

THIS IS WCTC

WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

VIEWBOOK

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The most current information can be found on our website at wctc.edu.

WCTC prohibits discrimination or harassment based on any status protected by applicable state or federal law.

Waukesha County Technical College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Member College of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS).

EDUCATION UNRIVALED

If packed lecture halls and soaring tuition rates are your thing, you definitely won't find them here. At WCTC, we're redefining the college experience. Our priority is getting you the real-world, hands-on skills you need to build the career of your dreams.

You'll learn in state-of-the-art training facilities using the latest technology available in your field. You'll connect in small classes with personal attention from instructors with decades of industry experience. You'll build strong relationships and an even stronger resume.

THIS IS THE FUTURE OF HIGHER ED.

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Why WCTC?

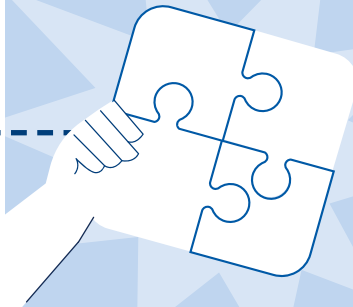


The “WOW” Factor

Employers consistently hire WCTC grads, because they know they have the skills to hit the ground running on day one. With WCTC on your resume, you’ll find the doors to new opportunities wide open.

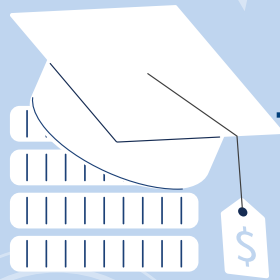
Hands-on Higher Ed

You need more than credit hours and lecture halls to succeed in the workplace. That’s why we’re focused on skills instead of semesters. At WCTC, you’ll gain hands-on experiences in real-world scenarios, all guided by industry leaders.



Affordable, High-Quality Education

We believe that an exceptional education doesn’t need to come with an impossible price tag. WCTC delivers an incredible value, with tuition and fees priced thousands below most public and private colleges in the state.



The Workforce Needs You

More than 14,000 Milwaukee-area jobs posted on Handshake each year directly relate to a WCTC degree. Skilled professionals are in high demand! Get the skills here, and get to work sooner.



Right In Your Backyard

Who knew you could find cutting-edge technical training so close to home? Our students learn in state-of-the-art labs on the latest technology available in their fields – all conveniently located in the heart of Waukesha County.



Ashley Jones

Hospitality Management



Being a part of this **diverse and supportive community** has been great for my self-improvement journey."



The WCTC Experience

We strive to give our students everything they need to succeed – in class, on campus and in their future careers. Our holistic approach delivers a wide range of academic services, as well as campus resources that support your mental, emotional and physical well-being.

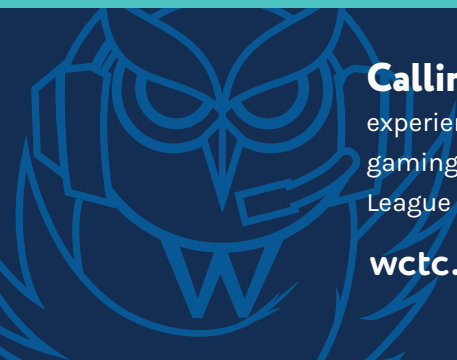
STUDENT RESOURCES

- Welcoming study spaces
- Disability accommodations
- Academic advising
- Peer tutoring
- Academic support in areas like math, reading, science and more
- Library
- Bookstore and tech store
- Free campus parking
- Grab-and-go dining options
- On-campus childcare
- Student food pantry



LEARN MORE ABOUT WCTC'S CAMPUS
TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

WCTC Esports



Calling all gamers, enthusiasts and competitive spirits! Level up your gaming experience in WCTC's state-of-the-art esports lab, equipped with 18 Alienware Aurora R15 gaming stations. Players can compete individually or as a team in popular games like League of Legends, Overwatch, Fortnite, Rocket League and more.

wctc.edu/esports



ACADEMIC ADVISING

As a WCTC program student, you're assigned a dedicated academic advisor who specializes in your area of study. They work with you to map out an academic plan, offer personalized guidance and connect you with resources across the College to help you reach your full potential.

