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Advancing the Vision

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) coordinates and oversees Wisconsin's 16 public, two-year technical colleges. Throughout the past year, the System has continued to advance its 2016-2020 Vision and Strategic Directions.

Innovate

Through the WTCS Student Success Center, the System has continued to innovate to position technical college students for academic and career success in a number of important ways, including:

- ☑ limiting tuition increases and pursuing additional need-based financial aid;
- ☑ strategically aligning and targeting state, federal and philanthropic grant funds to drive positive outcomes for students and employers;
- ☑ identifying and promoting the use of Open Educational Resources (OER) to reduce students' textbook costs;
- ☑ expanding the emphasis on and availability of Credit for Prior Learning, creating time and cost efficiencies for students;
- ☑ driving continuous improvement in student outcomes by using data to identify gaps and challenges, and equipping Wisconsin's technical colleges to do the same; and
- ☑ Offering accelerated options for credential attainment, for particular populations – such as incarcerated individuals – and for all prospective students.

Collaborate

By leveraging structures unique to the Wisconsin Technical College System – including its Program Advisory Committee structure and Faculty Quality Assurance System – the System has nurtured a culture of collaboration, internally and with its partners, by pursuing strategies to:

- ☑ exponentially increase dual credit awarded to high school students throughout the state;
- ☑ increase the state's postsecondary attainment rate, with Wisconsin's higher education partners, to 60% by 2027 ... **60 Forward**;
- ☑ assure that postsecondary students in Wisconsin have every reasonable opportunity to transfer credits between public and private colleges and universities throughout Wisconsin and beyond; and
- ☑ expand apprenticeship opportunities and maximize workforce preparation and participation in partnership with state and local workforce development agencies.

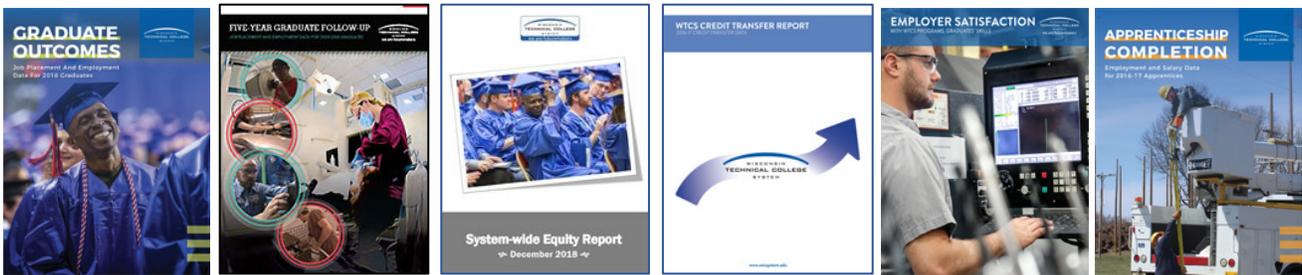




Inspire

The System continues to inspire public and private investment, as well as individuals' pursuit of learning opportunities at every stage of their careers and lives, by highlighting the sustained, positive outcomes it produces for students and employers.

- ☑ The Governor and Legislature aligned their efforts to provide significant support for Wisconsin's technical colleges in the state's 2019-21 budget, resulting in a historic \$25 million investment.
- ☑ WTCS Publications – including Graduate Outcomes, Apprenticeship Completion and Employer Satisfaction – continue to be ready resources for policymakers, partners and the public.
- ☑ The 2018 System-wide Equity Report set the tone for a comprehensive review of diversity, equity and inclusion efforts at the System and college levels.
- ☑ WTCS Ambassador stories of determination, perseverance and success inspire all who hear them.



Transform

By innovating, collaborating and inspiring current and prospective students, the Wisconsin Technical College System is uniquely positioned to transform education and training in a rapidly changing marketplace, increasing the economic vitality of students, employers, and communities throughout Wisconsin