

# K-16 ANNUAL REPORT

# Message from the President

At Northcentral Technical College (NTC), we are proud to work with our K-12 partners in education to ensure that students throughout the NTC district have pathways for success.

I am pleased to share the 2025-26 Annual Report, which highlights current collaborative partnerships among K-12 schools, NTC and our four-year college partners. We are proud to partner with four-year colleges such as UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stout Polytechnic and many others to expand educational options for local students by creating a seamless transition from high school to NTC to a bachelor’s degree and beyond.

We continue to seek opportunities to create multiple pathways for students, including an innovative co-location partnership with UW-Stevens Point at Wausau, so students can stay and thrive in our local community. For those exploring their career interests, we are pleased to offer services through the Advising + Transfer Center, where individual pathways are mapped from associate to bachelor’s and master’s degrees that can be completed locally.

We are also supporting industry needs by preparing learners for the future through a deep focus on AI while providing preparedness training for employers at our Community Safety Simulation Center. Our district community is fortunate to have outstanding K-12 systems, strong higher education partners, including NTC and UW-Stevens Point, progressive and stable employers, and a philanthropic, engaged community committed to student success.

We are committed to providing high-quality educational opportunities led by outstanding faculty in state-of-the-art facilities, including our newest learning spaces: the Sawmill at the Wood Technology Center of Excellence; the Engineering + Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence, featuring the Industry 4.0 Smart Manufacturing Lab; the Center for Simulation + Innovation in Health, featuring immersive reality technology; and the Agriculture Center of Excellence, featuring advanced robotics and precision agriculture.

Working collaboratively, we are creating educational pathways and workplace opportunities that keep our students and talent local. Thank you for your continued partnership.



**Dr. Jeannie Worden,**  
President

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# HIGHLIGHT

NTC had an impactful year partnering with area school districts to provide meaningful experiences for students. The college hosted several events, partnered collaboratively with community organizations and offered hands-on learning opportunities through summer programs.

Our new signature recruitment events and NTC Showcase, allow each of NTC's learning divisions to customize and create a hands-on experience for their specific programs. Faculty and staff went all out to help prospective students learn about NTC's degree and training opportunities through demonstrations, hands-on activities and a choose-your-own-adventure style experience that uniquely illustrated our business and general studies programs.

NTC's strong partnership with Engineering Tomorrow brought small-groups to campus each month for hours-long activities and challenges where they were able to learn on topics such as machine learning, robotics, aerodynamics, cybersecurity and 3D printing through real world applications and problem solving. Students from middle school to high school grades experienced these workshops on NTC's campus and had the added benefit of touring our learning spaces and STEM labs.

# Dual Credit

NTC's Dual Credit program continued to provide high school students with a valuable head start by allowing them to earn both high school and college credit concurrently. These technical college courses were taught in the high schools by NTC-certified high school instructors, ensuring quality and consistency. Best of all, there was no cost to the student or the school for the college credit, making this an accessible and impactful opportunity for students to advance their education and career goals.

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**HIGH SCHOOL DUAL CREDIT  
TEACHERS PARTICIPATED IN  
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING WITH NTC  
FACULTY MENTORS IN 2025-26**



# \$2,842,729

**SAVED IN TUITION**

## 2025-26 DUAL CREDIT COURSE ENROLLMENTS

| HIGH SCHOOL                          | # OF STUDENTS | # CREDITS ATTEMPTED | TUITION VALUE ON CREDITS EARNED |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Abbotsford High School               | 101           | 514                 | \$80,506.30                     |
| Antigo Senior High School            | 213           | 1303                | \$168,035.49                    |
| Athens High School                   | 31            | 77                  | \$12,675.46                     |
| Bowler High School                   | 33            | 92                  | \$12,675.46                     |
| Chequamegon High School              | 116           | 740                 | \$102,431.42                    |
| Colby High School                    | 146           | 686                 | \$94,894.66                     |
| DC Everest High School               | 635           | 2740                | \$396,365.06                    |
| Edgar High School                    | 118           | 738                 | \$113,565.27                    |
| Faith Christian Academy              | 13            | 81                  | \$13,874.49                     |
| Loyal High School                    | 79            | 528                 | \$59,266.34                     |
| Marathon High School                 | 69            | 283                 | \$35,285.74                     |
| Medford High School                  | 223           | 1082                | \$155,531.32                    |
| Menominee Indian High School         | 17            | 24                  | \$2,398.06                      |
| Merrill High School                  | 302           | 1823                | \$232,269.24                    |
| Mosinee High School                  | 322           | 2544                | \$367,930.92                    |
| Newman Catholic High School          | 3             | 9                   | \$1,541.61                      |
| Northland Lutheran High School       | 47            | 232                 | \$36,827.35                     |
| Phillips High School                 | 73            | 444                 | \$55,326.67                     |
| Prentice High School                 | 59            | 344                 | \$54,127.64                     |
| Rib Lake High School                 | 96            | 408                 | \$62,692.14                     |
| Rosholt High School                  | 79            | 376                 | \$41,794.76                     |
| Rural Virtual Academy                | 176           | 948                 | \$140,115.22                    |
| Spencer High School                  | 114           | 838                 | \$115,278.17                    |
| Stratford High School                | 156           | 1127                | \$180,710.95                    |
| Tigerton High School                 | 9             | 14                  | \$2,398.06                      |
| Wausau Area Virtual Education (WAVE) | 14            | 28                  | \$4,282.25                      |
| Wausau East High School              | 266           | 1122                | \$127,439.76                    |
| Wausau West High School              | 498           | 1894                | \$230,213.76                    |
| White Lake High School               | 8             | 22                  | \$3,768.38                      |
| Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School    | 106           | 557                 | \$78,622.11                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>4092</b>   | <b>21146</b>        | <b>\$2,842,728.84</b>           |

