

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE – TIMBERWOLF CONFERENCE CENTER/D100,
1000 W. CAMPUS DRIVE, WAUSAU, WI 54401 AND VIA [ZOOM](#)
(ZOOM MEETING ID: 864 3331 5030 | PASSWORD: 278599)

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Compliance with Open Meetings Law (Wis. Stat. 19.81-19.88)
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- C. Public Comment

Public Comment periods are not considered to be public hearings or a forum for public debate. No person may speak more than once to an issue or for a period longer than three (3) minutes. Individuals wishing to speak during this period must complete the sign-in form at the meeting location no less than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the meeting. The total amount of time devoted to public comment at any given meeting will not exceed thirty (30) minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the Board.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Oath of Office for Appointed District Board Member – Nikki Kopp
 - a. Sherry Buntin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes from July 8, 2024, Board of Trustees Organizational + Regular Meeting

ACTION ITEMS

- A. [Approval of President's 2024-2025 Goals](#) – Jeannie Worden
- B. [Approval of Proposed Three-Year Facilities Plan](#) – Cher Vink
- C. [Approval of Board Policy 2.8: Board Members Role](#)

CONSENT VOTING AGENDA

- A. Approval of Consent Voting Agenda Including:
 - a. [Receipts + Expenditures](#)
 - b. [Personnel Changes](#)

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- A. Workforce Training + Professional Development (WTPD) – Brad Gast

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. President's Report
 - a. Board Dashboard: 2023-2024 Year-End Report (Handout) – Katie Felch
 - b. WTCS State Board Meeting at NTC: September 10-11, 2024
 - c. Comments from Informational Update
- B. Chairperson's Report
 - a. Next Regular NTC Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at **9:00 a.m.**
 - b. WTC DBA Fall Meeting: November 20-22, 2024 at Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC - Appleton) + Zoom
- C. Information
 - a. [Advisory Meeting Minutes](#)
 - b. [Upcoming Meetings + Events](#)
 - c. [Good News](#)

MEETING ADJOURN

Note: Meetings of the Northcentral Technical College District Board are held in compliance with Wisconsin's "Open Meetings Law".

Mission: Northcentral Technical College enriches our communities by providing high quality learner and employer focused educational pathways that transform lives.



2024-2025 President Goals

*Goals are based on the College's 2024-2029 Strategic Plan.

1. Build on collaborative partnerships with local communities, businesses, K12, government and workforce development to adapt to ever changing needs, strengthen the community and capitalize on shared opportunities for economic growth and prosperity.
2. Strengthen a data-informed culture that effectively aligns resources with service and program needs and ensures a fiscally responsible, balanced and sustainable budget.
3. Lead and empower the development and enhancement of leading-edge learning environments and support student success.
4. Participate in professional development opportunities that will support growth in my role as President.

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET**

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2024

TOPIC: Proposed Three-Year Facilities Plan 2025-2027

POLICY: Wisconsin Statute 38.04 (10) requires each Wisconsin Technical College District to prepare and submit a Three-Year Plan to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board (WTCBS). The plan must be approved by the District Board. The plan will be accepted and reviewed by the WTCSB but no action will be taken.


INTERPRETATION: Northcentral Technical College's Three-Year Plan is submitted for the District Board of Trustees review and approval.

DATA/RESULTS: The Three-Year Plan for 2025-2027 outlines projects for the current fiscal year and proposed capital improvements, acquisitions, remodeling and new construction exceeding \$50,000 but not greater than \$1,500,000 pursuant to s. 38.04 (10). The Three-Year Plan informs the WTCS Office of potential plans but does not ask for permission to proceed. Each project must be approved on a project-by-project basis following requirements set forth in WTCS administrative policy.

AGENDA CATEGORY:
Regular Voting Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:
The Board approve Northcentral Technical College's Proposed Three-Year Facilities Plan 2025-2027.

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY: I, your CEO, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of this date.

Signed 

Dated 8/13/2024



Proposed Three-Year Facilities Plan

FY 2024 – 2025
FY 2025 – 2026
FY 2026 – 2027

Introduction

The Northcentral Technical College (NTC) Board of Trustees understands the workforce needs of the district's businesses and industries, and the desire of its citizens to live in safe and economically resilient communities. Through constant contact with community members, community forums with stakeholders, and strategic planning, the College will ensure its plans and goals are aligned with the future growth and innovation needs of our students, employees, and district communities. Further, the NTC Board of Trustees understands the College must have the facilities necessary for student and staff growth, productivity, health, safety, and success and the infrastructure critical for expansion of space, technology, and programming.

The Three-Year Facilities Plan aligns with the College's 2024-29 Strategic Plan and supports its goals to expand comprehensive support to ensure learner success; foster a leading edge academic learning environment that supports student outcomes and embraces interdisciplinary learning and state of the art technology; build on collaborative partnerships to adapt to ever changing needs; and effectively use resources to enhance future stability.

The Plan also addresses current trends of higher education as a result of our nation's economic climate. Changes from physical expansion to online learning, challenging enrollments, increased costs of maintaining and adding physical space, supply chain and labor shortages are all continuing to have a negative impact on completing facility projects. This Plan takes into account these trends and still provides state-of-the-art facilities including Industry 4.0 projects in agriculture, health, transportation, and public safety while ensuring our learners are learning in innovative spaces on the most advanced equipment and technology.

The following pages outline the Three-Year Facilities Plan for Fiscal Years 24-25 to 26-27 that support the College's Strategic Plan.

Jeannie Worden

President

Northcentral Technical College | 1000 W. Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401

Project Summary

FY2024 – 2025

Additions/Acquisitions

Antigo Single Site

- Merrill CDL Addition (FY2023-24 Funds)

Wausau Single Site

- Ag Center Vestibule Addition
- Dental Therapy Addition
- Transportation 4.0 – Diesel CNG Addition
- Wausau Emergency Services Training Center Addition

Remodeling/Renovation

Wausau Campus

- CHS Dental Renovation
- D Building Renovation (PS Classrooms/Corridor/Student Life)
- WTPD Training Rooms

Improvements

Wausau Campus

- Ag Center Pond Dredging
- Alternative Fuel Boiler Upgrades
- Apprenticeship Classroom/Lab Improvements
- Cafeteria Table Replacement
- CHS HVAC Upgrades Phase II
- Corridor Carpet Replacement
- Custodial Equipment
- E Parking Lot/Motorcycle Resurfacing
- Elevator Control Panel Upgrades
- Emergency Services Deck Replacement
- Emergency Services Furniture
- General Facility Contingency
- H Building AHU Replacement
- H Building Corridor Finishes
- H Building Roof Replacement
- Protective Glass Replacement
- Sidewalk & Curb Replacement

Regional Campuses

- Phillips Splash Tower Replacement
- Merrill CSSC Improvements

Additions/Acquisitions

Wausau Single Site

- Ag Heifer Barn Addition/Third Calf Pin

Remodeling/Renovation

Wausau Campus

- A Building WTPD Lease Office Renovation
- Accommodations/Testing/Security Renovation
- Ag Warehouse (HVAC/Insulation/Classroom/Restrooms)
- CHS Stairs Upgrade
- Student Advising Center
- WTPD Exterior Entrance & Lobby

Improvements

Wausau Campus

- Ag Culvert/Roads
- Ag Center Vet Tech Entrance Windbreak
- Ag South Field Drain Tile
- Alt High Improvements (Old WTPD Offices)
- G Building Chiller Refurbish (Main Building Chiller)
- Auto Service Area Blacktop Resurfacing
- B Parking Lot/Curb Replacement
- CHS Landscaping
- CHS Roof Top Chiller Replacement
- Corridor Carpet Replacement
- F & G Building Roof Replacement
- F Building AHU Fan Wall
- General Facility Contingency
- High Tech Conference Room
- HR Reconfiguration
- HVAC Controls A & F Buildings
- IT Reception & Training Room Upgrade
- Sustainability
- Shipping Fork Lift
- Sidewalk & Curb Replacement

Regional Campuses

- Antigo Boiler Replacement
- Culinary Kitchen (Antigo)
- Phillips Welding Dust Collection
- Merrill CSSM Parking Lot & Exterior Façade

Additions/Acquisitions

Wausau Single Site

- Ag Center Event Building

Remodeling

Wausau Campus

- iTEC Renovation

Improvements

Wausau Campus

- A Building Window Replacement
- Ag Center Coverall Building Concrete
- Ag Center Overhead Door Replacement
- AG Electronic Entrance Gate
- C & B Roof Replacement
- Corridor Carpet Replacement
- Custodial Equipment
- Fleet Vehicles
- G Building AHU Replacement
- General Facility Contingency
- Library Window Replacement
- Main Road/Curb Replacement
- Maintenance Equipment
- Sidewalk Replacement
- Sustainability

Regional Campuses

- Medford or Phillips Culinary Kitchen
- Antigo Roof Replacement
- Antigo Wood Tech Staining
- Phillips Exterior Painting

Three-Year Budget Summary

Budget Summary

FY2024-25

Additions/Acquisitions:	\$ 2,875,000
Remodeling:	\$ 1,140,000
<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>\$ 3,160,000</u>
Total:	\$ 7,175,000

FY2025-26

Additions/Acquisitions:	\$ 275,000
Remodeling:	\$ 2,150,000
<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>\$ 4,045,000</u>
Total:	\$ 6,470,000

FY2026-27

Additions/Acquisitions:	\$ 1,325,000
Remodeling:	\$ 400,000
<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>\$ 3,730,000</u>
Total:	\$ 5,455,000



Board Members Role

Board Policy 2.8

The Board of Northcentral Technical College functions as a collective body. The success of the Board depends on each individual Board member exercising responsibility through positive actions in the following areas:

- Being effective at Board meetings through appropriate preparation, regular attendance, and active participation in Board discussions and willingness to volunteer for officer assignments and other Board tasks.
- Understanding and supporting the Board governance concept and Board policies.
- Being knowledgeable concerning the College means for accomplishing organization, budget, accreditation, facilities, instructional programs, student services, and key processes.
- Being knowledgeable concerning the organization of the Wisconsin Technical College System and applicable state statutes.
- Being familiar with major district, state, and national issues affecting the College.
- Engaging in Board and self-development activities designed to promote Board effectiveness through attendance at state, regional, and national Board association meetings and by utilizing resources available in the College.
- Attending College events such as: graduation ceremonies, ribbon cutting ceremonies, legislative events, etc.
- Representing the College to the community in a positive image.
- Being active in legislative advocacy on behalf of the College.
- Regularly attend Board meetings and retreats to participate in and understand consensus building, stakeholder representation, in-depth College knowledge, and goal setting.
 - Board members who request to be excused from attending the meeting are required to notify the Executive Assistant to the President + Board at least 24 hours in advance.
 - Any Board member who has more than two unexcused absences or more than three excused absences from the regular monthly board meetings in a calendar year will be asked to meet with the Board Chair to discuss their Board engagement requirements.