wctc.edu/academic-advising

CAREER CONNECTIONS

It's not enough to simply get a degree – it takes strategy and effort to position yourself for long-term career success. WCTC's Career Connections can help, whether you're still exploring career directions, searching for the perfect internship, looking for on-campus employment or prepping for that big job interview.

wctc.edu/career-connections

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING SERVICES

WCTC offers free, confidential counseling services for all students. Counseling can empower you to accomplish your mental health, wellness, education and career goals, improve your ability to make healthy decisions, and enhance your relationships.

wctc.edu/counselors

STUDY ABROAD

A WCTC education reaches beyond Waukesha County, extending internationally through short-term study abroad programs. These enriching one- to three-week experiences are led by passionate instructors during academic breaks, connecting students' learning directly to the global workforce.

wctc.edu/global

STUDENT CLUBS AND EVENTS

Out-of-the-classroom experiences are an essential part of your education. The connections you make on campus can last a lifetime! Check out campus events offered throughout the year, and get involved with Student Leadership Council, program- or interest-specific student clubs, WCTC Esports and more.

wctc.edu/student-life

STUDENT-PROVIDED SERVICES

Our students learn by doing, and you can help them get the hands-on experience they need to become masters of their craft. Check out these student-run training spaces on campus:

- The Classic Room and Classic Bistro Restaurant (Building A)
- Style & Class Salon and Spa (Building S)
- WCTC Dental Hygiene Clinic (Waukesha Campus)

wctc.edu/student-run



Dental Hygienist - \$83,866

Fire Protection Technician - \$82,059

Quality Management - \$77,333

Industrial Maintenance Technician - \$73,229

Criminal Justice Studies - \$72,402

Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Academy[‡] - \$70,392

Truck Driving - \$69,336

Paramedic Technician - \$68,737

Fire Medic - \$66,875

Mechanical Engineering Technology - \$65,134

Nursing (ADN) - \$64,315

Wow-worthy Wages

Source: WCTC's Graduate Success Report; median salary for full-time related employment 2023-24. (min. 5 salaries reported)

[‡] 60 degree-level credits required for acceptance

Spend Less, Save Time

According to the Federal Reserve, U.S. borrowers owe \$1.75 trillion dollars in student loans, with the average debt being over \$37,000 per borrower. At WCTC, we believe that college doesn't have to be a debt sentence.

WCTC delivers an incredible value, with tuition and fees priced thousands below most public and private colleges in the state. Our goal is to help you earn your degree faster, so you can get into the workforce sooner. Find out just how affordable a WCTC education can be.

An average college course is three credits. Compare the cost per course at WCTC and other area institutions:

WCTC: **\$458**

University of Wisconsin System (average): **\$1,098**

Alverno College: **\$4,278**

Carroll University: **\$1,890**

Marquette University: **\$3,720**

Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE): **\$4,035**

Mount Mary University: **\$1,860**

Start Your Bachelor's Degree at WCTC

A Liberal Arts Transfer Degree from WCTC provides the first two years of most bachelor's degrees and is designed for a seamless transfer of credits into a four-year college or university.



ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Build a solid foundation for bachelor's degrees in majors like communications, psychology, education and more.



ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Earn valuable credits while building advanced skills in areas like math, science, engineering and more.

Why start here?

DESIGN YOUR DEGREE: Work directly with your advisor to build a customized set of courses from a variety of academic areas.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE OPTIONS: Flexible 8-week terms make completing your associate degree easy - day, evening, or online.

GUARANTEED ADMISSION: Upon graduation, all 60 credits will transfer to UW-Milwaukee and other four-year institutions in Wisconsin and beyond.

AFFORDABLE PATH: Most courses in these programs cost less than \$155 per credit. Plus, save on parking, housing and other expenses by staying close to home.



Learn more:

wctc.edu/liberal-arts



Transfer Options after WCTC

Ready to keep climbing toward your bachelor's degree? WCTC makes the next step simple and affordable. Complete the first two years of many bachelor's programs right here, then transfer seamlessly to one of our 40+ partner colleges and universities. With hundreds of transfer agreements in place, your hard work at WCTC takes you further - saving you time, money, and setting you up for success at the four-year school of your choice.

wctc.edu/transfer



8-Week Terms

Our year-round calendar is designed with your busy life in mind. Most WCTC classes are offered in convenient 8-week terms, meaning you can earn your degree faster and start your career sooner.