\*Credits Attempted includes students receiving an AU (Audit) Grade. Students receiving an AU grade participated in the class but may have withdrawn, completed the class with a D or F grade, or opted not to receive credit. The AU grade is reflected on the student's record to track participation but does not negatively impact cumulative GPA. \*\*Tuition value based on 2025-26 cost per credit of \$171.29 based on actual credits earned.

# Start College Now

Through Start College Now, high school students enrolled in postsecondary courses at NTC with financial support provided by their K-12 district. This program gave students a head start on their college education and reduced future college costs. Completed courses can be applied toward a degree at any Wisconsin Technical College and may also transfer to public or private four-year universities, making it a valuable and flexible option for students planning for their academic futures.

## Most Popular Start College Now Courses:

- Nursing Assistant
- Introduction to Diversity Studies
- Intro to Psychology
- Psychology of Human Relations

“In my experience, as a current school counselor and mom of a child that has taken dual enrollment classes at NTC, thank you. Thank you for the opportunity you provide for our kids to gain priceless hands-on learning experience and real-life skills that will benefit them far beyond the classroom.”

**Roxie Brecke, School Counselor, D.C. Everest**

**STUDENTS ENROLLED IN START COLLEGE NOW COURSES ACHIEVED A**

**91%**

**COURSE COMPLETION RATE**

## 2025-26 START COLLEGE NOW ENROLLMENTS

| HIGH SCHOOL                       | # ENROLLED | # OF COURSES |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Abbotsford High School            | 6          | 4            |
| Antigo Senior High School         | 223        | 73           |
| Athens High School                | 6          | 6            |
| Bowler High School                | 5          | 3            |
| Bridges Virtual Academy           | 12         | 11           |
| Chequamegon High School           | 99         | 31           |
| Colby High School                 | 13         | 11           |
| DC Everest High School            | 19         | 18           |
| DCE IDEA                          | 1          | 1            |
| Edgar High School                 | 8          | 6            |
| Marathon High School              | 3          | 2            |
| Medford High School               | 7          | 5            |
| Merrill High School               | 11         | 7            |
| Mosinee High School               | 75         | 37           |
| Phillips High School              | 88         | 25           |
| Prentice High School              | 52         | 22           |
| Rib Lake High School              | 81         | 44           |
| Rosholt High School               | 4          | 2            |
| Rural Virtual Academy             | 10         | 10           |
| Spencer High School               | 10         | 6            |
| Stratford High School             | 1          | 1            |
| Tigerton High School              | 4          | 3            |
| Wausau Area Virtual Academy       | 3          | 3            |
| Wausau: East High School          | 18         | 10           |
| Wausau: West High School          | 21         | 12           |
| White Lake High School            | 27         | 14           |
| Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School | 8          | 1            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>815</b> | <b>368</b>   |

\*Reflects course enrollments, not individual students. Students enrolled in multiple courses are counted for each course taken.



# K-12 Events

APPROXIMATELY

**4,000**

STUDENTS VISITED NTC THROUGH  
A CAMPUS EVENT IN 2025-26

APPROXIMATELY

**280**

STUDENTS ATTENDED A  
SUMMER PROGRAM IN 2025-26

**55**

DIFFERENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
BROUGHT STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE  
IN NTC EVENTS OR GROUP VISITS

NTC hosted several exciting events, tours, career exploration activities and summer camps to engage local K-12 students. New this year, NTC customized recruitment events around NTC's main areas of study. The showcase events allowed NTC's schools to highlight the strength of their programs, feature state of the art labs and learning spaces and offer a chance to connect directly with our faculty.



[www.ntc.edu/  
calendar/k-12-events](http://www.ntc.edu/calendar/k-12-events)

# Academies + Distance Learning

## Academies

NTC academies continued providing high school students with the opportunity to earn college credit and jump-start their career pathways. In the welding academies, students are working toward a Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) Technical Diploma in Antigo, Wausau and Phillips. This year, the Fire Academy was launched in Antigo with students from both Antigo High School and Merrill High School participating. These academies allowed students to gain hands-on experience while engaging with NTC faculty and earning valuable credentials before graduation.

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**STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE  
WELDING AND FIRE ACADEMIES**



“Some students know exactly what they want and go after it. Others are still figuring it out. The beautiful thing is seeing how skilled some of them become and watching them grow.”