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**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET**

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2024

TOPIC: Receipts & Expenditures

POLICY 1.1 – Presidential Expectations – The President, in execution of his/her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either irresponsible or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics, or that results in failure to be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

INTERPRETATION: To avoid *violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics* NTC will follow Wisconsin statute 38.12 **District Board Duties (2)** “...All expenditures exceeding \$2500 shall be approved by the district board.” Also, in compliance with Wisconsin statute 38.12(4) District board duties, “The publication proceedings shall include a statement of receipts and expenditures in the aggregate.”

DATA/RESULTS: The following Status of Funds listing receipts and expenditures including operating transfers in the aggregate is included for informational purposes as of **June 30, 2024** (preliminary).

F1-F7 Revenue:	\$106,800,478.49
F1-F7 Expense:	\$100,235,863.93

AGENDA CATEGORY:
Consent Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:
(Motion is included with consent agenda.)

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY: I, your CEO, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of this date.

Signed: 

Dated: August 13, 2024

**NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE
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TOPIC SUMMARY SHEET**

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2024

TOPIC: Personnel Changes

POLICY 1.1 – Presidential Expectations – The President, in execution of his/her duties, shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is either irresponsible or in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics, or that results in failure to be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

INTERPRETATION: NTC will follow Wisconsin Statute 38.12 (3) "The district board shall employ and fix the compensation..." and Wisconsin Statute 118.22 (2) "...No teacher may be employed... except by a majority vote of the full membership of the board. Nothing in this section prevents the modification or termination of a contract by mutual agreement of the teacher and the board."

DATA/RESULTS: A request is made to approve the following personnel changes:

New Hires:

- Tyler Litman – Faculty, English Language Learning
- Jodan Thao – Specialist, Financial Aid
- Jared Porter – Specialist, Student Engagement
- Skye Mucha – Coordinator, Student Resource
- Erin Schilling – Instructional Designer
- Kerri Ison – Assistant, College Store
- Joshua Lauermann – Custodian, Floors

Resignations:

- Brenda Alberts – Faculty, Dental Hygiene
- Taylor Polka – Assistant Manager, Farm
- Maria Pernsteiner – Learning Coordinator, Health Sciences & Community Services

Separations:

- Sarah Hollatz – Accountant, Foundation

AGENDA CATEGORY:

Consent Agenda

PROPOSED MOTION:

(Motion is included with consent agenda.)

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY: I, your CEO, certify that the information contained in this report is true as of this date.

Signed Dr. Janis Worden

Dated 8/13/2024

WIOA/NTC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 4, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Patricia Noland – Director, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Brian Kalish - Director, North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board
- Robert Bauer – FSC – WIOA Career Planner
- Colt Nicklaus – FSC – WIOA Team Lead
- Nicky Lindman – FSC – WIOA Career Planner
- Nikki Ogstad – FSC – WIOA Career Planner
- Tiaree McDonald – FSC – WIOA Career Planner
- Keele Westcott – DWD DVR – Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

NTC Team:

- Sara Bartelt – Associate Dean, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education & General Studies
- Brooke Schindler – Dean, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education, General Studies, & Business
- Matt Hoenecke – Academic Transitions Advisor
- Kellie Bales – Adult Education Faculty
- Kari Lazars – Director, Student Services
- Ben Bliese – Coordinator, Career & Employer Services
- Angela Reimer – Compliance Coordinator, Program Development
- Barb Juliano – Instructional Assistant, Marathon County Jail, Marathon County Job Center, Community Partners Campus
- Kathy Krause – AE Program Director, GED/HSED Advisor, AE Faculty; Wausau NTC
- Nick Lampone – Director of Enrollment
- Jerry Xiong – College Prep Center Assistant
- Jeff Cichon – Director, Financial Aid
- MaiGer Moua – Promise & Student Success Advisor
- Lindsey Zakrzewski – Testing & Accommodations Coordinator

Agenda Item 1: Welcome & Introductions

Brooke Schindler, Dean of School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education, General Studies & Business at Northcentral Technical College welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Agenda Item 2: Update & Highlights from Last Meeting

The group was given a few minutes to review the minutes from the previous meeting.

The meeting minutes were approved by all.

Agenda Item 3: College-Wide Initiatives

Brooke Schindler – Dean, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education, General Studies, & Business presented the following College-Wide Initiative Power Point to the Advisory Committee.



Advisory Committee
PowerPoint Spring 2

Agenda Item 4: Instructional Area/Program

A. Industry Trends

Colt:

Transportation and healthcare sectors have been the career choices among participants. The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and CDL program has been very popular. Early Childhood Education has also gained attention. COW Grant has been extended until December 31st. The STC and WAI grants will be ending this summer.

Nikki Ogstad:

The cohort last week Monday had 23 participants. Potentially looking to set up a conference with the State to get an extension for the QUEST grant to be funded another year.

Nicky Lindman:

Focused on supporting the young adults that are graduating high school. Particularly focusing on mental health services as there are concerns about potential isolation and challenges, they may face during this time. Will be pushing to ensure mental health support is accessible and effective.

Tiaree:

There's been an increasing number of people interested in the CNA and CDL certifications. Would like more information on NTC's English language proficiency (ELL Program) requirements for our refugee population that are interested.

Brian:

The COW Grant has been extended and yes, the STC and WAI grant will be ending. The crew has been doing a good job with the enrollment process, primarily for the CNA Program.

Bob:

Small inquires on small engine and powersports classes. No offers recently and there are only three training providers listed when searched.

Keele:

Significant increase in referrals recently. Enrollments in CPA Grant and Career Pathways is ongoing. Had a successful collaboration with the WIOA team with the available funding. Recently had a very informative and interesting tour of NTC's Agriculture Center of Excellence that went great.

B. Program Information

a. Enrollment Update:

Sara:

Barb from the Marathon County Job Center is acknowledged for her work with individuals. So far this spring, they have served 13 students through workshops and other educational services. Barb has assisted individuals with obtaining their high school credentials, reading courses, basic computer skills, and job search and employability skills. They are proud of the progress and impact of these efforts.

b. New Programs (currently offered):

Angela Reimer presented the following New Programs (currently offered) to the Advisory Committee:

- *Medical Administrative Professional Associate Degree (Spring 24) 61 credits*
- *Respiratory Therapy Associate Degree (Fall 24) 67 credits*
- *Agronomy Associate Degree (Fall 24) 65 credits*
- *Agronomy Technician Embedded Technical Diploma (Fall 24) 30 credits*
- *Individual Tax Preparer Certificate (Fall 24) 16 credits*

b. New Programs (Proposed)

Angela Reimer presented the following New Programs (Proposed) to the Advisory Committee:

- *Lube Technician Embedded Technical Diploma (Fall 24)*
- *Auto Service Technician Embedded Technical Diploma (Fall 24)*
- *Advocacy & Social Justice Specialist Technical Diploma (Fall 25)*
- *Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Technical Diploma (Fall 24)*
- *Dental Therapy Associate Degree (Fall 25)*

C. Curriculum/Assessment

a. OER Health Curriculum

Kathy:

Been working on a 5-year plan to revamp the HSED program. By July of this year a new, more advanced health curriculum will be replacing the outdated one from 1989 that we've been utilizing. The new curriculum uses open educational resources, meaning free for students and allows flexibility for updates and adaptations.

b. HSED Competency Completion Proposal

Kathy:

There will be updates to the HSED 509 option to include a credit for prior learning approach, offering various paths for students to earn their high school credits based on their backgrounds and competencies. This approach has already led to quicker completion times for some students. Overall, these changes aim to provide more opportunities and flexibility for students pursuing their high school credentials.

D. Focus Discussion Item 1: Welcome Matt Hoenecke

Brooke Schindler – Dean, School of Liberal Arts Transfer, Education, General Studies, & Business welcomes and introduces our new member Matt Hoenecke, Academic Transitions Advisor to the Advisory Committee.

Agenda Item 6: Future Agenda Discussions/Next Meeting Date & Time

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 23rd 11:00am – 1 2:30pm via In-Person
At NTC Wausau Campus, Room A208

2024 Spring Dental Therapy Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 17, 2024

Time: 12:00 pm-1:30 pm

Location: 4011 & Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://ntc.zoom.us/j/84187456066>

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Dr. William Akey, DDS - Supervising Dentist, NTC ZOOM
- Dr. Nathan Daily, DDS - Chief Dental Officer, Family Health La Clinica
- Jordan Kolstad - Regional Director of Operations, Family Health La Clinica
- Paula Rew, RDH - Office Manager, MPC Endodontics
- Karen Turner, RDH - Dental Practice Manager, Bridge Community Health Clinic
- Dr. Thomas Treweek, DDS- Athens Dental Clinic
- Dr. Helen Tsao, DDS - Endodontist, MPC Endodontics
- Melissa Weasner- Director of Operations, Family Health La Clinica

NTC Team:

- Leah Attoms - Administrative Assistant, Health Sciences & Community Services ZOOM
- Deb Koziel, RDH - Program Director & Dental Faculty
- Aleena Lepak, RDH - Dental Faculty
- Jordyn Olson - Advisor, Student Services
- Maria Pernsteiner - Learning Coordinator, Health Sciences & Community Services
- Dr. Angela Roesler - Dean, Health Sciences and Community Services
- Jen Sawvell - Manager, Dental Clinic and Health Central Supply
- Sandie Shorey – Administrative Assistant, Health Sciences & Academic Excellence
- Jana Swenson, RDH - Dental Faculty
- Dr. Richard Wilkosz - Science Faculty ZOOM

Welcome Introductions

Meeting called to order by Dean of Health Sciences and Community Services, Dr. Angela Roesler, at 12:02 pm. Dr. Angela Roesler welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Dental Therapy Advisory Committee and thanked them for attending. Sandie distributed a notebook to each individual as a thank you gift for participating on the committee. The meeting began with introductions.

Dental Therapy Advisory Committee Role and Responsibilities

Dr. Roesler explained the purpose of the Dental Therapy Advisory Committee and reviewed the role and responsibilities of committee members.

- *Purpose*
 - Provide a mutual exchange of information for
 - improving the program
 - recruiting qualified students
 - meeting employment needs of the community
 - NTC personnel should participate in the meetings as non-voting members to receive advice and assistance.

