDR Team conducted appraisals for two new rounds of acquisitions, and offers are currently being made to property owners. Overall, the City of Minot has acquired 231 properties to date: 91 properties using NDR-CDBG funds and 140 properties using State Water Commission Funds; 8 properties included in the 91 NDR properties were partially funded with State Water Commission funds. These properties are needed for on-going or upcoming flood mitigation projects.
- The NDR Team is working on the next round of demolitions, which will commence this quarter. Overall, the City has demolished 170 properties, with 79 of those being funded by NDR-CDBG funds.

### Affordable Housing

- Construction of the Broadway Circle 17-unit affordable housing complex is substantially complete; final inspections are underway. Now that springtime weather has returned, siding installation is almost finished, and a sidewalk handrail was recently installed. Remaining external sitework being addressed includes the installation of six bollards; concrete sidewalks on the north side of the property; concrete work for parking areas and lot striping; and the installation of mailboxes for the overall project site. The NDR team conducts compliance reviews of the project on a regular basis.

### Family Homeless Shelter

- The Broadway Circle Family Shelter is in its last stages; final punchlist walkthrough to be scheduled with project managers imminently. The NDR team conducts compliance reviews of the project on a regular basis.

**Total Budget** – \$74,950,729

**Total Drawdown** – \$73,021,003

### Completed Projects

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| • Blu on Broadway                    | • Souris River Decision Support Tool              |
| • Milton Young Towers                | • Benefit Cost Analysis and IMPLAN Economic Model |
| • Park South Phases I & II           | • Funding and Financing Strategies Plan           |
| • Souris Heights                     | • Affordable Housing Neighborhood Master Plan     |
| • Resilient Homebuyer Program        | • Affordable Housing Supply & Demand Study        |
| • Center for Technical Education     |   |
| • City Hall Relocation               |   |
| • Economic Resilience Strategic Plan |   |

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### Reduce Flood Risk/ Improve Water Management

#### A. Buyouts / Acquisitions / Demolitions / Relocations

- a. Total Budget - \$21,086,018
- b. Spent to Date - \$21,077,707

### Build Affordable Resilient Neighborhoods

#### A. Multi-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$26,861,330
- b. Spent to Date - \$26,368,217

#### B. Single-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$6,296,430
- b. Spent to Date - \$6,179,366

#### C. Family Shelter

- a. Total Budget - \$4,374,112
- b. Spent to Date - \$4,210,660

### Foster Economic Resilience and Diversification

#### A. Center for Technical Education

- a. Total Budget - \$3,540,000
- b. Spent to Date - \$3,467,346

#### B. Relocate City Hall

- a. Total Budget - \$8,222,593
- b. Spent to Date - \$7,526,965

#### C. Planning

- a. Total Budget - \$1,604,796
- b. Spent to Date - \$1,258,275

#### D. Administration

- a. Total Budget - \$2,965,450
- b. Spent to Date - \$2,932,467

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