**Adam Zogata, Welding Faculty**

## Distance Learning

NTC's Distance Learning classes gave high school students the opportunity to earn college-level credit without leaving their school. Courses were taught live via Zoom by NTC instructors and were made possible through collaborative agreements with K-12 districts and networks such as CWETN, NWECS and ERVING. This flexible model allowed students to explore career pathways and, in some cases, complete full credentials, such as the Early Childhood Licensing Basic Ages 0-5 Certificate, with three students completing the credential before graduating from high school.

### Most Popular Distance Learning Classes:

- Intro to Psychology
- Intro to Sociology
- Medical Terminology

### 2025-26 DISTANCE LEARNING PARTICIPANTS BY SCHOOL

| HIGH SCHOOL          | # ENROLLED | # OF COURSES |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|
| Athens High School   | 37         | 10           |
| Colby High School    | 4          | 4            |
| Edgar High School    | 17         | 2            |
| Loyal High School    | 4          | 1            |
| Marathon High School | 74         | 5            |
| Out of District      | 307        | 14           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>443</b> | <b>36</b>    |

*\*Reflects course enrollments, not individual students. Students enrolled in multiple courses are counted for each course taken.*

# Youth Apprenticeship

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) is a rigorous one- or two-year elective statewide program for high school juniors and seniors. Designed to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world experience, YA combined academic and technical instruction with mentored, paid, on-the-job training. Made possible through a grant from the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), this hands on approach helped students build valuable workplace skills, gain industry insight and make meaningful connections in their chosen career fields—all while still in high school.

## 468

**TOTAL YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP  
ENROLLMENTS IN DISTRICT**



“Being a part of the YA program puts you a step ahead of all your peers. There’s really no other experience like this. Having that experience puts you on a path to success in the future.”

**Izzy Vardon, Youth Apprentice, Peoples State Bank,  
Marathon High School**

### NUMBER OF 2025-26 NTC PARTNERSHIP YOUTH APPRENTICES BY HIGH SCHOOL

| HIGH SCHOOL                       | # OF APPRENTICES |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Abbotsford High School            | 5                |
| Antigo High School                | 39               |
| Athens High School                | 15               |
| Bowler High School                | 1                |
| Chequamegon High School           | 12               |
| Colby High School                 | 13               |
| D.C. Everest High School          | 83               |
| D.C. IDEA High School             | 1                |
| Edgar High School                 | 15               |
| Faith Christian High School       | 5                |
| Homeschooled                      | 1                |
| Marathon High School              | 4                |
| Medford High School               | 34               |
| Mosinee High School               | 60               |
| Newman Catholic High School       | 2                |
| Northland Lutheran High School    | 3                |
| NTC Alternative High School       | 1                |
| Phillips High School              | 6                |
| Prentice High School              | 12               |
| Spencer High School               | 12               |
| Stratford High School             | 30               |
| Wausau Area Virtual (WAVE)        | 6                |
| Wausau East High School           | 15               |
| Wausau West High School           | 39               |
| White Lake High School            | 1                |
| Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School | 53               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>468</b>       |

## NUMBER OF YOUTH APPRENTICES BY PROGRAM AREA

| PROGRAM AREA                               | # OF APPRENTICES |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources      | 34               |
| Architecture & Construction                | 46               |
| Business Administration                    | 19               |
| Education                                  | 22               |
| Finance                                    | 20               |
| Health                                     | 100              |
| Hospitality, Lodging, Tourism              | 56               |
| Information Technology                     | 5                |
| Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security | 1                |
| Manufacturing                              | 64               |
| Marketing                                  | 52               |
| Science, Technology, Engineering, Math     | 5                |
| Transportation, Distribution, Logistics    | 44               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>468</b>       |

# 304

**BUSINESSES IN 47 COMMUNITIES  
WORKED WITH 468 YOUTH  
APPRENTICES IN  
13 PROGRAM AREAS  
FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR**

“This experience has reaffirmed what I want to do in the future. I want to pursue pharmacy and eventually work at Mayo Clinic.”

**Nancy Xiong, Youth Apprentice, Wausau Family Pharmacy, D.C. Everest**



# Youth Apprenticeship Employer Partners

## ABBOTSFORD

- AbbyBank
- Dukestaed Acres
- Engel Chiropractic

## ANIWA

- Adam's Auto
- Kautza Septic Service Inc.
- W & W Walls

## ANTIGO

- Ace Equipment Company
- Ag Source Lab
- Antigo Ace Hardware
- Aspirus Langlade Hospital
- Boys & Girls Club of the Northwoods
- Culver's
- Dairy Queen
- Fleet Farm
- Fuller Sales and Service
- Goodwill Industries of NCW
- Hartman Farms, Inc.
- Heart Breakers
- KerberRose SC
- Krueger And Steinfest
- Kwik Trip
- Langlade County Humane Society
- Langlade Ford Mercury
- Menards Inc.
- Peace Lutheran Child Care Center
- Peroutkas Meat Processing
- Pick & Save
- Quinlan's Equipment, Inc.
- Swartzendruber Supper Club
- TJ Maxx
- Volm Companies
- Walgreen's
- Walmart
- Woodson YMCA Aquatic Center

## APPLETON

- VOE Power & Systems

## ATHENS

- Athens Area Credit Union
- Athens Veterinary Service Inc.
- Green Acres Dairy
- M&M Bakery
- Peel Farms
- Peter Trucking LLC
- S.D. Ellenbecker, Inc.
- Trinity Child Care