- Finish a class in 8 weeks, rather than the traditional 16 weeks.
- Spend the same number of hours engaging with instructors and classmates, but in fewer weeks.
- 8-week terms are offered year-round. Classes start in January, March, June, August and October.

Courses may be offered in person, online or hybrid. We encourage our students to take a course load that works for them, whether that is full-time, part-time or just one class at a time.

8-WEEK TERM SCHEDULE:

FALL SEMESTER

TERM 1
8-WEEK SESSION

TERM 2
8-WEEK SESSION

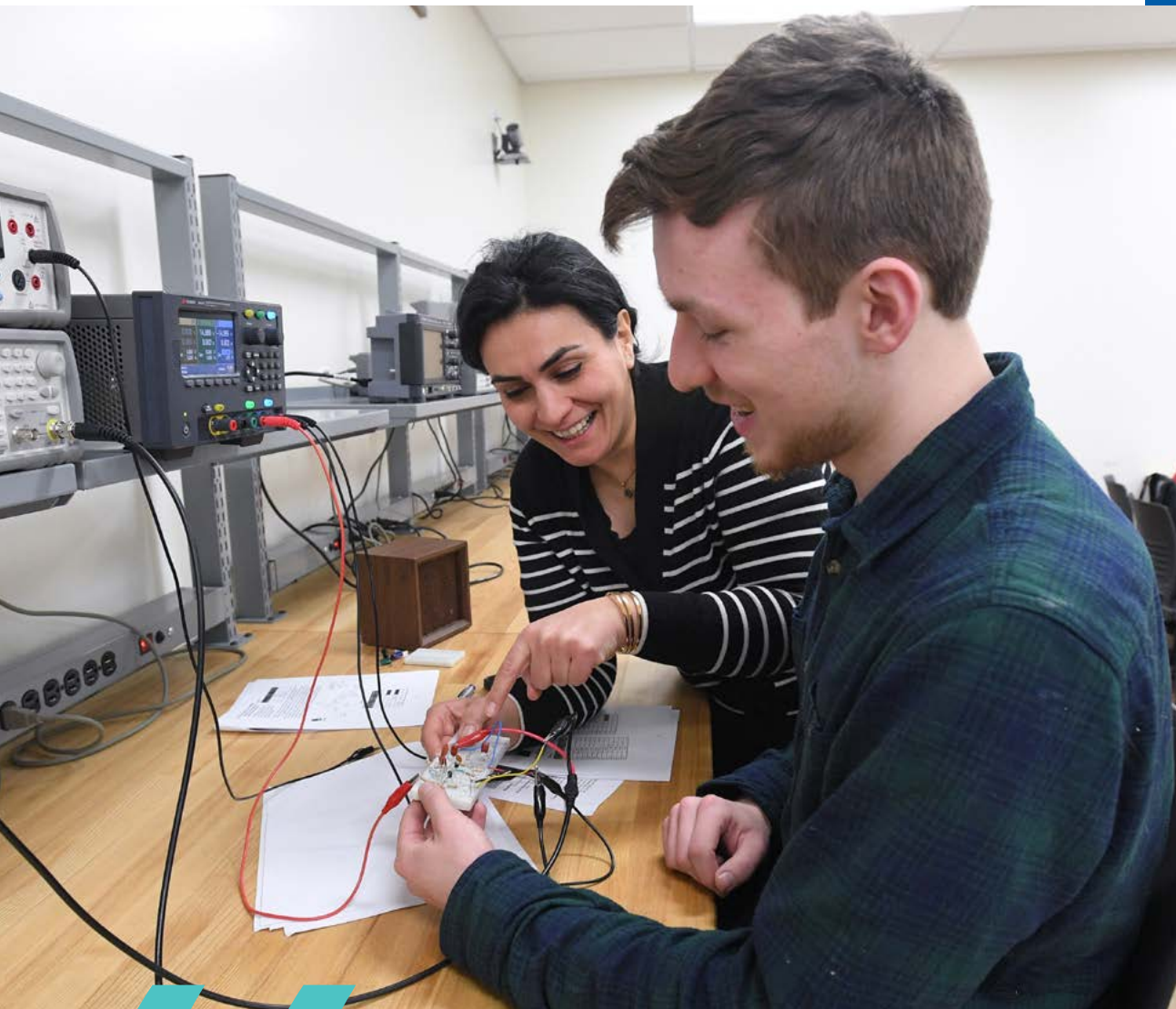
SPRING SEMESTER

TERM 1
8-WEEK SESSION

TERM 2
8-WEEK SESSION

SUMMER

8-WEEK
SESSION



NOOSHIN NEKOOEI
*Electrical Engineering Technology and
Electronic Systems Technology Instructor*



