

VARIETY OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

WCTC offers a wide variety of academic degree programs

WCTC's five Schools – the School of Applied Technologies, School of Business, School of Health and School of Protective & Human Services and the School of Academic Foundations/General Studies – offer a diverse collection of program offerings. Whether an associate degree, technical diploma or apprenticeship, all programs offer students comprehensive training that provides them with skills that can be immediately applied to the workforce.

Associate of Applied Science Degree

An Associate of Applied Science degree combines technical skills classes with general education classes. Full-time students can typically complete a 60-credit program within two years. Many transfer agreements exist with four-year colleges and universities, often allowing students to begin their baccalaureate studies at junior-level standing. Check with your academic advisor.

Technical Diploma

Technical Diploma programs focus on hands-on learning of occupational skills. They can take as little as one semester (2–25 credits), one year (26–54 credits) or two years (55–70 credits) to complete. Additionally, for many technical diploma programs, just one more year of studies is needed in a related program to earn an associate degree.

Apprenticeship

Apprentices learn a trade by practical experience under a skilled worker – generally bound by a contract for a set time between the apprentice (employee) and employer or joint apprenticeship training committee. The contract details areas of training, hours of training and wages during the training period.

While WCTC provides related apprenticeship instruction, the student does not need to apply to the College; it is separate from a traditional college program in that the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development oversees the apprenticeship system. General apprenticeship information can be found at www.wisconsinapprenticeship.org (<http://www.wisconsinapprenticeship.org>)

Certificate

A technical certificate provides an excellent means for those already in the workplace to cross train or expand their knowledge through short-term training opportunities. The added knowledge and skills gained in a certificate program can lead to professional advancement in a number of industries. Short-term educational opportunities are a perfect option for those wanting to refine skills in a particular area, master a new subject or broaden career credentials.

In addition, a technical certificate can be used by those interested in building their career, one credential at a time, and work in stages toward a longer technical diploma or associate degree.