

WCTC transitioning to eight-week courses next June

PEWAUKEE — Waukesha County Technical College is revising the way it offers education to students.

Next June, WCTC will transform the way students earn associate degrees and technical diplomas by implementing a year-round academic calendar that offers courses in 8-week time frames.

This shift in programming will help students and employers, according to a news release from WCTC — it will allow students to build on their academic momentum, complete their education in a shorter time frame and connect with jobs sooner.

“The move to an 8-week model is based on national, state and local data,” said WCTC Provost Ann Krause-Hanson. She added some WCTC programs are already available in this format. “Our own data has shown that over the last three years, success rates for our 8-week courses are significantly higher than for our traditional 16-week courses.”

Brad Piazza, WCTC vice president of learning, said the data has been collected since spring 2016 and shows a greater percentage of students who are successful completing their courses, while fewer students are withdrawing from courses.

“What we’re seeing is a 10 percent higher course success rate, which is consistent with national data,” Piazza said.

Currently, a traditional academic year at WCTC consists of two 16-week semesters — one each in fall and spring — with an optional summer semester and shorter January and May terms (interims). The new calendar will be year-round and consist of five 8-week course sessions: one in summer; two in fall and two in spring, plus optional, shorter January and May terms. Students will have a week off between sessions.

This new format is driven by various factors, Piazza said, but primarily the significant number of students — 85% — who attend WCTC part time.

“The most frequent number of credits attempted in a semester by our students is between three and six,” he said. “Our programs have been designed and

delivered for a student population that is not consistent with our local data. We need to change how we do business.”

Beyond changes to course scheduling, the 8-week approach will also enable WCTC to diversify how courses are delivered. Students will have opportunities to complete courses in face-to-face, online or hybrid formats, allowing for even more flexibility in how they progress through their programs, said Nicole Gahagan, WCTC vice president of Student Services.

For more information on the new eight-week calendar, visit www.wctc.edu/8-week.

Lottery

Saturday, Sept. 7 WISCONSIN

Pick 3	8-5-9
Pick 4	2-2-7-5
Megabucks	15-26-31-44-46-49
SuperCash	2-4-13-26-28-36
SuperCash Doubler:	No
Powerball	11-20-41-42-56
Powerball	6
Power Play	2
Badger 5	12-17-27-28-30

Sunday, Sept. 8 WISCONSIN

Pick 3	7-9-0
Pick 4	5-2-6-3
SuperCash	8-21-26-27-30-31
SuperCash Doubler:	No
Badger 5	4-21-25-28-29

Monday, Sept. 9 WISCONSIN

Pick 3	9-6-4
Pick 4	7-5-4-2
SuperCash	1-11-14-17-24-30
SuperCash Doubler:	No
Badger 5	2-8-11-23-30



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