

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 DWD-approved provider of related instruction 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.

DEGREE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

- Possess a Certificate of Apprenticeship (completion) issued by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development-Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards.
- Complete 400 or more hours of apprentice paid related instruction provided by a DWD-approved provider of related 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. In instances where all paid related instruction has occurred at the technical college awarding the degree, this requirement is met by the related instruction.
- 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.