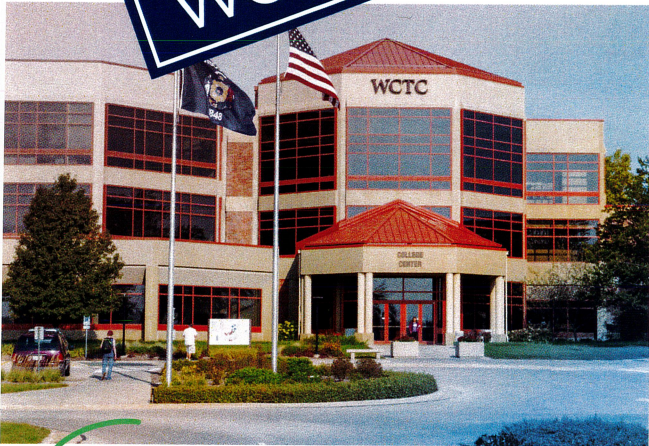




DUAL ENROLLMENT ACADEMY for high school students



HIGHLIGHTS

WCTC's Dual Enrollment Academy (DEA) began in 2013-14 with the goal of giving high school students a jump start in training for jobs in high-demand fields while giving them the chance to earn college credits - prior to high school graduation - along with high school credits.

DEA programs currently offered include:

- **Automation Systems Technology**
- **Building Construction Trades**
- **Early Childhood Education Preschool**
- **Firefighter / EMT**
- **IT Systems Specialist**
- **Tool and Die / CNC**
- **Welding / Fabrication**

The program is geared toward seniors at high schools within Waukesha County and surrounding areas. To be eligible, students must: have a 2.0 or higher grade point average, be in good academic standing, be on track to graduate and meet college entrance requirements. Additionally, they need high school and parent/guardian approval.

Student Benefits

- High school students can earn 17 to 24 college credits, depending on their program area. (They will also earn 4 1/4 to 6 high school credits.)
- Upon completion of the DEA program, students earn industry-recognized certificates or technical diplomas.
- Students split their school day at their high school and WCTC, allowing them to get a taste of the college experience.
- Labs and work spaces feature cutting-edge, state-of-the-art technology, and students benefit from the instructors' knowledge and industry experience.
- Credits earned through the DEA can later be applied to specific WCTC programs, shortening the time (and reducing the cost) it takes to complete a technical diploma or associate degree.

Noteworthy DEA Accolades

- WCTC's Dual Enrollment Academy was an honorable mention recipient of the National Career Pathways Network (NCPN) Career Pathways Partnership Excellence Award. The award emphasizes the importance of career guidance and advising, professional development for educators and employers, and the employer role in providing work-based learning opportunities for students.
- Dual Enrollment Academy has led to multiple apprenticeship opportunities for students in Tool and Die, Welding, and both union and non-union construction trades.

What Research Says

The University of Iowa conducted research on the impact high school dual enrollment participation has on post-secondary academic success, persistence and degree completion. Based on that research:

- Students who gained college credit through dual enrollment were more likely to enter college immediately after high school and persist to the second year in post-secondary education.
- Dual enrollment participants who demonstrated academic momentum (obtaining credits early and immediate entry to college) were also more likely to complete a bachelor's or advanced degrees.
- Dual enrollment participation provided students with experiences that may have changed their outlooks on achieving a bachelor's degree.

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