- **Responsibilities of the Advisory Committee**

Per CODA Dental Therapy Standard 1-12: The purpose of an active liaison mechanism is to provide a mutual exchange of information for improving the program, recruiting qualified students and meeting employment needs of the community. The responsibilities of the advisory body should be defined in writing and the program director, faculty, and appropriate institution personnel should participate in the meetings as non-voting members to receive advice and assistance.

- Guidance on curriculum development
 - Provide valuable insights and guidance on the development and refinement of the program's curriculum.
 - Offer feedback on course content, clinical experiences, and educational resources to ensure alignment with industry standards, emerging trends, and best practices in dental therapy
- Identify workforce needs
 - Assess current and future workforce needs
 - Help to ensure that program graduates possess the knowledge, skills, and competencies required for successful employment
- Support student success
 - Provide feedback on student learning outcomes
 - Advise on internship and job placement opportunities
 - Offer mentorship and networking opportunities
- Promote community engagement
 - Assist in fostering partnerships and collaborations between NTC and external stakeholders
 - Promote community engagement, service-learning opportunities, and applied research initiatives.
- Advocate for program needs
 - Advocate for programmatic needs, resources, and priorities within the college administration, industry associations, and relevant governmental agencies to support program growth and development

College-Wide Initiatives

Power Point of College-Wide Initiatives was reviewed by Dr. Roesler, including discussion of new programs Medical Administrative Professional AD, Sterile Processing Technician Certificate and the newly developed Respiratory Therapy program. Additional items discussed include: NTC Accreditation (HLC Accreditation Update-NTC received full re-accreditation), Central WI Science and Engineering Festival, Dental Program Highlights, an update on the Sawmill Wood Technology Center for Excellence expansion (partnership with UWSP), and an update on the Forensic Science Center (ground breaking May 2024 with a construction process of up to one year). Dr. Roesler also reviewed Student Support resources available, including Health Services via Telehealth. The committee was introduced to Dental Therapy and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA), two new program opportunities the college is currently work on.

Student Support

These resources are available to our students

- Unlimited access to free mental health services through **The Virtual Care Group** (thevirtualcaregroup.com/ntc or 866.533.1827)
- The **Advising Specialist** can help connect the student with other emergency financial, computer and community resources
- **Timberwolf Table**, NTC's food pantry for students
- **Timberwolf Learning Commons**, with library, tutors and coaches available
- Student Scholarships
- **Student Life** offers a number of programs, both in-person and remote, to allow students to meet each other, get involved, relax, and have fun.

Workforce Training and Professional Development

- *Local Anesthesia (LA) Refresher*
 - On-site of specific office requesting the refresher
 - 4-hour refresher course; 6-12 participants
 - 1-hour Lecture material; 3-hours Hands on Experience
 - Target Audience- Registered Dental Hygienists
 - Purpose: Having a hygienist administer the local anesthetic saves time for the dentist, who then can spend more time on restorative and more productive procedures.
- *Fluoride Varnish Training*
 - On-site of specific office requesting the refresher
 - 1-hour Introduction (printed/PPT) & Hands-on Experience
 - Target Audience- Physicians & Medical Staff
 - Purpose: This brief overview includes rational, contraindication, application process, and post-op instructions. An application demonstration will be provided along with observation and feedback for staffing application. The only additional materials needed would be a box of fluoride varnish. Jen Sawvell provided the brand name information. Arrangements are being finalized.
 - Let the Clinic know if you would like to bring a course or refresher to your site. The cost varies- it is dependent on factors such as attendance, the professional presenting, supplies, and location.

The Workforce team has also been focusing on offering Life Enrichment & Community Courses focusing on the following areas: art, dance, music and nature. Topics coming soon include: CPR/First Aid Certification, Creative Problem Solving: The Design Thinking Model, and Dance/Art/Beekeeping.

To access this information, please visit www.ntc.edu, select "Workforce Training & Professional Development" from the top of the page. Flyers will be included in post meeting e-mail.

Review of Wisconsin Senate Bill 689

Dr. William Akey, Supervising Dentist for the NTC Dental Clinic, reviewed Wisconsin Senate Bill 689, making particular note of the following:

- Senate Bill 689 signed by Governor Evers on January 31, 2024
 - Signed by Governor Evers at NTC on January 31, 2024
 - Introduced by Senator Felzkowski, Hutton, James, Marklein, Roys, Spreitzer, Testin, and Ballweg
 - Provides for the licensure of Dental Therapists
 - Includes the scope of practice
 - Specifies practice settings for Dental Therapists

- See Appendix 1 for Scope of Practice and Practice Settings
 - *Dental Therapist scope of practice*
 - *Dental Therapist compliance*
 - Limit their practice to practicing in one or more dental health shortage areas.
 - If a dental therapist begins practicing in a dental health shortage area, and that area loses its designation as a dental health shortage area while the dental therapist continues to practice in that area, the dental therapist is considered to satisfy this subdivision as long as the dental therapist continues to practice in that area.
 - Must be under the direct supervision of practicing dentist, then can move to indirect supervision
 - An agreement will exist within the practice between the DT and the DDS
 - Practice in one or more settings in which at least 50 percent of the total patient base of the dental therapist consists of patients who are in the following specific groups:
 - Medical Assistance patients.
 - Uninsured patients.
 - Patients receiving dental care at free and charitable clinics.
 - Patients receiving dental care at federally qualified health centers.
 - Patients who reside in long-term care facilities.
 - Veterans.
 - Patients who are members of a federally recognized Indian tribe or band.
 - Patients receiving dental care at clinics or facilities located on tribal lands.
 - Patients with medical disabilities or chronic conditions that create barriers of access to dental care.
 - Emergency rules in place by 2025 to determine who will monitor the area DTs are
 - Submitting for accreditation by the end of June
 - Will be hiring 2.5 FTE to run this program

Review of the Proposed NTC Curriculum (3 year/27 months by CODA standards)

Dr. Akey, reviewed the admission requirements for the Dental Therapy Program.

As a prerequisite to program enrollment, an applicant must:

- be a graduate of an accredited Dental Hygiene program through the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA); must be an RDH
- be licensed as a Dental Hygienist by the Wisconsin State Board of Dental Examiners
- hold certification in Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide administration as granted by the State of Wisconsin DSPS
- have at least two (2) years of full-time or equivalent (4,000 hours) of current clinical experience in Dental Hygiene
- hold valid CPR/AED certification

Dr. Akey also reviewed the following proposed NTC Curriculum and how the curriculum will be implemented at NTC for the Dental Therapy Program:

- CODA requires that Dental Therapy curriculum *“be at least three academic years of full-time instruction or its equivalent at the postsecondary college-level.”*
- WTCS has approved 86 total credits
 - 20 General Education credits (same gen-eds as Dental Hygiene)
 - 66 Dental Therapy program credits
 - See Appendix 2 (next diagram)

Appendix 2

Option A (7 semesters, includes summers)						3-years full-time curriculum					
Fall	Semester 1	Course #	Course Name	Gen Ed Credits	Program Credits	Fall	Semester 1	Course #	Course Name	Gen Ed Credits	Program Credits
		10-508-202	Advanced Dental Health Safety		1			10-508-202	Advanced Dental Health Safety		1
		10-508-201	Advanced Oral Anatomy		4			10-508-201	Advanced Oral Anatomy		4
		10-508-208	Dental Therapy Basic Sciences		3			10-508-208	Dental Therapy Basic Sciences		3
		10-508-205	Operative I		4			10-508-205	Operative I		4
		10-806-186	Biochemistry	4							
		Total Credits			4			Total Credits			12
Spring	Semester 2	10-508-203	Dental Therapy Pharmacology		2	Spring	Semester 2	10-508-203	Dental Therapy Pharmacology		2
		10-508-212	Dental Therapy Diagnosis & Treatment Planning		2			10-508-212	Dental Therapy Diagnosis & Treatment Planning		2
		10-508-213	Pediatric Dentistry		3			10-508-213	Pediatric Dentistry		3
		10-508-218	Advanced Dental Anxiety and Pain Management		1			10-508-218	Advanced Dental Anxiety and Pain Management		1
		10-508-206	Operative II		4			10-508-206	Operative II		4
		10-806-197	Microbiology	4				10-806-197	Microbiology	4	
		Total Credits			4			Total Credits			12
Summer	Semester 3	10-508-214	Dental Therapy Clinic I		3	Fall	Semester 3	10-508-214	Dental Therapy Clinic I		3
		10-508-211	Advanced Integrated Strategies		2			10-508-211	Advanced Integrated Strategies		2
		10-508-221	Dental Therapy Oral Surgery		1			10-508-221	Dental Therapy Oral Surgery		1
		Total Credits			6			10-508-220	Advanced Community Health Education		2
Fall	Semester 4	10-508-220	Advanced Community Health Education		2			10-508-204	Operative III		4
		10-508-222	Dental Therapy Prosthodontics		3			10-801-195	Written Communication	3	
		10-508-209	Community Clinic I		3			Total Credits			3
		10-508-204	Operative III		4						12
		10-508-215	Dental Therapy Clinic II		3	Spring	Semester 4	10-508-222	Dental Therapy Prosthodontics		3
		10-801-195	Written Communication	3				10-508-209	Community Clinic I		3
		Total Credits			3			10-508-215	Dental Therapy Clinic II		3
Spring	Semester 5	10-508-210	Community Clinic II		4			10-508-207	Contemporary Dental Therapy Practice		3
		10-508-216	Dental Therapy Clinic III		4			10-809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3	
		10-809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3				Total Credits			3
		10-809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3		Fall	Semester 5	10-508-210	Community Clinic II		4
		Total Credits			6			10-508-216	Dental Therapy Clinic III		4
Summer	Semester 6	10-508-217	Dental Therapy Clinic IV		4			10-801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3	
		Total Credits			4			10-809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3	
Fall	Semester 7	10-508-207	Contemporary Dental Therapy Practice		3			Total Credits			6
		10-508-219	Dental Therapy Clinic V		5	Spring	Semester 6	10-508-217	Dental Therapy Clinic IV		4
		10-508-223	Dental Therapy Transition		1			10-508-219	Dental Therapy Clinic IV		5
		10-801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3				10-508-223	Dental Therapy Transition		1
		Total Credits			3			10-806-186	Biochemistry	4	
		GRAND TOTAL CREDITS			20			Total Credits			4
					66						10
								GRAND TOTAL CREDITS			20
											66

