Our Mission

Helping New Americans achieve self-sufficiency and full membership in American life.

What We Do

The International Institute of Minnesota (IIMN) offers New Americans quality services that support their journey to stability and success. Our comprehensive offerings include:

- Refugee resettlement
- English language education
- Nursing Assistant training
- Medical careers training and support
- MNsure navigation
- Citizenship and immigration services
- Workforce and leadership development
- College preparation
- Financial Coaching
- Social services

Who We Serve

Our clients and students come from more than 100 countries around the world.

IIMN at a Glance

1919 the year the International Institute of Minnesota was founded
104 years serving New Americans
20+ years of serving as a national model for success in developing the New American workforce.
The International Institute of Minnesota works with more than 4,000 New Americans in the Twin Cities metro each year. Learn more about how our work makes a difference.

Refugee, Immigration & Citizenship Services
25,000+ refugees resettled since 1975
2,000+ refugees, asylees and immigrants receive citizenship and immigration help annually
94% success rate for citizenship applicants
901 clients took their Oath of Allegiance and became U.S. citizens (FY2022)

Nursing Assistant Training & Medical Career Advancement
3,000+ nursing assistants trained and certified by the Institute
90% certification rate
100% students guaranteed job offer after graduation
700+ clients have upgraded their careers as nurses or other healthcare professions

Our Volunteers
300+ volunteers make IIMN’s work possible by sharing their time and talents in immigration and citizenship support, as classroom assistants, by setting up housing for newly arrived refugees, offering tutoring support, and much more.

Key Moments in Our History
1919 IIMN was founded as a YWCA program to aid immigrant women.
1938 IIMN became an independent non-profit to serve all immigrants and their families.
1990 Our first workforce development program, Nursing Assistant training, began.
2022 Next Century Campaign completed. Our renovated, expanded building reopened to accommodate our growing services.