MISSION STATEMENT REVISION
University of Minnesota, Crookston

PREFACE
The University of Minnesota, founded in the belief that understanding enriches all people, is dedicated to the advancement of learning and the search for truth; to the sharing of this knowledge through education for a diverse community; and to the application of this knowledge to benefit the people of the state, the nation, and the world. (University of Minnesota Mission Statement, Board of Regents Policy, January 1994)

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MISSION STATEMENT (Adopted by the Board of Regents, July 1992)

The University of Minnesota, Crookston provides teaching, research, and service, including associate degrees and selected baccalaureate degrees, with a focus on applied undergraduate instruction and research in agriculture, business, environmental sciences, human resource development, and appropriate interdisciplinary studies.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston provides a University link to the region for technology transfer and outreach, with emphasis on meeting the needs of a rural populace who require lifelong learning, training, and retraining in order to capture opportunities that maximize their existing resources and strengths.

INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSES

The purposes of the University of Minnesota, Crookston are to identify and to provide:
1. Foundations of undergraduate education focusing on active learning, technology, communication, career/life adaptability, human relations, decision making, ethics, global perspectives, and environmental perspectives;
2. Undergraduate education that leads to applied, career oriented associate or baccalaureate degrees;
3. Equal access to education for the academically under prepared, disabled, and culturally diverse;
4. Assistance in career planning, educational planning, and human development;
5. Continuing education that responds to the needs of people of the service area;
6. Academic programs, support services, and activities that enhance students' personal, cultural, intellectual, occupational, and social development;
7. Research and outreach that support and encourage the region's economic and cultural growth and advancement.

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MISSION STATEMENT  *(proposed for Regents action May 2001)*

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) is integral to the University’s statewide land grant mission. The college provides its unique contribution through polytechnic programs that combine theory, practice, and experimentation in a technologically rich environment. UMC connects its teaching, research, and outreach to serve the public good.

INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSES

To provide quality teaching and learning by:
- committing to excellence in education;
- maintaining a focused curriculum incorporating three core components - communication, critical thinking, and working with others;
- developing lifelong learning skills;
- requiring applied field experiences, laboratory instruction, and internships;
- emphasizing technology experiences for careers in the information-age;
- continually improving student learning through meaningful assessment; and
- providing support services and activities that enhance students’ personal and cultural development.

To promote a strong and diverse community of learners and teachers by:
- expecting the highest in personal and professional integrity, civility, and tolerance;
- encouraging teamwork, professional growth, acceptance of responsibility, and recognition for achievement;
- providing a caring environment with personal attention and frequent faculty-student interaction;
- upholding individual rights to freedom of expression and association; and
- valuing shared governance among faculty, administrators, staff and students.

To create an educated citizenry by:
- preparing students to be actively engaged responsible citizens and leaders committed to democracy and community;
- providing opportunities for all students to participate in student and campus governance; and
- offering students professional, social, cultural, and civic events that extend the learning environment and lead to a fulfilling life.

To develop civic engagement by:
- responding to the changing needs of agriculture, manufacturing, business, health care and other industries and professions;
- collaborating with business, industry, schools, colleges, and other organizations; and
- seeking to improve the quality of life, the economy and the environment.