Implementation- Fall 2025

- Dental Therapy-3-year program: Accreditation is in process through CODA
- Approved 2024/Development 2024-25/Implementation 2025-26

Admissions Requirements

- **Prerequisites:**
 - Student submits application
 - Dental Hygienist; a graduate of an accredited Dental Hygiene program through the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)
 - Licensed Dental Hygienist by the Wisconsin State Board of Dental Examiners
 - Hold certification in Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide administration as granted by the State of Wisconsin DSPS
 - At least two (2) years of full-time or equivalent (4,000 hours) of current clinical experience in Dental Hygiene
 - Hold valid CPR/AED certification
- If the candidate has met all pre-req's, they are invited to participate in an interview process for Dental Therapy Admissions

**state funds are not yet released.*
***interview process of degree candidates is required by CODA*
**required basic sciences are only if they are needed*
**dental management of medically compromised patient-to give students a good background of compromised patients*
**Dental Therapy Clinic refers to our onsite clinic at NTC*

Clinical Opportunities for NTC Dental Therapy Students

- Types of clinical experiences needed
 - A variety of clinical sites are needed
 - Members were referred to Sandie if interested in being a site for student
 - Potential sites:
 - Family Health La Clinica
 - Bridge Community Health Clinic
 - Athens Dental Clinic

- Identify clinical sites for the Dental Therapy program (Community Clinics-outside of NTC)
 - No classroom space needed at these sites
 - Qualified Dentist- one who holds a WI license
 - College will look at the experiential aspect
 - Industry Partner gave an example of a 5-year threshold for Provider Competency purposes
- Clinical hours per semester and course
 - Off-site clinic experiences will begin in the fourth semester

Industry Trends

- Need is huge and there is lots of opportunity
 - Hygiene shortage is impacting all
 - The DTs will help to fill the gap that exists currently
 - EFDA will also be very helpful
 - Referral-complicated when an emergency takes place
 - Oral surgery is almost non-existent here right now
 - Endo-mostly self-pay
 - Concern was brought up about what happens after the direct supervision once practices are allowed to let the DT practice without supervision
 - Will this lead to practices opening up satellite offices 300 miles away with no practicing dentist available if an emergency occurs
 - Dentists would want them in close proximity for liability reasons
- We will begin to host community information sessions
- Are we hearing any push back from private practice
 - Not much right now
 - Once public understands the scope of practice, there will be even less
 - More than enough patients out there who need care; a partnership
 - The foundations that are built in the beginning are so important and essential; ethics and quality of care are important aspects of this professional
- \$120,000 per year is the wage information we are seeing currently out of MN
 - Hard to keep practices going in the rural areas, so it may be difficult for these rural clinics to support the salaries that come with this added layer of care

Other Discussion

What opportunities do you foresee with the introduction of Dental Therapy in Wisconsin?

- What challenges or concerns do you anticipate with the implementation of Dental Therapy?
 - 8:00-5:00 (possibly 6:00); four-days per week
 - This program is a full-time commitment
- Will there be an opportunity for the DT students to go out to community dental providers who work with the underserved dental communities?
 - Required meetings of candidates to bring their awareness to the fact that they will be a mid-level dental provider in an area of great need
 - The application and interview process will also provide some of this knowledge as well regarding the clientele that they will be serving (getting the right people in the right seats)
- What do you need to advocate for Dental Therapy?
 - Example: Industry Impact Demonstrations

- Invite industry representatives to share success stories from other regions where dental therapy has made a significant impact.

Dental Supervision

- *Will patients be notified that they are being seen by a DT*
 - *When clinical sites have students, what will the notification look like to the patients that they are going to be seen by a DT*
 - *Dental Therapist*
 - *CODA does not care what degree is attached to it*
 - *This will follow the Associate Degree model*
 - *All accreditation standards must be met*
 - *Dr Akey likened this to the NP versus physician; medical model*
 - *The requirements for competencies are very prescriptive*
 - *Grad requirements plus competency-based evaluation*
 - *Gatekeeping mechanism in clinical setting at NTC*
- *Direct Supervision*
 - *1st year must be direct supervision*
 - *Can perform full comprehensive intake*
- *Indirect Supervision*
 - *Dentist does not have to be in the same building*
 - *Liken it to the way RDH functions with the dentist*
 - *Most of this clientele will need a great deal of restoration that requires a great deal of training and experience*
 - *Training will continue on site as they gain experience*

Is Endodontics included in the curriculum

- There will be curriculum regarding Endodontics, however the skills will not be included in this curriculum.

Curriculum Options

- The curriculum plan presented at the meeting shows both a 7-semester and a 3-year plan. The purpose of this is because we do not yet know which option CODA will approve; this is not meant to illustrate that there will be two different curriculum tracks
- Petitioned WTCS for the number of credits
- The “age” of the general requirements will be discussed with this group at the next meeting
- Beginning with 12 students each fall; starting in their Community Clinical sites in their 4th semester
- Exam in order to get their DT certification/license
- Remodel
 - will allow for 12 units that are equipped with mannequin simulators
 - Dental Therapy will be housed in this smaller clinic setting but they will be interacting with all aspects of the clinic

Next Meeting Schedule & Agenda Items Discussion

The proposed date for the 2024 fall meeting was Friday, around the end of October, 2024 from 12:00pm-1:30pm. The group will be notified via email of this date once fall approaches. Meeting adjourned at 1:22pm.

2024 Spring Medical Assistant Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 29, 2024

Time: 12:00 pm-1:30 pm

Location: 4011 & Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://ntc.zoom.us/j/82184518761>

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Carrie Arrowood- Clinic Manager, Aspirus ZOOM
- Juanmanuel Rocha- CMA, Marshfield Clinic

NTC Team:

- Laura Ahonen- Associate Dean of Allied Health and Human Services
- Leah Attoms – Administrative Assistant, Health Sciences & Community Services
- Mason Heldt- Learning Manager, Health Sciences & Community Services
- Tim Hinke- Advisor, Student Success
- Nicole Roberts- Program Director and Faculty, Medical Assistant

Welcome Introductions

Meeting called to order by Nicole Roberts, at 12:04 pm. Nicole welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Update and Highlights from Last Meeting

Laura Ahonen, Associate Dean of Allied Health and Human Services, called for any changes to the minutes from the fall meeting (12.13.23) There were no changes made to the minutes from the fall meeting.

- Previous suggestions explored
- Changes Achieved
- Shifts in changes

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Program Goals & Learning Objectives

- Reviewing and revising the Medical Assistant Program Goals
 - *The goal of the Medical Assistant Program is to prepare competent entry-level medical assistants in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains. The NTC Medical Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP), on the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB). This means that the curriculum is carefully regulated to ensure that it includes essential components and meets standards mandated by this organization. Accreditation allows the graduates of our medical assistant program to complete the national certification examination administered by the American Association of Medical Assistants. When graduates successfully complete this examination, they are known as Certified Medical Assistants and may use the title CMA.*

Workforce Training and Professional Development Initiatives

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She also sparked discussion on the following:

- Reformatting of Bi-Annual Conference
- Apprenticeship Updates
 - Nicole clarified that the MA program will not be discussing an apprenticeship program for the near future as there has been little to no interest from the industry partners and therefore is not on the list of important efforts for the current moment.

To access this information, please visit www.ntc.edu, select "Workforce Training & Professional Development" from the top of the page. Flyers will be included in the post meeting e-mail.

Industry Trends

- *Any new changes or modifications in the clinics*
 - There have been a lot of mental health visits as of late, rather than physical.
- *Staffing Needs for Medical Assistants*
 - Huge demand
 - One issue with the current field environment is that, in a lot of cases, an RN can do similar things as a Certified MA. However, a Certified MA is still preferred because of the background knowledge and differing education.
 - Clinics are short staffed with MAs the way things are so although bringing new MAs in is the goal, there is not enough time to help continue training those people.
 - A lot of clinics are coming up with “creative” ways of getting that training in: short term trainings, mentorships, having positions move into MA fields through training through the clinic, tuition reimbursement, grants towards schooling
 - Pay in the field is also tricky because if someone is a receptionist, but is working towards becoming an MA through the clinic, they will most likely get to a point where they’re making more money in the receptionist position compared to the MA starting pay.
 - Issues with some places requiring “Certified” MAs, which cuts off a whole pool of eligible MAs that have credentials but aren’t certified.
 - Issues with requirements of “registered,” or “certified” compared to “credentialed” MAs; the names are trademarked, depending on the organization they tested with. The exams and tests are the same; just different eligibility routes in order to qualify to take the exam.
 - The pay raises for someone to get Certified/Registered has not been worth the time and money of getting that Certification in the first place- no real incentive to take this extra step.
 - Essentially, MAs are not being used to their full capacity; when they are, they are not paid accordingly.
- *New skills or equipment in the clinic setting-none*

Program Updates- Monitoring Needs and Expectations

Medical Assistant Program Director, Nicole Roberts, shared the following Program Updates:

- Graduate Surveys
 - Practicum Resources
 - Practicum Sites
- Employer Surveys
 - Feedback has been positive. They feel as MAs are coming in educated and prepared.
- Enrollment and Retention
 - Fall 2023
 - 13 Fall ‘23 starts
 - 3 graduates
 - Spring 2024
 - 5 Spring ‘24 starts
 - 8 graduates (fall 23 cohort)
- 2023 and 2024 to date CMA (AAMA) Exam Results
 - Fall 22
 - 6 grads (Spring ‘22 cohort)
 - 100% pass rate!

- Students do also get information back from the exam regarding the areas they answered/performed incorrectly (if applicable)
- Spring 23
 - 8 grads (Fall '22 cohort)
 - 6 sat for CMA exam
 - 4 passed (66%)
 - 2 obtained RMA (AMT) credential
- Fall 23
 - 3 grads (spring '23 cohort)
 - 2 sat for CMA exam
 - 1 passed
- MAERB Annual Review Form Threshold Outcomes

Year	Retention	Graduate Participation	Graduate Satisfaction	Job Placement	Employer Surveys Sent	Employer Satisfaction	Exam Participation	Exam Passage	# Graduates by Admission Year	# Graduates by Year of Graduation
	>=60%	>=30%	>=80%	>=60%	=100%	>=80%	>=30%	>=80%		
2022	100.00%	75.00%	100.00%	83.33%	100.00%	100.00%	83.33%	80.00%	13	12
2021	91.87%	60.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	80.00%	87.50%	10	10
2020	68.18%	75.00%	100.00%	80.00%	100.00%	80.00%	75.00%	93.33%	15	20

- Resource Assessment
 - An important tool used to ensure that any deficiencies in the program can be identified immediately and that a specific action plan can be developed and followed.