## BELLEVILLE

- Trident Contract Management

## BIRNAMWOOD

- Birnamwood Veterinary Services, LLC
- Chet & Emil's
- Cloverleaf Terrace, LLC
- Diane's Soft Serve LLC
- Fraaza Overhead Door
- Matsche Farms Inc.
- Olson Dairy Farms, Inc.
- Szews Electric LLC
- Tomson Dairy Farm

## BRYANT

- Schroepfer Farms

## CALEDONIA

- Southport Engineered Systems

## CAROLINE

- Wudtke's Mobile Mechanic LLC

## CATAWBA

- Macholl Family Farm

## COLBY

- Colby Senior Care
- Colonial Health Services
- Forward Financial
- Fourmens Farm Home
- Loos Machine & Automation, Inc.
- Subway
- The Coffee Coop II, LLC
- The Waterford at Colby

## CURTISS

- ALPHA Process & Installation

- Berry Farms

## CUSTER

- J. Brandt Trucking, LLC

## DORCHESTER

- Clark Co Line Dairy

## EDGAR

- B&D Fabricators
- Chad's Auto Repair
- Cropping Central
- DeJong Farms LLC
- Edgar Building Supply
- Edgar School District
- ELM Repair
- JK Excavating LLC
- Membrane Process & Controls Inc

## ELAND

- Apex Fire Protection
- Nowinsky Acquisitions LLC
- Potrykus Construction, LLC

## FIFIELD

- Kountry Kafe
- HATLEY
- Hatley Hangout
- Lisa's Sweet Shop Bakery and Catering Inc.
- Rolling Acres Ranch
- Subway

## HAWKINS

- Just Clint's

## KRONENWETTER

- Curb Appeal Solutions
- Four Seasons Heating & AC
- J X Truck Center
- R and R Repair

## MARATHON

- Aluminum Fabricated Products
- Custom Meats of Marathon
- Karlen Concrete and Construction
- Marathon Area Swim Association
- Marathon Cheese Corporation
- Marathon Feed Inc.
- Pizza Market

## MARSHFIELD

- Accolade Auto Services
- Custom Fabrication And Repair
- G&D Wood Products Inc.
- Hastreiter Industries Corp
- Hollatz Hospitality LLC
- Maple Dirt
- Marshfield Clinic Health System - Marshfield Center
- Marshfield Utilities
- McMillan Electric
- Menards
- Nelson Jameson, Inc.
- S&R Truck
- Simplicity Credit Union
- Staab Construction
- Three Oaks Health Services
- Walmart
- Wausau Homes

## MATTOON

- Rose Mary Manor Assisted Living

## MEDFORD

- AbbyBank
- Aspirus Care and Rehab
- Black River Industries
- Current Flow Electric LLC
- Enerquip
- Hall's Inc.
- Hardee's
- Holy Rosary School
- James Peterson Sons Inc
- JCL Excavation and Repair
- Klingbeil Lumber Co.
- Kramer Plumbing & Heating
- Kwik Trip
- Medford Community Learning Center
- Medford School District
- Quality Care Chiropractic and Wellness
- Rand's Trucking
- Sandbox Child Care
- Schmidtfranz Automotive Repair LLC
- Taylor Credit Union
- Uncommon Ground

## MERRILL

- Goetsch's Welding and Machine, Inc.
- Pine Crest Nursing Home
- VanderGeest Dairy Cattle Inc

## MILLADORE

- Gateway Industrial Automation

## MOSINEE

- Abl Lights Usa
- Arow Global
- Complete Control Solutions
- Crystal Training Institute
- CWH Sprinklers and More
- Gorski's
- Granite Hill Dairy
- Kafka Conveyors and Equipment
- Kafka Granite, LLC
- Kwik Trip
- Lee's Piggly Wiggly
- Mullins Cheese
- R & J Auto Repair And Towing
- Subway
- Valley Community Credit Union

## NEENAH

- Miron Construction

## OGEMA

- Hallstrand Angus

#### PARK FALLS

- J's Automotive
- McDonald's
- Park Falls Building and Hardware
- Park Falls Family Restaurant
- Park Manor
- Park Pharmacy
- WeatherShield Mfg. Inc.

#### PHILLIPS

- A&W
- OEM Fabricators, Inc.
- Phillips Fire Department
- Phillips Hotel Property LLC (Super 8)
- Phillips Veterinary Clinic
- Slaby Deda Law Office
- United Pride Dairy
- Warga Auto & Truck Center

#### PRENTICE

- Bennett Auction Service
- Dollar General
- Makovsky Brush Service
- Moritz EDM Inc.
- T&K Kitchen
- Village of Prentice

#### RHINELANDER

- Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital
- RINGLE
- KG Dairy
- Zilisch Asphalt / Zilisch Farms

#### ROTHSCHILD

- A-1 Weston Masonry
- CoVantage Credit Union
- Culver's
- Foundation Finance
- HPI Properties
- Imperial Industries Inc.
- Patriot Auto Repair, LLC
- Truck Country
- Wausau Tile

#### SCHOFIELD

- Abby Bank
- Briq's Soft Serve
- Diverse Foodworks Equipment, LLC
- Dunkin Donuts
- Family Foot & Ankle Clinic
- Goal-Line Golf and Hockey
- Greenheck
- Intercity State Bank
- J&D Tube Benders
- Kwik Trip
- Lezcono Law Office LLC.
- Log Cabin Restaurant
- McDonald's
- Target

#### SHAWANO

- Walmart
- SPENCER
- Alpha Process & Installation
- CAS Concrete
- Dan's Outdoor Furniture
- Kwik Trip
- Quality Electrical Solutions
- Rookie Rockets Learning Care Center
- STANLEY

- Aspirus Stanley Hospital
- STETSONVILLE
- My Pride Kennel
- Wolf Brothers Sawmill Inc.

