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### **Pine Technical College and Lake Superior College partner to bring two degree programs to Pine City**

PINE CITY, Minn. – Pine Technical College and [Lake Superior College](#) have forged a partnership to bring two degree programs – an Associate of Arts degree and an Associate of Applied Science degree – to the PTC campus. Each program is entirely available at the PTC campus and via online courses.

"We are proud to partner with LSC to offer these programs," says Nancy Mach, Pine Technical College Dean of Student Affairs. "Designed especially for students in our area, these unique partnerships bring all program courses to our campus and are delivered in a convenient and flexible format," Mach adds.

The A.A. degree is designed and offered for students planning to transfer to a university or four-year degree granting institution to pursue a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree with emphasis on a major concentration. The program enables graduates to seamlessly transfer into a B.A. and/or B.S. program(s) within the [Minnesota State Colleges and Universities](#) (MnSCU) system and beyond. The program covers the core materials and courses needed to fulfill the goal areas of the [Minnesota Transfer Curriculum](#) and is rich in general education courses such as social science, math, computer science, English, humanities and more.

The new Medical Laboratory Technician A.A.S. degree is designed as a three-year program, and graduates may work with physicians and other health care professionals as they communicate medical test results and work to resolve diagnostic/testing discrepancies. Medical laboratory technicians conduct tests using samples of body fluids, cells or tissues to help detect, diagnose and treat diseases. Lab Technicians test a variety of specimens as they check for abnormalities or diseases and work in four main medical lab departments: hematology, chemistry, microbiology and/or transfusion services.

While students in both programs will call PTC their "home campus," graduates will have earned the degree awarded by Lake Superior College.

For more information about either program or any of PTC's programs, call 320-629-5100 or visit PTC's website, [www.pinetech.edu](http://www.pinetech.edu). Applicants also may [apply online](#).

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