Student Perspective

- NTC Medical Assistant Program experience

Employer Perspective

- How has the program prepared students for employment? Do you have any areas or suggestions for improvement?
 - Finding those creative ways of training in the fields – especially when short staffed and not having extra bodies to help with training

Program Modifications Discussion- Responsiveness to Change

- Course changes
- Practicum changes
- Curriculum

Medical Assistant Technical Diploma		29 Credits Total	
MEDICAL ASSISTANT TECHNICAL DIPLOMA – 1 ST SEMESTER		MEDICAL ASSISTANT TECHNICAL DIPLOMA – 2 ND SEMESTER	
<u>15 credits-</u>		<u>14 credits-</u>	
COLLEGE 101	*1.00	MEDICAL ASST LAB PROCEDURES 2	2.00
MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	3.00	MEDICAL ASST CLIN PROCEDURES 2	3.00
MEDICAL ASST ADMIN PROCEDURES	2.00	MED OFFICE INSURANCE & FINANCE	2.00
HUMAN BODY IN HEALTH & DISEASE	3.00	MEDICAL LAW, ETHICS & PROFESSIONALISM	2.00
MEDICAL ASST LAB PROCEDURES 1	2.00	PHARM FOR ALLIED HEALTH	2.00
MEDICAL ASST CLIN PROCEDURES 1	4.00	MEDICAL ASSISTANT PRACTICUM	3.00

- Content
- Sequencing
- Required minimums reviewed & approved
- Competencies

Substantive Changes- Responsiveness to Change

- Program Status
 - The Medical Assistant Technical Diploma is a 29 Credit Program.
 - In addition to our full-time option, we offer a 4-term part-time track.
- WTCS MA Aligned Meetings
 - MA Enrollment is a challenge across the WTCS system
 - Professionalism is a challenge
 - Credentialing requirements and meeting employer demand was thoroughly discussed
 - Employer sponsorship opportunities
- Sponsorship
- Sponsor Administrator Personnel
- Program Personnel
- Change in Instruction Modality (Distance, Hybrid)
- Additional campuses, instructional sites, practicum sites

Facilities/Equipment

- Remodeling update
 - New room built to simulate procedure/treatment room
 - Older rooms have been updated
- Purchases

MA Program Strengths and Areas of Improvement

- Courses/attention towards bandages and dealing with blood and taking vitals

Other Business

None

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2024 Spring Radiography Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 06, 2024

Time: 1:30 pm-3:00 pm

Location: 4011 & Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://ntc.zoom.us/j/85185477413>

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Dana Buttke- Clinical Instructor, Marshfield Clinic Marshfield/NTC Adjunct Instructor
- Jenna Wehrman- Team Lead, Marshfield Clinic
- Sharon Cwikla- Aspirus Medford Hospitals and Clinics
- Kristen Simonis- Lead Rad Tech, Plover Hospital
- Staci Zdroik- Radiology Team Lead, Aspirus Stevens Point

NTC Team:

- Leah Attoms – Administrative Assistant, Health Sciences & Community Services
- Nicole Buse-Radiography Faculty
- Jordyn Olson- Advisor, Student Success
- Angela Roesler- Dean, Health Sciences and Community Services
- Amber Schuck- Program Director, Radiography Faculty
- Sandie Shorey- Administrative Assistant, Health Sciences and Academic Excellence
- Amy Stephens- Faculty, Radiography

Guest:

- Kylee Manecke- Student

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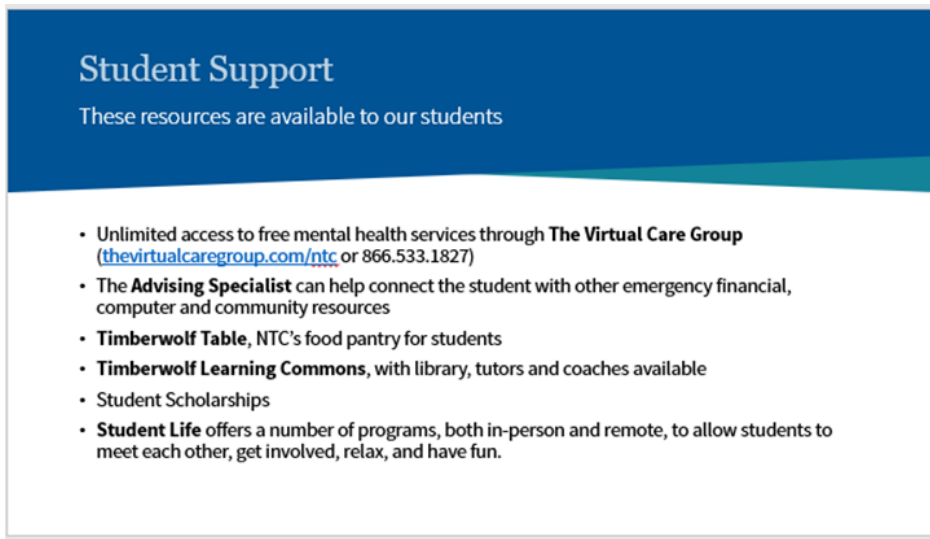
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Industry Trends

- *Staffing Needs/Changes*
 - *Positions open, actively hiring and do still have several travelers (majority overnights)*
- *Equipment*
 - *Scanners out for approval, with xray rooms and mammography and out others in process*
- *Job Availability*
 - *Imaging swat team*
 - *Keep tabs on students that come through as rad tech assistants (student engagement)*
 - *Rad Tech is the shining star compared to other specialties- up to 90% conversion*
- *The Joint Commission (TJC) visit results*
 - *Recent surveys but nothing glaring from an imaging perspective*
 - *Joint Commission Tracers*
- *Insurance billing or ACR certification changes*
 - *Fall (Sept) – MRI change (MRI safety manual)*
 - *2 MRI safety trained individuals moving from suggested to required*

Student Perspective

Kylee Manecke, 2nd year student, spoke to the group. She reports that clinicals are going well. She is excited and sees the light at the end of the tunnel.

Program Updates

Radiography Program Director, Amber Schuck, as well as Radiography Faculty, Amy Stephens and Nicole Buse, shared the following Program Updates:

- Enrollment Report
 - Enrollment – 30 first years for fall 2024 (up 4 from last fall)
 - 22 2nd years, 24 graduates (total of 52 by end of next year)
 - Trialing Rocket book with a couple of students
 - Moved timekeeping spreadsheet so it is accessible on NTC share drive
 - HESI test; radiography requires score at least 70%
 - Discussion of HESI test non-bias (see slide)
 - Results- 58 testers, 35 over 70%😊 (4 students “on deck”)
 - This process is currently being reviewed by TCS

Does HESI test have race bias? Answer = no😊

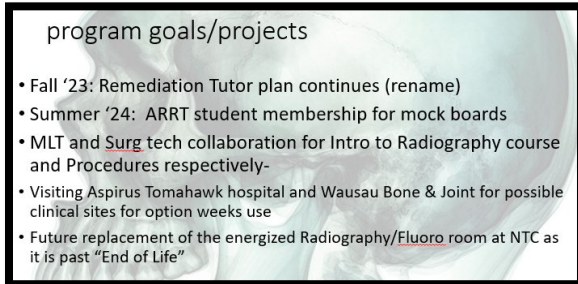
		census data JULY 23	%		
	% of total	% population of Marathon city	Average HESI score	lowest score	highest score
63 asian	6.05	6.3	75%	40%	99
41 hispanic	3.93	3.2	76%	43%	97
21 multi-ethnic	2.02	1.9	73%	58%	91
11 native	1.06	0.6	73%	47%	92
6 black	0.57	1	71%	46%	87
899 white	86.4	87.4	74.80%	35%	97
1041 testers	100.03	100.4			
1073 total testers*		*32 non specific race= not calculated		75%	
Data compares to the breakdown of Marathon county, so we have a good representation of our population					

Results for Radiography specifically

	% of total	Average HESI score	lowest score	highest score
Radiography	135	71.50%	34%	96%
asian	9	6.666667	67.67	45%
hispanic	3	2.222222	not enough data	91%
multi-ethnic	2	1.481481	not enough data	
native	1	0.740741	not enough data	
black	0	0	not enough data	
white	114	84.44444		
non specified	6	4.444444	wish we could know these	

- Program Information
 - Visits to sites for Clinical Rotation (Aspirus Tomahawk, Wausau Bone and Joint, & Marshfield Stevens Point Clinic)
 - Club- symposium trip, remaining funds to ARRT scholarship
 - End of June students will learn how much these AART scholarships will be
 - Amber also sending the QR code again to Sharon, upon her request
 - Assessment committee highlights - HESI data (see next slides)
 - Mock interview results – 24 mock interviews all scores over 80%
 - Clothing
 - Handshake
 - fidgeting
 - Remediation pilot study results- all students 2% higher GPA
 - Meet with 2nd yr tutor
 - Earn 3% back
 - All students who went had 2% higher GPA
 - Made them less timid to visit a tutor
 - Will continue it for the fall (calling it t-time)

- Change to Summer Preceptor survey (site specific rather than Preceptor specific) TBA
 - Past survey was deployed through Canvas
 - We are doing a Formstack survey moving forward
- AART Memberships
 - \$35 membership-students were asked to purchase this and then they can use these benefits after graduation
 - 5 Mock boards are included in this membership



- Program recruitment/events

Program Modifications Discussion- Responsiveness to Change

- Share Program Modifications

Facilities/Equipment

- Update on equipment in our lab
- Fluoro Room needs update in the next 5 years
 - Aspirus is looking to de-install theirs
 - Sharon has a vendor that she may be able to get some assistance for us from-likes partnering with technical colleges

Other Business

Jordyn mentioned the attentiveness of this particular cohort and how they are doing reach outs and asking great questions and trying to see what else they can do to succeed.

Discussion topic: ARRT code of ethics review

- Discussion from Amber took place on violations that should be reported to AART that could be consider ethics violations
- Free 1 hr webinar that Amber encouraged others to take-Amber agreed to share the link



Next Meeting Schedule & Agenda Items Discussion

The date for the 2024 fall meeting has not yet been set. The group will be notified via email of this date once fall approaches. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.