#### STRATFORD

- A & B Process Systems
- Damon's Auto
- Harmony Ho Dairy
- Polish Paradise Farm
- Stratford Homes Limited Partnership
- Stratford School District
- Stratford Sign Co.
- Trimpac LLC
- VitaCare Living Stratford
- UNITY
- Harmony Holsteins
- REM JEM Dairy

#### WAUSAU

- 1st Avenue Service
- A & A Restaurant
- Able Distributing
- Active Family Chiropractic
- Applegate Terrace
- Aqua Finance Inc.
- Ascendance Truck Center
- Aspirus Clinic Pharmacy
- Aspirus Wausau Hospital
- Bigby Coffee
- Boys & Girls Club
- Brickners of Wausau
- Buckle Inc.
- Children's Imaginarium
- Custom Tiles & Flooring, LLC
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- Discount Tire
- Festival Foods
- Findorff
- Fore-Front Mechanical, Inc.
- G2M (Growing Great Minds)
- Kocourek Chevrolet
- Londerville Steel Ent
- Menard's
- Midwest Communications Inc., WRIG Inc.
- Newton Electric Corp.
- North Central Health Care
- Olsons Tire and Auto
- Our House Senior Living
- Panera Bread
- Peoples State Bank
- Primrose Retirement Communities
- Sam's Club
- Shepherd & Schaller Sporting
- Stainless Specialists, Inc.
- Stewart Ave Collision and Repair
- TJ Maxx
- Turf MD's Landscaping
- Walgreens
- Walmart
- Wausau Family Pharmacy
- Wausau Homes
- Wausau on Water
- Wausau School District
- West Side Auto
- Wood Aven Health & Rehabilitation
- Woodson YMCA
- XCEL Hockey Development

#### WESTON

- Arby's
- Brews Brothers Pub
- Chang Garden
- Cloverbelt Credit Union
- CTECH Manufacturing
- DC Everest Schools
- Denyon Homes, Inc.
- Fabick CAT
- Greenheck Turner Community Center
- Marshfield Medical Center
- Patron Mexican Restaurant and Bar
- Peoples State Bank
- Precision Replacement Parts
- Pride TLC
- Renaissance by Rennes
- Renne's Health & Rehab Center
- Stine Eye Center LLC
- Village of Weston

#### WHITE LAKE

- Wolf River Roots

#### WITTENBERG

- Advanced Coating Solutions
- Bushman Associates
- Dombeck Custom Cabinets
- Elderon Trucks, Trailers, Heavy Equipment & Parts
- Gwidt Pharmacy
- Legendary Fundraising
- Liberty Packing LLC
- McDonald's
- Nueske's Meats
- Paul Ostrowski Cement & Masonry
- Taco John's



# Career Coaches

Career Coaches supported academic and career planning initiatives in local school districts by facilitating career and college exploration, delivering classroom presentations and offering individualized support to students and their families.

During this reporting period, Career Coaches regularly visited schools to meet with students, led career exploration activities, participated in parent-teacher conferences and assisted with financial aid awareness events. Whether in person, virtually or over the phone, the team provided year-round support to prospective students.

**Key areas of support included:**

- Helping students match programs with their career interests
- Assisting with college applications
- Providing financial aid and scholarship information
- Showcasing additional opportunities such as University Transfer and continuing education options

**941+**

**STUDENTS HELPED BY CAREER COACHES THROUGH APPOINTMENTS, TOURS AND WALK-INS THIS YEAR**

**934**

**STUDENTS REACHED THROUGH 22 CAREER COACH PRESENTATIONS**

**916+**

**STUDENTS HELPED BY CAREER COACHES AT OUR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS**

# Credit for Prior Learning

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) allowed students to earn credit for what they already knew. Through CPL, NTC awarded course credit for knowledge and skills gained from various previous experiences—including education, work, volunteering, military service, independent study, corporate training and other life experiences—when equivalent to NTC coursework.

