

A student auditing a course is expected to meet attendance requirements, participate in classroom and lab work, and complete all assignments, but is not required to take examinations. At course end, an audited course will reflect a “G” notation on the student’s official record and transcript for that course. A student may not change his or her course enrollment status at a later date to receive credit for an audited course.

The college administration reserves the right to restrict the auditing of any course. Audit options are provided in courses on a space-available basis. Additional course sections do not need to be created to accommodate groups of student auditors.

GED/HSED Completion

GED/HSED preparation is available at WITC Student Success Centers in these communities: Ashland, New Richmond, Rice Lake, Superior, Hayward, Ladysmith, and Spooner. For other current locations, visit witc.edu. All services to adult students are free!

What Is the GED?

The GED requires a student to complete a battery of five (5) tests: Language Arts/Writing, Language Arts/ Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science.

What Is the HSED?

The High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) is more comprehensive than the GED. The HSED requires all of the GED tests, plus:

- Verifying one-half Health credit earned in grades 7-12 or passing the additional Health test.
- Verifying three Social Studies credits earned in grades 9-12, passing the additional Civics test, or completing a 36-hour, Civics course on campus.
- Completion of Career Exploration Activities.

Who Can Take the GED?

The GED/HSED tests may be taken if you are a Wisconsin resident who is at least 18 1/2 years of age, or if the class with which you entered 9th grade has graduated from high school.

Apprenticeship

What Is It?

An apprenticeship is a state-certified training program that combines paid, on-the-job supervised, experience with 300-600 hours of classroom instruction. Apprenticeships are offered in three occupational areas: construction, industrial, and service. All require a minimum of 2,000 hours of on-the-job work experience. As an apprentice, students will sign a contract between themselves, an employer, and the state that says the student will work for that employer for a specified length of time, if the employer agrees to teach the student a trade. The student will then start the apprenticeship at 40-60 percent of the trade’s journeyworker salary and even receive a salary for daytime classroom hours.

Are You Qualified?

The student must be 16 years or older and have a high school diploma or equivalent, be physically fit, and have the aptitude for the trade. Most employers or joint apprenticeship committees have approved selection standards with more specific requirements. In some trades, the requirements for applicants include up to two years of high school math. Some trades require that the applicant also take an aptitude test.

What Is Offered?

The apprenticeship courses offered at WITC include:

- Barber/Cosmetologist
- Carpentry - Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin
- Maintenance Mechanic/Millwright
- Plumbing
- Bricklaying/Masonry

For a complete list of over 300 state-certified apprenticeships, visit the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Web site at dwd.state.wi.us or call Myra Stachowicz at the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards Field Representative Office in Chippewa Falls at 800.511.9095 or 715.738.3853.

How Do I Start?

Looking for an apprenticeship is like looking for a job. Applications should be made directly with employers or Joint Apprenticeship Committees. Students should start by learning what they can about the trade by talking to people who are in the occupation: employers employees, high school counselors, WITC instructors and counselors, employers’ associations, and labor unions.

For more information, contact Randy Deli, WITC Apprenticeship Coordinator at 800.243.9482, Extension 5113 or Sue Finstad, Apprenticeship Assistant, Extension 5289 or go to witc.edu.