2024 Spring Dental Therapy Advisory Committee

Second Spring Meeting

Minutes

Date: June 21, 2024

Time: 8:30 am-10:00 am

Location: 4011 & Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://ntc.zoom.us/j/82312614647>

Attendees

Industry Members:

- Matt Crespino, RDH- Executive Director, Children's Health Alliance of WI (via ZOOM)
- Dr. Nathan Daily, DDS - Chief Dental Officer, Family Health La Clinica (via ZOOM)
- Jordan Kolstad - Regional Director of Operations, Family Health La Clinica (via ZOOM)
- Jenna Linden, RDH- Program Leader, Oral Health, Children's Health Alliance WI (via ZOOM)
- Tena Springer- Director of Dental Operations, Family Health, La Clinica (via ZOOM)
- Dr. Thomas Treweek, DDS- Athens Dental Clinic
- Karen Turner, RDH - Dental Practice Manager, Bridge Community Health Clinic
- Dr. Thomas Wheeler, DMD- Director, Peter Christensen Dental Campus

NTC Team:

- Laura Ahonen- Associate Dean, Allied Health & Human Services
- Dr. William Akey, DDS - Supervising Dentist, NTC
- Brenda Alberts, RDH- Dental Faculty
- Leah Attoms - Administrative Assistant, Health Sciences & Community Services (via ZOOM)
- Deb Koziel, RDH - Program Director & Dental Faculty
- Maria Pernsteiner - Learning Coordinator, Health Sciences & Community Services
- Sandie Shorey – Administrative Assistant, Health Sciences & Academic Excellence
- Dr. Richard Wilkosz - Science Faculty

Welcome Introductions

Meeting called to order by Associate Dean of Allied Health and Community Services, Laura Ahonen, at 08:32am. Laura welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. The meeting began with introductions.

Review of the Proposed NTC Curriculum (3 year by CODA standards)

Dr. Akey reviewed the Proposed Dental Therapy 3-year NTC Curriculum:

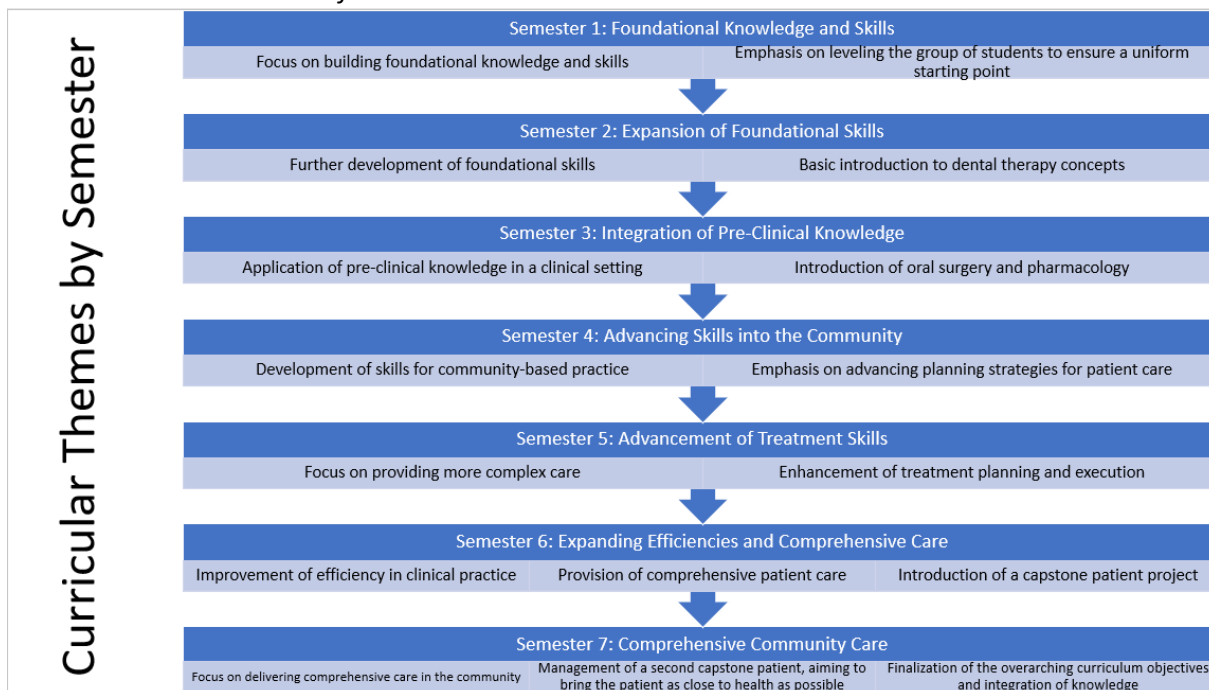
- CODA requires that Dental Therapy curriculum *"be at least three academic years of full-time instruction or its equivalent at the postsecondary college-level."*
- WTCS has approved 86 total credits
 - 20 General Education credits (same gen-eds as Dental Hygiene)
 - 66 Dental Therapy program credits

Year One		
Fall		
10-508-201	Advanced Dental Health Safety (1cr)	
10-508-202	Advanced Oral Anatomy (4cr)	
10-508-203	Dental Therapy Basic Sciences (3cr)	
10-508-205	Operative I (4cr)	
10-508-204	Advanced Cariology and Nutrition (2cr)	
10-806-186	Biochemistry (4cr)	
Total Credits 18		
Spring		
10-508-210	Biomaterials (2cr)	
10-508-211	Dental Therapy Diagnosis & Treatment Planning (3cr)	
10-508-207	Pediatric Dentistry (2cr)	
10-508-213	Advanced Dental Anxiety and Pain Management (1cr)	
10-508-206	Operative II (4cr)	
10-806-197	Microbiology (4cr)	
Total Credits 16		
Summer		
10-508-216	Dental Therapy Clinic I (3cr)	
10-508-208	Dental Therapy Oral Surgery (1cr)	
Total Credits 4		
Year Two		
Fall		
10-508-215	Advanced Community Health Education (2cr)	
10-508-214	Dental Therapy Pharmacology (2cr)	
10-508-217	Community Clinic I (3cr)	
10-508-212	Advanced Integrated Strategies (2cr)	
10-508-218	Dental Therapy Clinic II (3cr)	
10-801-195	Written Communication (3cr)	
Total Credits 14		
Spring		
10-508-219	Community Clinic II (4cr)	
10-508-220	Dental Therapy Clinic III (4cr)	
10-508-209	Dental Therapy Prosthodontics (3cr)	
10-809-196	Introduction to Sociology (3cr)	
10-809-198	Introduction to Psychology (3cr)	
Total Credits 17		
Summer		
10-508-221	Dental Therapy Clinic IV (4cr)	
Total Credits 4		
Year Three		
Fall		
10-508-223	Contemporary Dental Therapy Practice (3cr)	
10-508-222	Dental Therapy Clinic V In The Community (5cr)	
10-508-224	Dental Therapy Transition (1cr)	
10-801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication (3cr)	
Total Credits 12		
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	Gen Ed Credits	Program Credits
GRAND TOTAL CREDITS	20	66
Total of combined gen-ed and program credits		86

- *1st semester curriculum allows for leveling of student skills and get them all on the same page, which is very advantageous to these students. As they progress in the program, they will have exposure to the 2nd and 3rd year students which will help with their educational experiences.
- *2nd semester students start doing more complex restorations and it continually progresses from there.
- *Dental Therapy Programs are 3-year programs (CODA requirement). It is currently a requirement that students are licensed-RDH coming into the program. We will continually reassess the admissions process, as well as the student success rates. But we do need to make sure that we are meeting CODA requirements.
- *The Dental Therapy Degree will be an Associate Degree. UW Stevens Point will create transfer opportunities in their Health Science and Wellness BS program; they are also investigating the possibility of using Dental Therapy coursework to count towards their MBA program as this program develops. We are in the beginning stages of looking at articulation agreements with Marquette University, etc.
- *Language was added, as a last-minute provision, regarding the timeline of the 4-year rider for full accreditation- 12 to 18 months after we submit the application before we can begin a cohort. For this reason, there is no guarantee that we can begin a fall 2025 start. However, we are optimistic and working diligently to achieve that target start date.
- *Licensing Exam- they will need to take a boards exam, a practical exam, and a jurisprudence exam upon completion; there are a few practical options available and were looking into them.
- *These 12 students will be a tight group of 12 who will be the only 12 students in the state who will be going through this program. They will need to lean on each other and learn to rely on each other for support and encouragement since nobody else will be experiencing a program like this in the state of Wisconsin.
- *There are no virtual components in the program; all lectures, labs, and clinicals are face-to-face only
- *Matt Crespino recommended that NTC secure a spot on the agenda for the Wisconsin Dental Examining Board meeting. He emphasized the importance of advocating for the recognition of our program's depth and rigor, which are comparable to those of advanced degree programs. It is crucial to convey that our associate degree program is designed to meet and exceed the professional competencies required of dental therapists.

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Curricular Themes of Each Semester



Clinical Sites for Dental Therapy Students

- Discussion of Potential Clinical Sites
 - **Community Health Centers:** Provide exposure to underserved populations and diverse dental needs.
 - **1 ½-2-day** per week for advanced clinical courses (with rotating groups, so it is possible that there could be multiple days per week since there would be more than one group)
It was mentioned that it would be a good idea that the students should be oriented to the site prior to the start of the rotation; this would increase student familiarity of the site and increase treatment opportunities.
 - The community clinical sites maybe somewhat limited to geographical location since the program is face-to-face at NTC in Wausau
 - **Private Dental Practices:** Offer real-world experience in a professional dental setting.
 - **Hospital Dental Departments:** Enable students to gain experience in managing medically complex patients.
 - **School-Based Dental Programs:** Allow students to participate in preventive and educational dental services for children. There is such a great need for these sites.
 - **Specialty Clinics:** Include opportunities in pediatric dentistry, oral surgery, and orthodontics to broaden student experience.
 - **Other- Mission Trip-** Provides a great experience and opportunity for the students to submerge themselves and get repetitive skill practice. The down side is that it does not count towards their competencies.
- There was discussion on removing the required work experience from the list of pre-requisites. None of the Advisory Committee members opposed removing this element.
 - Three CODA accredited Dental Therapy programs in the US and prerequisite:
 - Alaska- Ilisagvik College Alaska Dental Therapy Education Program (ADTEP)
 - HS diploma
 - Minnesota- University of Minnesota School of Dentistry
 - Dual degree: BSDH/MDT Dual Degree
 - Washington- Skagit Valley College

- HS diploma or higher
- 50-200 hours of dental related experience
- Proposal for Admission Requirements

As a pre-requisite to program enrollment, an applicant must:

- be a graduate of an accredited Dental Hygiene program through the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)
- be licensed as a Dental Hygienist by the Wisconsin State Board of Dental Examiners
- hold certification in Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide administration as granted by the State of Wisconsin DSPS
- hold valid CPR/AED certification

There was discussion on removing the requirement of having two years of Dental Hygiene experience prior to entering the program. Dental Therapy students are required to be dental hygienists and have gone through the licensing process so they have experienced a great deal of requirement already. There was agreement that the gap in between would be very hard to retain people and would likely lose students who may otherwise have an interest in this program.