#### Benefits:

- Access to 400+ test-out options
- Accelerate degree completion
- Save on tuition costs
- Earn up to **75% of credits** toward a program

#### CPL Options:

- Military service
- National exams:
  - Advanced Placement (AP)
  - College-level Examination Program (CLEP)
  - International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Project Lead the Way
- Transfer credit
- Test-out options:
  - Standardized tests
  - Skill demonstrations
  - Portfolios
  - Industry-recognized certifications
- Youth Apprenticeship (YA)

#### CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING 2025-26

| TYPE OF CPL                              | # OF STUDENTS AWARDED | # OF CREDITS AWARDED |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Advanced Placement                       | 84                    | 438                  |
| College-level Examination Program (CLEP) | 5                     | 24                   |
| International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam    | 1                     | 3                    |
| Military                                 | 25                    | 183                  |
| Project Lead the Way                     | 20                    | 46                   |
| Test-outs                                | 213                   | 561                  |
| Transfer Credits                         | 620                   | 6958                 |
| Youth Apprenticeship                     | 74                    | 137                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>1042</b>           | <b>8350</b>          |

# Financial Support

NTC continued to provide resources and financial support to help students transition from high school to college.

## FAFSA Completion Help Events

FAFSA Completion Help Events were organized to assist high school seniors, prospective college students and current college students with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

During this reporting period, NTC hosted five FAFSA completion events at regional campuses. These events supported 22 students and their families with FAFSA planning and application assistance.

NTC also participated in two College Goal Wisconsin events hosting one event at NTC Wausau Campus and volunteering to help at the Wausau West event.

Each event began with a brief presentation offering tips for successfully completing the FAFSA. Following the presentation, attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and receive individualized assistance in completing their FAFSA applications.

### NTC FAFSA COMPLETION HELP EVENTS IN 2025-2026

| CAMPUS            | # OF STUDENTS SERVED |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Antigo Campus     | 9                    |
| Medford Campus    | 7                    |
| Phillips Campus   | 3                    |
| Spencer Campus    | 3                    |
| Wittenberg Campus | 0                    |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>22</b>            |

## NTC Promise Scholarship Program

Due to the generosity of the NTC Foundation, the NTC Promise provided free college tuition for eligible high school graduates within the NTC district.

### SINCE 2020, THE NTC PROMISE HAS:

SUPPORTED  
**112**  
SCHOLARS

PROVIDED WRAP-AROUND  
SERVICES TO  
**300**  
STUDENTS

We are pleased to welcome 17 students who are eligible to begin their journey as an NTC Promise Scholar during the Fall 2026 semester.

# NTC Foundation Scholarships

## 2026 NTC FOUNDATION SPRING SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

| HIGH SCHOOL                          | # OF SCHOLARSHIPS | TOTAL \$ SCHOLARSHIPS |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Abbotsford High School               | 2                 | \$1,500               |
| Antigo High School                   | 4                 | \$2,500               |
| Athens High School                   | 1                 | \$1,000               |
| Bowler High School                   | 1                 | \$1,000               |
| Chequamegon High School              | 8                 | \$6,800               |
| Colby High School                    | 2                 | \$1,000               |
| DC Everest High School               | 17                | \$14,200              |
| Edgar High School                    | 3                 | \$2,500               |
| Loyal High School                    | 1                 | \$900                 |
| Marathon High School                 | 2                 | \$1,400               |
| Medford High School                  | 9                 | \$6,700               |
| Merrill High School                  | 11                | \$11,400              |
| Mosinee High School                  | 19                | \$12,000              |
| Newman Catholic High School          | 3                 | \$2,000               |
| Northland Lutheran High School       | 1                 | \$1,000               |
| NTC Alternative High School          | 7                 | \$4,600               |
| Phillips High School                 | 3                 | \$1,500               |
| Rib Lake High School                 | 7                 | \$4,300               |
| Rosholt High School                  | 3                 | \$2,500               |
| Rural Virtual Academy                | 3                 | \$4,400               |
| Spencer High School                  | 5                 | \$3,500               |
| Stratford High School                | 3                 | \$2,500               |
| Wausau Area Virtual Education (WAVE) | 1                 | \$1,500               |
| Wausau East High School              | 5                 | \$5,600               |
| Wausau West High School              | 11                | \$10,400              |
| White Lake High School               | 1                 | \$1,000               |
| Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School    | 4                 | \$3,400               |
| Out of District                      | 21                | \$13,300              |
| <b>TOTALS*</b>                       | <b>158</b>        | <b>\$124,400</b>      |

\*Totals do not include Technical Excellence/Academic Excellence Scholarships or NTC Promise Scholarships.

### Technical Excellence Scholarship

Technical Excellence Scholarships (TES) were awarded by the State of Wisconsin to high school seniors who had the highest demonstrated level of proficiency in technical education subjects. The scholarships are only for use within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS). The value of the scholarship is up to \$2,250 per year, to be applied toward tuition. Students wishing to be considered for TES need to meet eligibility criteria set by the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) and will need to be nominated by their school. In 2025-2026, Technical Excellence Scholarships (TES) were awarded to **45 students for a total of \$95,260.**

### Academic Excellence Scholarship

Academic Excellence Scholarships (AES) were awarded to Wisconsin high school seniors who had the highest grade point average in each public and private high school throughout the State of Wisconsin. The number of scholarships that each school is eligible for is based on total student enrollment. The value of the scholarship is \$2,250 per year, to be applied toward tuition. Half of the scholarship is funded by the state, while the other half is matched by the institution. Academic Excellence Scholarships (AES) were awarded to 2 students for a total of \$4,500.

