PersonCare Worker program can be the first step toward working in a health care setting

Upon successful completion of the Personal Care Worker (PCW) program individuals will be eligible to work in a health care setting as an entry-level care provider. Applicants must be at least 16 years old to enter the PCW program.

The PCW program is a one-technical diploma credit course from which the graduate receives a certificate from WITC. Individuals will not be eligible for licensing or certification from external agencies through completion of this program.

The PCW course is a combination of an independent study coupled with a final 8-hour lab session with the course instructor. The independent study portion of the course is directed through a series of eight learning plans (approximate seven hours/learning plan) that carefully details learning activities to help you learn the course content. Upon completion of the learning activities you will contact the campus contact to schedule an 8-hour lab session that concludes with skills competency testing and the final written exam.

The lab sessions are held on Saturdays and scheduled at the various WITC campuses throughout the district (Ashland, New Richmond, Rice Lake, Superior, Hayward, Ladysmith).

**Functional Abilities**

There are defined functional abilities that are necessary to be able to perform the job duties of a PCW. WITC will make accommodations as described on the “Functional Ability Criteria for the WITC Personal Care Worker Program” form for those students with identified disabilities by working with the campus Disabilities Specialist. If a student is in need of accommodations, please notify the campus Disabilities Specialist listed in the information provided in this packet of information.

**Wisconsin Caregiver Background Checks**

All health care agencies require background checks for their employees. Agencies may differ somewhat in what background check findings they will accept, but students should be advised that if they have any history of charges/convictions it may impact their potential to be hired. Regardless of a student’s background, the WITC PCW program is available to complete.

For questions or additional information regarding the WITC Personal Care Worker program, please contact the WITC Student Services Assistant at the campus you would like to attend at 800.243.9482

- Ashland: Denise Lindstrom, ext. 3182
- New Richmond: Jolene Peskar, ext. 4230
- Rice Lake; Hayward and Ladysmith Branch Campuses: Jennifer Ruid, ext. 5220
- Superior: Amanda Hellman, ext. 6271