*Student satisfaction- Dr Akey mentioned that they plan to have quarterly meetings to gauge this and be sure that the students are feeling satisfied due to the rigor and that they are focused on the outcome of the Dental Therapy degree, not Associates, versus Bachelors. We will have an interview with the student as a part of the admissions process. It was discussed that the perception of the Associates degree versus Bachelors will be a matter of educating the dental community (of the rigor of the curriculum) -It was suggested by Matt Crespin that NTC makes an agenda request with the Dental Examining Board (DEB) –this would dispel any concerns from the dental board. We can help them to understand the rigor and all that is going into the intentionality of this program.

*Articulation Agreements- Marion University and Carrol University were two others that were mentioned that could be looked into as well.

- Advocacy For Dental Therapy
<https://youtu.be/BZo7pwcTy2Y?si=gzJ5d5o0hIXvJPRO>
 A two-minute video to help with advocacy was presented

Next Meeting Schedule & Agenda Items Discussion

The proposed date for the 2024 fall meeting was Friday, October 11, 2024 from 12:30pm-2:00pm. All agreed. The group will be notified via email of this date, and invitation, once fall approaches. Meeting adjourned at 09:54am.



Date	Event	Troy Brown	Sherry Buntin	VACANT	Tom Felch	Renae Krings	Nathan Lehman	Charlie Paulson	Paul Proulx	Heather Renzelmann
2024										
MONDAY July 8	Annual Organizational Meeting	X	E		X	X	X	X	X	X
July 23	RFSC Groundbreaking Ceremony	X				X	X	X	X	X
August 13	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
September 10	WTCS State Board Meeting (NTC)									
September 10	WTCS State Board Awards + Dinner (Holiday Inn)									
September 11	WTCS State Board Meeting (NTC)									
September 17	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting <i>(9:00 a.m. start time)</i>									
October 15	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
November 5	Board Retreat									
November 20-22	WTC DBA Fall Meeting <i>(Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton)</i>									
December 3	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting <i>(Lunch at 12:00 p.m. w/Foundation Board)</i>									
December 14	Graduation <i>(10:00 a.m. @ The Grand Theater)</i>									
2025										
January 14	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
January 15-16	WTC DBA Legislative Seminar Capitol Day <i>(Madison)</i>									
January 17	ACCT Governance Leadership Institute (GLI) <i>(Madison)</i>									
February 11	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
March 4	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
April 8	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting <i>(Tentative: Antigo Campus)</i>									
April 10	WTCS Ambassador Banquet <i>(Wisconsin Dells)</i>									

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May 6	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting									
May 17	Graduation (<i>10:00 a.m. @ Wausau West Fieldhouse</i>)									
June 3	Regular NTC Board of Trustees Meeting (<i>Public Budget Hearing at 12:15 p.m. Lunch at approx. 12:30 p.m. Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m.</i>)									

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Colby, Abbotsford schools part of Youth Firefighter Academy *Central Fire and EMS District, NTC are program partners*



GETTING CREATIVE TO STAFF FIRE DEPARTMENTS - Joe Mueller, Steven Wozniak and Jim Hagen helped usher in funding for firefighting along with members of the Department of Safety and Professional Services and Northcentral Technical College.

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Mosinee Police Officer Completes Crisis Intervention Training



Mosinee Police Officer Luke Blawat pictured above center with fellow officers from the area and pictured right with Mosinee Police Chief Kenneth Grams recently attended and completed a 40 hour training course at [North Central Technical College](#) regarding Crisis Intervention Training. This training will provide the officers the skills necessary to deal with citizens undergoing mental stress issues. Police Chief Kenneth R. Grams was honored to be able to attend the graduation ceremony to celebrate the officer's accomplishments.



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By June Thompson

The Clark County Fair will be held August 7 – 11 at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Neillsville. In years past, one lady will be crowned the "Fairest of the Fair."

This year there are seven ladies from Clark County competing for the opportunity to be "Fairest of the Fair" for 2024-2025.

"Fairest of the Fair" committee, Janalee Kapusta, Trena Abbott and Jaidyn Teschner, assisted the contestants, helping them prepare for interviews and photos.

"I would love the girls to be

themselves and have fun with this amazing experience," said Kapusta, coordinator of "Fairest of the Fair." "No matter who walks away with a crown or who doesn't, it shows incredible strength and courage to run for the 'Fairest of the Fair.' There are so many opportunities to grow as individuals, and I hope they take the opportunity to soak it all in."

Amanada Durrstein was a contestant for "Fairest of the Fair" last year (2023-2024) and placed as first attendant. She is a contestant again for "Fairest of the Fair."

Durrstein is 20 years old. She is from Greenwood and was crowned Miss Greenwood 2021-2022.

"I wanted to run again. I enjoy being royalty," she said. "I want to encourage kids to try new things."

Durrstein works for PetSmart Veterinary Services in Wausau. Her goal is to be a veterinary technician. "I'd like to breed and train horses. I can continue to work and get hands-on experience." Her sponsor is K & S Logistics & Carriers in Greenwood.

Emma Moen is from Neillsville. She is 19 and a contestant for the "Fairest of the Fair." If she is crowned, Moen would like to help her community and help at the fair. She attends University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, majoring in accounting. She works for Unity Bank in Neillsville. "I like anything outside,"

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The Clark County Fair will be held Aug 7-11 at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Seven contestants vie for the title of Fairest of the Fair. They are (l-r): Ruby Kilmer, Laela Scott, Aspen Hagen, Lizzy Reinart, Ella Raatz and Emma Moen.

Historic county bridge faces closure

By Edward DuBois

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she said. "Hiking, biking and snowboarding in winter." Moen's sponsor is Unity Bank.

Aspen Hagen is from Loyal, and she is also 19. She is a contestant for the "Fair-est of the Fair." "I want to be an advocate for the Clark County Fair, share my fair stories, and inspire someone else to run for the "Fairest of the Fair," she said. "I attend North Central Technical College in Wausau. My majors are dairy science agriculture and business. I want to get a job in dairy nutrition."

Hagen's goal is to raise dairy cows and continue to participate in the Clark County Fair. Her sponsor is Allied Cooperative.

Ella Raatz is from Colby. She is 17 years old and a contestant for "Fairest of the Fair." "I want to promote the small-town fair. We have a lot to offer," said Raatz. "I want to help people get involved in the fair. I've grown up showing projects at the fair."

Raatz enjoys photography, and baking. She plans on attending the University of Madison or River Falls to study dairy science. "I hope to get a job in the dairy industry," she said. Her sponsor is Ace Hardware.

Ruby Kilmer is from Thorp and is 19 years old. She is another contestant for "Fairest of the Fair." Kilmer was Miss Thorp in 2022-2023.

"I want to gain experience to help with social/personal skills by meeting

people through parades and events," she said.

Kilmer is studying early childhood at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. "I like kids; sometimes too much," she said. Her hobbies are reading and cash crop. Kilmer's sponsor is FairBridge Inn & Suites.

Lizzy Reinart is from Neillsville and is 19 years old. She is a contestant for "Fairest of the Fair." "I didn't know much about the fair, but I'd like to promote all the events at the fair," Reinart said. She likes photography and baking. Her goal as "Fairest of the Fair" is "making sure the fair is all promoted with more participation," she said. "People can utilize their talents with arts and crafts."

Reinart plans to attend Chippewa Valley Tech School and study paralegal. Her sponsor is Genteman Enterprises.

Another contestant for "Fairest of the Fair" is Laela Scott from Neillsville. She is 17 years old.

"I would like to educate other communities about the Clark County Fair," she said. Scott's hobbies are archery, baking, cooking, reading historical fiction, hiking, kayaking and training dogs. Her goal is to attend college and figure out what she wants to pursue in the medical career. Her sponsor is Grit Nutrition.

The "Fairest of the Fair" coronation will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

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Superintendent's Corner

School District of Athens

This month, I am happy to co-author this article with my colleague, Mrs. Robin Hanson who serves as the Maple Grove Charter School Principal. We wish to share information with our community regarding the Walter and Mabel Fromm and Sylvia Woller Scholarships.

The Walter and Mabel Fromm Scholarship Fund was established on July 12, 1976, and created as a living trust, through the sale of \$500,000 in Fromm Bros. Inc. stock. The trust was originally funded by the income generated from this half million dollar investment. The Walter and Mabel Fromm Scholarship amount awarded to students can vary each year, and is based upon available assets.

The scholarship criteria are broken into three categories: Class I, Class II, and Class III.

Class I: Students accepted in a four year degree full-time program in any accredited college or university located in the state of Wisconsin who meet the following requirements:

- Attended all grades available at Maple Grove School, beginning with grade one, and a graduate of Maple Grove;

- Attended all remaining grades in the Merrill Area Common Public School District or School District of Athens, through grade twelve, and a graduate of Merrill High School or Athens High School; and

- Maintained a 3.0 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale while attending grades nine through 12 in the Merrill Area Common Public School District or School District of Athens.

- Was a resident of the Merrill Area Common Public School District or School District of Athens.

Class II: Students accepted in a four year degree full-time program in any accredited college or university located in the State of Wisconsin who meet the following requirements:

- Attended all of the highest grades available at Maple Grove School, and a graduate of Maple Grove.

- Attended all remaining grades in the Merrill Area Common Public School District or School District of Athens, through grade twelve, and a graduate of Merrill High School or Athens High School; and

- Maintained a 3.0 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale while attending grades nine through 12 in the Merrill Area Common Public School District or School District of Athens.

- Was a resident of the Merrill Area Common Public School District or School District of Athens.

Class III: Students accepted in a full-time two year degree or associate program at [Northcentral Technical College](#), Wausau, or some other technical college within the Wisconsin Technical College System, provided the program desired by the student is not offered at [NTC](#)-Wausau, and who otherwise meet all Class I and Class II student requirements with preference given to students who meet all Class I requirements.

Based upon an unanimous vote by the scholarship committee, the criteria included in the three classifications will need to be adjusted during the 2027-2028 school



**Andrea
Sheridan**

year, to remove all reference to the Merrill Area Common Public School District beginning with the 2028-2029 school year.