IN 2025-26 THE NTC FOUNDATION  
AWARDED A TOTAL OF

**\$124,400**

TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

# Starting a Career

Career Services at NTC provided a variety of services and tools that helped students explore their chosen career and support them as they sought employment. Students received one-on-one help with resumes and cover letters, mock interviews and job shadows with local employers.

NTC graduates continued to be well-poised to meet the ever-changing needs of current and future employers because they have been exposed to the latest technology in their fields and learning concepts including data analysis, critical thinking, flexibility, accountability, artificial intelligence and interdisciplinary learning.

## ACCORDING TO GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FROM 2023-25 GRADUATES:

43 PROGRAMS HAVE

**100%**

JOB PLACEMENT

**95%**

ARE SUPPORTING THE LOCAL  
ECONOMY BY WORKING IN  
WISCONSIN

**97%**

ARE SATISFIED OR VERY SATISFIED  
WITH THEIR NTC EDUCATION

ON AVERAGE, GRADUATES EARN

**\$54,834**

ANNUALLY

# Transfer



Start here. Go anywhere. Students have the opportunity to be part of the University Transfer Associate Degree where they can create their own path into a bachelor's degree. The University Transfer program serves students who wish to earn an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree and/or who intend to transfer to a four-year college or university. The program provides students with an excellent foundation for continuing in higher education. Students in our rural communities especially benefit from the increased access to courses that will set them up for success in their future.

Ensuring access to courses in rural communities is crucial for bridging educational gaps and equal opportunity, regardless of geographic location.

Through articulation agreements available for any program, students can complete their associate degree at NTC and have opportunities to transfer their credits to a bachelor degree program with junior status. NTC has focused on 2 + 2 articulation agreements with regionally accredited four-year partner institutions that offer flexibility in class delivery options, affordable tuition and a record of high graduation and employment. NTC's advising and transfer teams assist students in determining where to complete their bachelor's degree, review college transfer guides and help students choose additional courses that can be completed at NTC and help to connect students to the transfer staff at their preferred four-year institution.



## NTC is proud to note some of our key transfer partners:

- University of WI-Eau Claire
- University of WI-Green Bay
- University of WI-La Crosse
- University of WI-Madison
- University of WI-Milwaukee
- University of WI-Oshkosh
- University of WI-River Falls
- University of WI-Stevens Point
- University of WI-Stout
- Polytechnic
- University of WI-Superior

Two colleges. One location. Expanded Opportunities. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP) and NTC have partnered to create "The Purple and Blue Advantage," which gives students the opportunity to earn a four-year degree in Wausau while lowering the cost of education and preparing learners for high-demand jobs that are available locally. Advisors from both institutions make transfers and program selection smoother and more personalized.

Students will have clearer, more seamless pathways from associate degree programs at NTC to bachelor's degrees at UWSP. 26 existing programs already articulate from NTC to UWSP, with more being developed in health sciences, business, and other high-demand fields. We are excited to enhance our partnership with UWSP to expand local baccalaureate completion options for students.



# Alternative High School

The Northcentral Technical College Alternative High School offers a personalized educational pathway for students at risk of not completing their high school education. The program is dedicated to equipping students for their future, whether that involves entering the workforce or pursuing further education. By providing support for job-seeking students and acknowledging work experience as academic credit, NTC Alternative High School recognizes the diverse abilities of its students. Additionally, the program actively engages students in post-secondary opportunities that align with their educational aspirations. This comprehensive approach ensures students have the autonomy to choose their journey to graduation, all while being fully prepared for the next chapter of their lives.

Situated on NTC's Wausau Campus, NTC Alternative High School provides its students with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in a collegiate environment, complete with access to all the resources available to NTC students. This exposure, coupled with the option to enroll in post-secondary courses, sets our program apart from traditional alternative high schools. NTC Alt High employs both a credit-recovery and a competency-based approach, allowing students multiple pathways to demonstrate proficiency and achieve their high school diploma. Our guiding principles are encapsulated in the acronym PRIDE—Productivity, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Empathy—which encompasses our vision of the optimal learning environment and a benchmark for our success. These core values foster a culture that not only supports academic achievement but also personal growth and community engagement.

In the 2025-26 academic year, students at NTC Alternative High School achieved remarkable milestones:

- Earned 167.8 post-secondary credits
- Three students completed the CNA program
- One student earned GMAW certification
- The program celebrated 99 high school graduates
- Over half of these graduates, 59.5% earned post-secondary credits along with earning their high school diploma
- NTC Alternative High supported students from 7 different school districts this year

These statistics highlight not only the success of our students but also the efficacy of the supportive and enriching educational environment NTC's Alternative High School program offers.

**2025-26 ALTERNATIVE HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENTS EARNED  
A TOTAL OF**

**167.8**

**POST-SECONDARY CREDITS**

# Looking Forward

As we look to the future, NTC is committed to providing educational pathways that give every student an opportunity to succeed.

We are pleased to strengthen our co-location partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at Wausau to expand pathways to bachelor's degrees and beyond. *The Purple and Blue Advantage* gives students a faster, smarter path to a degree—combining real-world skills, university credentials and unmatched local access to opportunity.



