



February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. CTE Month celebrates the value of career and technical education for our students, the future workforce, and our economy. CTE programs have a profound impact on our future and are at the heart of solving the skilled labor shortage.



Wisconsin CTE programs offer a range of exciting opportunities available to our students to explore their career options and the benefit of those programs to Wisconsin industry and communities.

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At Wonewoc-Center Schools, our CTE programs continue to grow and we are excited for all of the opportunities we can provide for our students. This school year, we wrote and were awarded a grant to help us expand access to career pathways for our students. This grant is called Unlocking Pathways. Unlocking Pathways Grant is intended to build capacity among secondary education, postsecondary education, and workforce development systems. The project expands access to career-connected high school programs with the goal of increasing the proportion of students who graduate with these four keys that will unlock their career success:

Key 1: Career Advising Navigation

Key 2: Dual Enrollment

Key 3: Work-Based Learning

Key 4: Workforce Credentials

This grant has allowed us to expand our instructor knowledge and gain dual credit certifications with Madison College. We will have a minimum of 4 additional dual credit courses starting in the 2025-2026 school year.

Wonewoc-Center's dedicated CTE staff includes: Mr. Wafle - Tech Education (metals/welding), Mr. Degner - Tech Education (woodworking/CAD), Mrs. Fletcher - Agriculture Education & FFA, Mr. Rudel - Business Education, Mrs. Wolfe - Family & Consumer Science/Healthcare, Mrs. Weldy - CNA, and Mrs. Miller - CTE Coordinator.

Our Technology Education programs offer students the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in areas such as welding, small engines, automotive technology, woodworking, carpentry, home maintenance, CAD drafting, etc. Students have hands-on learning opportunities and apply inquiry skills as they design and develop projects. This program will offer two dual credit courses next year from Madison College.

The Agriculture program continues to thrive with an active FFA chapter, science equivalency credits, and a variety of coursework that provides students exposure to the broad field of agriculture. Agriculture students have a plethora of opportunities that stretch beyond the classroom at WC with integral lab experiences, Supervised Agricultural Experiences and a strong representation in the surrounding community in Youth Apprenticeship.

Our health science students have the unique opportunity to enroll in college courses while still in high school. We have a well equipped health lab and students can earn their CNA certification right here! This school year, we have sent 16 area students through the CNA program, 11 of them being Wonewoc Center students. In addition, students enrolled in the

Health Career course will earn their Direct Patient Care certification this semester. Mrs. Wolfe is adding two dual credit courses to the healthcare pathway for next school year as well. These courses will be Medical Terminology and Wellness Today. Wonevoc-Center also started a new CTSO, HOSA, which is designed to provide leadership and learning opportunities for future health occupation professionals. Through this, members have attended leadership conferences and competitive events.

Students enrolled in CTE courses also earn an OSHA certification in certain departments such as Health, Agriculture, EMS, Construction and General.

The Business Education department opportunities for students continue to grow and learn life skills to help them in their futures. Students can take courses in Accounting, Personal Finance, Marketing, and ESports.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in work based learning in any of these career pathways along with many others. We encourage students to engage in work based learning that will provide them with credentials such as Youth Apprenticeship or Employability Skills. Through CTE Incentive grants, we are able to help students earn certifications such as CDL license, OSHA certifications, CNA certifications, and Veterinary Scribe.

We are excited about continuing to grow our CTE offerings to students with the future focus on dual credit courses and community projects. Stay tuned for updates on the CTE curriculum and learning space.

Pictured below are some student projects from our CTE department.



Healthcare Students at EMS Conference. (Left)



Youth Apprenticeship: Hailie H. working as CNA. (Right)



Youth Apprenticeship: Hayden V. working in Transportation and Logistics pathway. (Left).

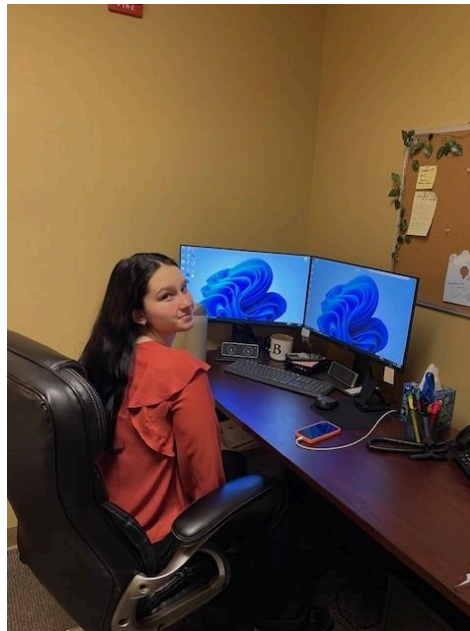
Youth Apprenticeship: Izzy F. working in the Agriculture Career Pathway - Vet Science. (Below).



Youth Apprenticeship: Mattison P. Working in Inventory Management. (Below Left).



Youth Apprenticeship: Gabby B. Working in Business Administration. (Below).



From Mr. Waffle: It's been very busy in the Ag / Metals shop this school year! We have had Welding, Small Engines, and Ag Mechanics classes. In Welding, students are just finishing required assignments involving Stick and MIG welds. We will be getting started with TIG welding very soon. We've had many great projects coming into Small Engines class, ranging from basic tuneups to complete engine rebuilds. In Ag Mechanics, we are getting materials ready to begin a project where we will be re-lining a manure spreader for a local farmer.



Our FFA Chapter has been busy with Leadership Development Events, Career Development Event Preparations, FFA Week and Leadership Conferences.



Getting some plantings ready for the Spring Sale!

FFA Officers at the FFA week assembly.



Olivia P. and Izzy F. attended FFA Day on the Hill to advocate for Ag Education.