I wanted to be part of
an environment where
**students are gaining
hands-on experience,**
rather than just theoretical
knowledge, preparing them directly
for the workforce.”

JUSTIN YOUNG

Paramedic Technician

The instructors at WCTC did a really good job catering to each individual's personal needs. **Their belief in me helped me believe in myself.**



Building on You

CREDIT FOR PRIOR SKILLS & EMPLOYER TUITION ASSISTANCE

Credit for prior learning

Save time, save money and earn credit for what you already know. Earn credit for the college-level knowledge and skills that you've already acquired through advanced high school classes, previous college coursework, self-study, military training, work or volunteer experience. Credit for prior learning comes in a variety of forms:

- High school dual credit
- Transfer credits from other colleges
- Credit by national exams
- Credit by WCTC assessment
- Credit for military experience

Reach your goals faster and more affordably with prior learning credits at WCTC.

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING
wctc.edu/prior-learning

Employer tuition assistance

Many area employers offer tuition assistance programs that can help you continue your education. You may be eligible to complete job-related coursework at no cost to you. Check with your employer's HR department to find out more about the amount and types of tuition assistance that may be available.

Maximize Your Credits

If you've already completed coursework at another accredited college or university, you're in luck! Our flexible transfer policies can help you continue your education without starting from scratch.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Apply to WCTC
- Submit your transcripts
- WCTC evaluates credits
- Watch your email

Join the thousands of students who have successfully transferred to WCTC, saving time and money while enjoying a seamless transition.



High School Dual Credit

Get a head start in while high school

Every year, thousands of Wisconsin high school students earn college credits through the state's technical colleges. By taking courses that count toward both your high school and college requirements, you can save significant time and money. Talk to your high school counselor about which option is right for you.

EARLY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES
wctc.edu/hs-dual-credit



DUAL ENROLLMENT ACADEMY (DEA)

High school juniors and seniors can get a head start in careers in high-demand fields and the chance to earn up to 30 college credits and an industry-recognized credential.

GREAT CHOICE IF YOU...

Have a clear career plan and are ready to pursue a college program

START COLLEGE NOW

Public high school juniors and seniors can take postsecondary courses at Wisconsin technical colleges during high school, earning college and high school credits simultaneously.

GREAT CHOICE IF YOU...

Want to take college classes at WCTC during high school

TRANSCRIPTED CREDIT

Transcripted credit agreements allow students to take WCTC courses at their high school, while earning both WCTC transcripted credit and high school credit. Get a head start by applying this credit toward a WCTC program.

GREAT CHOICE IF YOU...

Want to earn college credit by taking classes at your own school

WCTC EXCELERATE

Most WCTC programs are now open to qualified high school juniors and seniors. This new option is great for students who already have a clear idea of which program they'd like to pursue, and it provides access to perks like academic advising, priority course registration and more.

GREAT CHOICE IF YOU...

Want to explore an in-demand career area with fellow high school students

SATISFACTORY SCORES ON ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS

Students can earn credit for a WCTC course by achieving a satisfactory score on AP exams.

Looking for experience? Check out WCTC's Youth Apprenticeship

High school juniors and seniors can take part in a rigorous program that combines academic and technical classroom instruction, paid work experience and mentored on-the-job learning in a skilled career area.

Success within

TIMELINE TO APPLY

1

APPLY ONLINE

Apply online and pay the \$30 application fee.

2

COMPLETE CHECKLIST ITEMS

Send your transcripts and/or documentation to fulfill course placement, if required. Check your desired program's web page for specific admission requirements.

3

WATCH FOR YOUR ACCEPTANCE LETTER!

We can't wait to welcome you to the WCTC family.



DEADLINES

Check out program-specific requirements and deadlines at wctc.edu/programs.