NTC is dedicated to shaping the future by embracing emerging technologies including artificial intelligence (AI) to ensure students are ready to confidently navigate and excel in an AI-powered world. Through strong collaboration with our K-12 education partners, we are pleased to extend learning opportunities and AI resources for high school students through:

- Youth Apprenticeship programs
- Dual Credit courses
- Specialized mobile classroom training

By working together, we can keep talent local, strengthen our workforce and ensure that north-central Wisconsin continues to be a place where students, families and employers thrive. Our community truly has it all: excellent K-12 schools, innovative businesses, generous philanthropic partners and exceptional higher education institutions. Through a shared commitment to learner success, our collective efforts provide opportunities for students to thrive in and out of the classroom. Together, we are building a stronger future for our learners, our employers and the communities we serve.

## New Programs in 2026

- AI Developer Associate Degree
- Dental Therapy Associate Degree
- Fire/Paramedic Apprenticeship
- Greenhouse Technician Technical Diploma
- Video Production: Advanced Post-Production Certificate
- Video Production: Foundational Techniques & Tools Certificate
- Video Production: Post-Production Certificate
- Video Production: Storytelling Fundamentals Certificate
- Wood Industry: Advanced Manufacturing & Leadership Certificate

### Antigo:

- **Antigo, East Campus**  
Wood Technology  
Center of Excellence  
312 Forrest Avenue  
Antigo, WI 54409  
715.623.7601

### Medford:

- **Medford, West Campus**  
1001 Progressive Avenue  
Medford, WI 54451  
715.748.3603

### Merrill:

- **Public Safety Center of Excellence**  
1603 Champagne Street  
Merrill, WI 54452  
715.348.7205
- **Community Safety Simulation Center**  
1505 Champagne Street  
Merrill, WI 54452
- **CDL Training Center**  
1200 W Taylor Street  
Merrill, WI 54452

### Phillips:

- **Phillips, North Campus**  
1408 Pine Ridge Road  
Phillips, WI 54555  
715.339.4555

### Spencer:

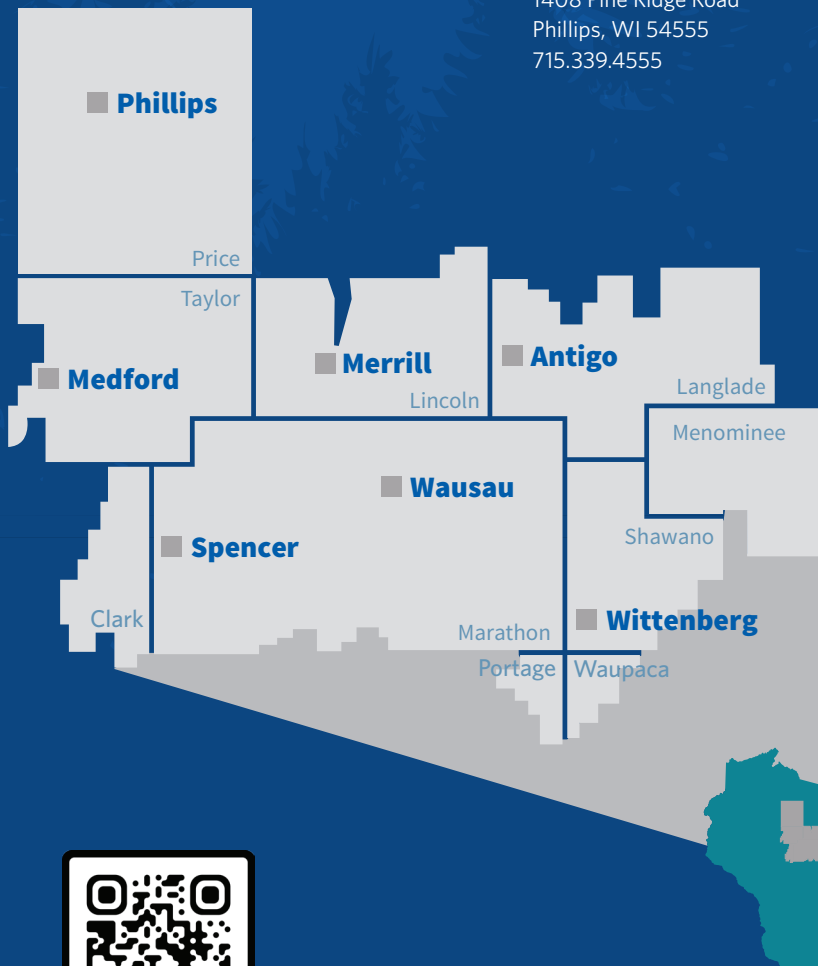
- **Spencer, Southwest Campus**  
808 N. Pacific Street  
Spencer, WI 54479  
715.659.5120

### Wausau:

- **Wausau, Central Campus**  
1000 W. Campus Drive  
Wausau, WI 54401  
715.675.3331
- **Agriculture Center of Excellence**  
6625 County Road K  
Wausau, WI 54401  
715.675.3331
- **Diesel Technology Center**  
3353 Geischen Dr  
Wausau, WI 54401  
715.675.3331

### Wittenberg:

- **Wittenberg, Testing Center**  
400 W Grand Ave  
Wittenberg, WI 54499  
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