

WTCS Associate Degree Pathway for Completers of Registered Apprenticeship

The WTCS *Technical Studies – Journeyworker Associate in Applied Science* (JW-AAS) program is designed to help you achieve your career goals through academic recognition of both the related instruction and on-the-job learning that you completed through registered apprenticeship. As a member of the USDOL-Office of Apprenticeship sponsored Registered Apprenticeship-College Credit (RACC) Consortium, the WTCS recognizes credit recommendations among RACC partners.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

All WTCS Colleges recognize successful completion of an apprenticeship program with at least 400-hours of paid related instruction provided through a WTCS college AND possession of a Certificate of Apprenticeship (completion) issued by the DWD-BAS as fulfilling the 39-credit minimum Technical Studies requirement of the 60 credit Technical Studies – Journey Worker Associate of Applied Science degree. Advanced standing for apprentice related instruction taken at other accredited institutions is currently determined on an individual basis using established Credit for Prior Learning procedures. RACC recommendations are accepted.

DEGREE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

- Possess a Certificate of Apprenticeship (completion) issued by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development-Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards.
- Complete all required WTCS apprentice paid related technical instruction with a minimum course grade of C. There are no time limits on credit recognition.
- Complete a minimum of 21 additional credits to meet the WTCS Associate of Applied Science 60 credit minimum degree requirement. These must include 15 credits of general education distributed across the following categories and 6 elective technical studies or additional general education credits.

General Education Course Area	Number of Credits
Communications	6 credits
Social Science	3 credits
Behavioral Science	3 credits
Math or Science	3 credits
Additional General Education or Technical Studies elective courses at the Associate Degree level	6 credits

- Complete at least 25% of your credits through the technical college awarding the AAS degree. A WTCS apprenticeship program with at least 400-hours of paid related instruction (PRI) meets this threshold.
- Meet stated institutional graduation requirements including any graduation fees.

WHAT'S MY NEXT STEP? Contact the designated WTCS JW-AAS program advisor at the college you attended as an apprentice for assistance in assessment and academic planning.