Accepted! *What's Next?*

4

FAFSA

Follow the steps on **page 19** to apply for financial aid that can help you pay for college.

5

REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Registration is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early to guarantee your course selections. Create your student account at wctc.edu/registration.

If you're **NOT** enrolling in a degree, diploma or certificate program, ***start here!***

Reach



**LEARN MORE ABOUT
YOUR STEPS TO APPLY**

wctc.edu/apply

Financial Aid

Designed to meet your needs

WCTC's Financial Aid office can help you secure financial aid, so you can focus on your studies instead of worrying about how to pay for school. You can use financial aid to offset the cost of tuition, fees, books and supplies. Aid comes in a variety of forms, including loans, grants, work-study and scholarships. Get started by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – don't miss out on money that can help you pay for college!

Loans

Money that must be paid back with interest

Work-study

Money earned through a job on campus

Grants and Scholarships

Money that does not need to be repaid

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

wctc.edu/finaid | 262.691.5578 | money@wctc.edu

FAFSA code for WCTC: 005294



Scholarships

WCTC offers scholarships for students in nearly every program area, as well as specialty scholarships that benefit nontraditional students, minority students and students with disabilities. A wide variety of external scholarships are also available to WCTC students. These awards can be merit-based, need-based and program- or career-specific and do not need to be paid back. Take the time to apply for scholarships, and your efforts could be richly rewarded.

WCTC SCHOLARSHIPS OFFICE

wctc.edu/scholarships | scholarships@wctc.edu



Veterans Benefits

Veterans and their dependents are eligible for a variety of state and federal benefits, and WCTC's Financial Aid is happy to help you navigate the process. Take advantage of additional financial assistance, priority registration and our deployment refund policy.

ARMED FORCES RESOURCES

wctc.edu/veterans | 262.691.5578 | veterans@wctc.edu

Applying for Financial Aid

GET HELP PAYING FOR COLLEGE

COMPLETE THE FAFSA

Once you've been accepted into an eligible WCTC program, complete the FAFSA online at studentaid.gov/fafsa. WCTC's school code is **005294**.

Tips:

Use the FAFSA worksheet to help you collect the data you'll need for the application.

Submit by March 31 for additional grant opportunities.

Complete yours early – don't miss out on money that can help you pay for college!

TRACK YOUR STATUS

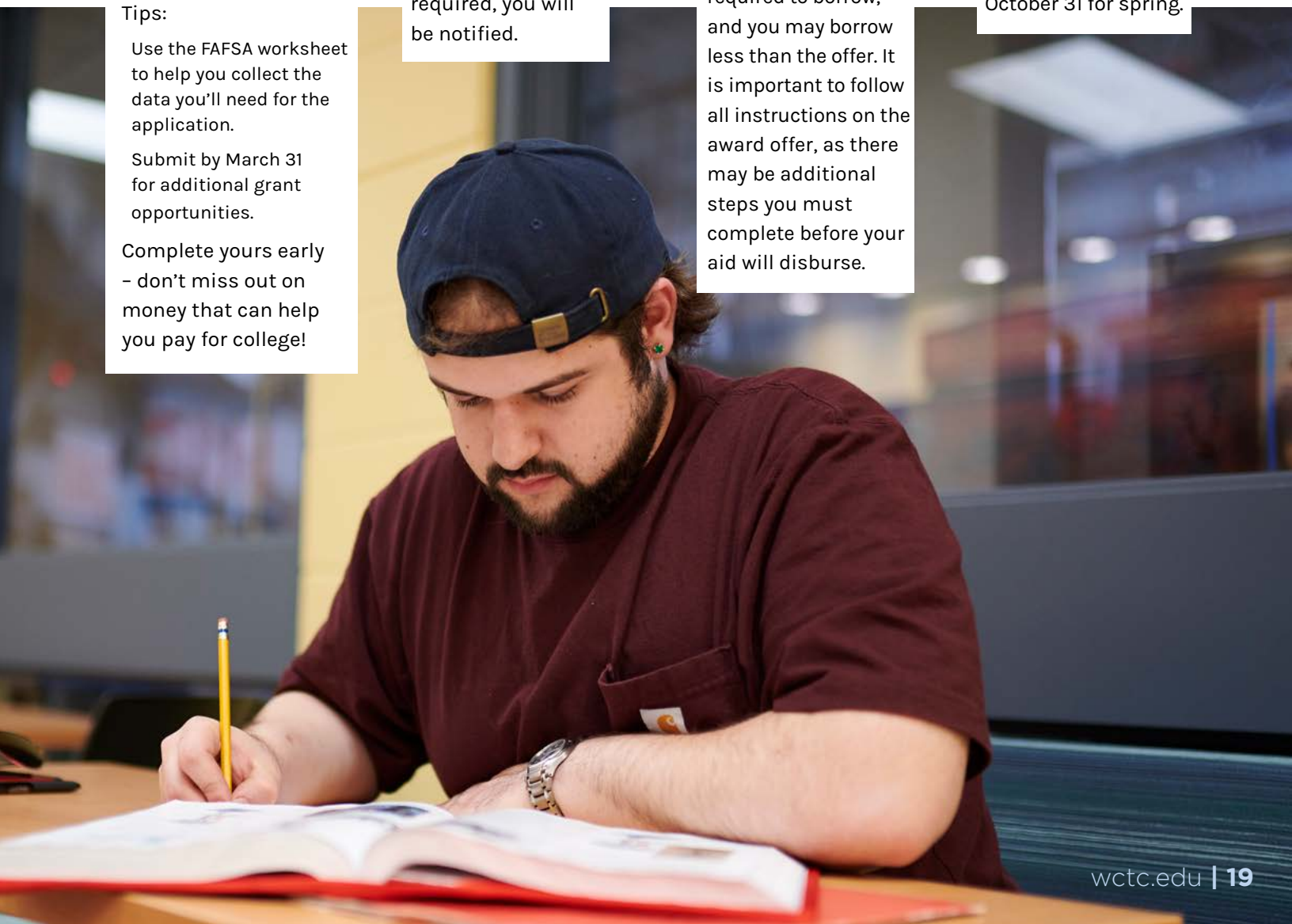
Once you have completed and submitted the FAFSA, track your financial aid status on your myWCTC account. If additional documentation is required, you will be notified.

VIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL AID AWARDS

You'll receive an email at your WCTC address when your award offer is ready for review on myWCTC. You are not required to borrow, and you may borrow less than the offer. It is important to follow all instructions on the award offer, as there may be additional steps you must complete before your aid will disburse.

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The WCTC Foundation offers many scholarships that can help you pay for tuition and books. Apply on myWCTC by June 30 for fall semester and by October 31 for spring.






Now Training VISIONARIES

WCTC APPLIED AI LAB

WCTC has developed a new, state-of-the-art Applied AI Lab. Housed in a fully renovated space in Building Q on the College's main Pewaukee campus, this hub is designed to support AI implementation and development across the region. The center will support entrepreneurs in the creation of new AI businesses, ultimately leading to entirely new AI industries. It also aims to help existing businesses not only stay in business, but continue to grow.



WCTC is proud to be **the first college** in the Wisconsin Technical College System to offer a **state-approved program** in artificial intelligence and machine learning.

With new AI technologies rapidly becoming more prevalent in our everyday lives, we're proud to offer a comprehensive suite of educational opportunities in artificial intelligence, all designed by industry experts to get our students future-ready.

AI Data Specialist | 62-credit Associate Degree

Develop the data and programming skills necessary to acquire, analyze and prepare data for use in machine learning algorithms in this first-of-its-kind comprehensive associate degree program.

Foundations of AI | 19-credit Technical Certificate

Build a solid foundation for a career in AI. Learn important data skills to support AI, including how to extract, analyze and prepare data for algorithms.

AI Technician | 28-credit Technical Certificate

Go beyond foundational AI skills. Dive into algorithms for predictive analysis, computer vision, natural language processing and more.

Manufacturing Integration Engineering Technology | 60-credit Associate Degree

Gain essential skills in sensor integration, IoT connectivity, data management, machine learning, PLCs and robotics.

The demand for skilled AI professionals is booming.

Are you ready to shape the future?

wctc.edu/ai

PROGRAMS AT

With over **170 programs**, WCTC offers a wide range of educational options to prepare you for your future career.



Advanced Manufacturing

WCTC's manufacturing grads are some of the most sought-after in the state! With hands-on training, cutting-edge tech and expert instructors, our students are prepared to thrive in today's fast-paced and evolving world of automation and AI.



Arts, Entertainment & Design

At WCTC, creativity meets craftsmanship. Learn to design, build and create across industries with expert-led, hands-on training. From spaces to experiences, you'll gain real-world skills and develop a lasting dedication to quality.



Construction

By building safe, efficient spaces, construction professionals shape how we live and work. With growing demand and endless opportunities to learn and advance, this dynamic field offers a career that evolves with you.



Education

Prepare for a rewarding career where you can foster growth, encourage discovery and make a lasting difference in the lives of students and your community. You'll cultivate essential skills you can put to work in an array of learning environments.



Financial Services

Discover how businesses manage their finances, how to achieve financial goals, and how to manage and value real estate. Explore the broader factors that contribute to economic stability and growth, preparing you for a stable career in this vital sector.



Healthcare & Human Services

Combine compassion and a commitment to lifelong learning in healthcare or human services. With hands-on training and expert guidance, you'll gain the skills and confidence to join a community of dedicated professionals who are making a difference in people's lives.



Hospitality, Events & Tourism

Spanning everything from food and drinks to lodging, travel and event planning, these programs provide the skills to deliver quality customer service and memorable guest experiences.



Information Technology

Learn to build and deploy the digital systems that power our world — using AI, data analytics, cybersecurity and more. Gain cutting-edge skills to solve real-world challenges and innovate across every industry.



CHECK OUT ALL WCTC HAS TO OFFER!

wctc.edu/programs



Liberal Arts & General Studies

Tailored to your interests, these programs allow you to explore various subjects while fostering critical thinking, communication skills and a broader understanding of the world. You'll gain versatile knowledge and a strong academic base for future success.



Management & Entrepreneurship

Encompassing a broad range of industries and professions, these programs offer diverse opportunities to make decisions and shape the future of organizations. Focus on the principles of business operations, leadership and organizational strategies with this rewarding pathway to transferable skills and career stability.



Marketing & Sales

Focus on promoting products, understanding customer needs, engaging with communities and driving sales. Explore digital marketing, data analysis, brand promotion, customer relationship management, strategic communications and retail strategies for success in a competitive marketplace.



Public Service & Safety

Embark on a purpose-driven journey with a career in public service and safety. Through hands-on training in life-saving techniques, you'll prepare for high-stakes roles where quick thinking and decisive action are paramount. Develop a heart for service and emerge ready to face challenges head-on.



Supply Chain & Transportation

These programs integrate logistics and distribution networks to facilitate the seamless flow of materials and products, playing a crucial role in global commerce, economic development and community health.

Define Your Path

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Combine hands-on training with critical life skills. Full-time students can achieve a degree within two years.

Technical Diploma

Hands-on, occupation-specific training that can take as little as one semester, one year or two years to complete.

Apprenticeship

Earn while you learn with this unique opportunity to combine paid, on-the-job training with related coursework. Learn more at dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship.

Certificates

Streamlined training opportunities to refine certain skills, master a new subject or broaden career credentials.

Liberal Arts Transfer Degree

Complete the first two years of your bachelor's degree at WCTC with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree.

Pathways

While working toward your associate degree, you'll earn valuable credentials along the way. Or, you can start by stacking credentials to build toward a degree in manageable segments – a perfect approach for the working adult. Each step in a pathway improves career and income potential.

ERIC PERRIN

Cybersecurity



“

It was kind of surreal, to graduate from WCTC at 17 and then graduate from high school at 18. **It was awesome to have that head start,** especially financially. It's been incredible.”

Ready to take a **closer look?**

We'd love to show you around! Explore our state-of-the-art training facilities, cutting-edge technology, helpful student resources and more – in person or online.



TAKE A CAMPUS TOUR

Join us for a guided walking tour to get a first-hand look at our facilities and learn about all WCTC has to offer.

wctc.edu/visit



CONNECT WITH AN ENROLLMENT COUNSELOR

Eliminate the stress and get your questions answered by meeting with an enrollment counselor who is here to help you navigate the process of becoming a WCTC student.

wctc.edu/enrollment-counseling



JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

Take us for a test drive at an upcoming Open House event! Held twice a year, Open House is your one-stop shop for all things WCTC.

wctc.edu/open-house

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