The scholarship committee has recommended a proposed change which is currently being reviewed by the US Bank lawyers associated with the Walter and Mabel Fromm Scholarship Fund:

- Proposed amendment: All open enrolled students would be eligible for the scholarship if they meet all other Class I and Class II requirements.

The Sylvia Woller Memorial Scholarship Fund started as a Parent and Teacher Organization (PTO) sponsored project in the fall of 1966 by Virginia and Ben Punke and Sylvia and Emil Woller. Virginia and Sylvia were teachers at Maple Grove during this time, and it was called the Maple Grove Scholarship.

In 1968, Sylvia Woller was a kindergarten teacher at Maple Grove, and an art teacher for the Merrill School District. One day returning from Merrill she was involved in an accident one half mile from her home, and she passed away. The award committee decided to change the name of this scholarship to honor her memory, and it has since been called the Sylvia Woller Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship guidelines were established for those graduates who do not receive other financial aids or scholarships, and yet have a desire to continue their education, and further develop their skills. In 1991, the [NTC](#) Foundation assumed responsibility for the Sylvia Woller Memorial Scholarship.

Students chosen to receive this scholarship must attend [NTC](#) in Wausau.

- Graduating seniors from Athens High School or Merrill High School must have attended Maple Grove Charter School in grades one through five.

- Attended Merrill Area Common Public School District or School District of Athens, sixth through twelfth grades, and a graduate of Merrill High School or Athens High School.

- The student was a resident of the Merrill Area Common Public School District or School District of Athens.

- Graduating seniors who receive the Walter & Mabel Fromm Scholarship are not eligible to receive the Sylvia Woller Memorial Scholarship.

- Any student attending Maple Grove Charter School in the 2021-2022 school year in grades one through four and attending Maple Grove Charter School through the 5th grade, and graduating from Athens High School or Merrill High School (12th grade) will be eligible for the Sylvia Woller Memorial Scholarship year ending 2033.

Information regarding scholarship application criteria can be found on the School District of Athens website, [athens1.org](#). If you have specific questions regarding either scholarship, please email Mrs. Hanson at rhanson@athens1.org.

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Clark County Fairest of the Fair candidates



Amanda Durrstein



Aspen Hagen



Ruby Kilmer



Lizzy Reinart



Laela Scott



Emma Moen



Ella Raatz

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Seven young ladies are vying for the title of Clark County Fairest of the Fair this year. The coronation ceremony will be held at the fairgrounds, 1121 E. Division St., Neillsville, on Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. From top left:

– Durrstein, from Greenwood, is enrolled at Northcentral Technical College and studying to be veterinary technician.

– Hagen, from Loyal, is enrolled at Northcentral Technical College, majoring in dairy science and agribusiness.

– Kilmer, from Thorp, is enrolled in the Aspiring Educators program at UW-Stevens Point.

– Reinart, from Granton, will begin her college education this August at Chippewa Valley Technical College for paralegal studies.

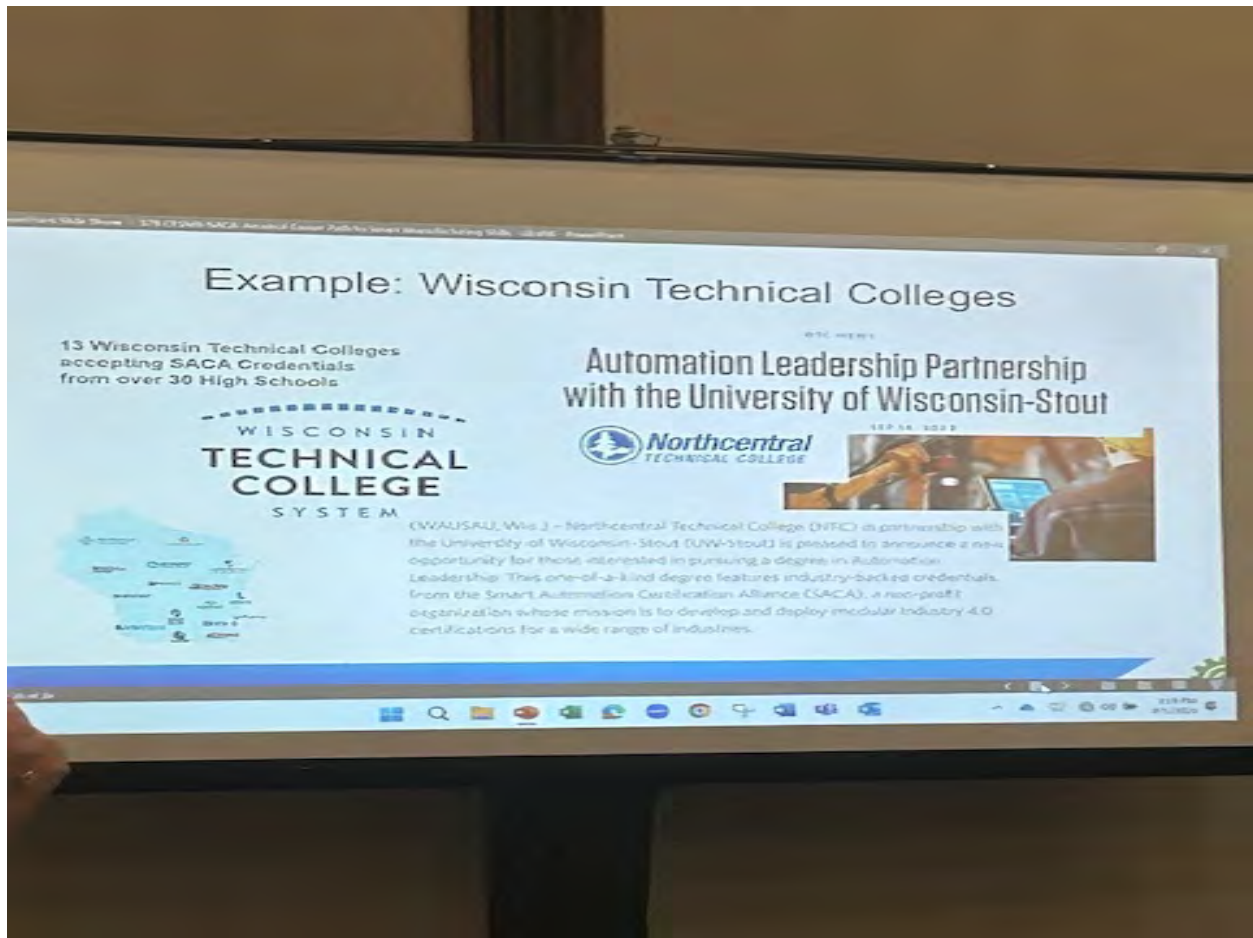
– Scott, from Neillsville, attends Neillsville High School and plans to pursue a career in the medical field after graduating.

– Moen, from Neillsville, attends UW-La Crosse, studying accounting.

– Raatz will be a senior at Colby High School this year. After high school, she plans to attend a UW school to major in dairy science.

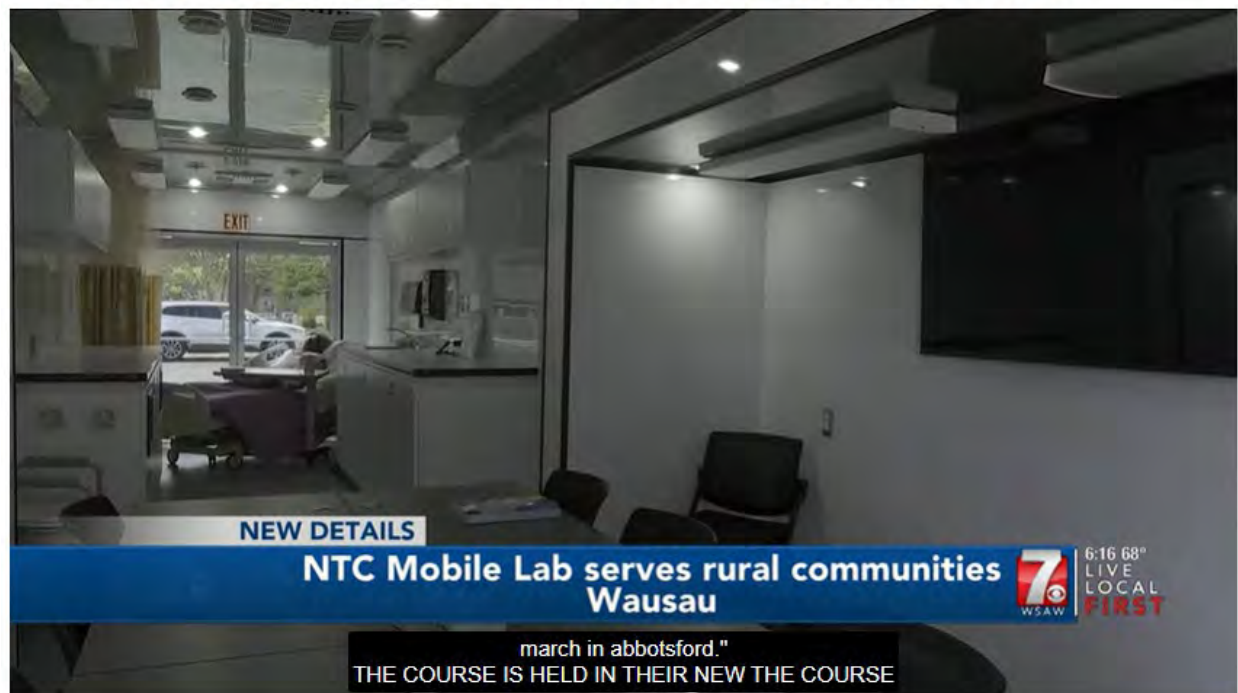
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National Science Foundation Hi-TEC Conference was held June 29 – August 1. NTC was mentioned during a presentation at the conference.





NTC Mobile Lab serves rural communities



NTC Mobile Lab brings the classroom to rural communities

By [Isabella Laufenberg](#)

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) - Northcentral Technical College (NTC) has a new tool to make learning more accessible in our community, a mobile classroom!

Their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) learning lab is completely mobile. It can hold up to 10 students at a time for a five-week course. Students can do the entire class out of the mobile lab, along with the state testing after the course ends.

"Everything you need to be a Certified Nursing Assistant, you can do in the mobile lab, everything from the online learning to the actual hands-on skills," Mason Heldt, NTC's Learning Manager of Health Sciences and Community Services, said.

The lab travels to rural communities like Boulder and Abbotsford for free thanks to a grant from the Wisconsin Technical College System. The \$72,000 Industry Core Grant allowed NTC to equip the lab with all the hands-on learning tools students will need.

“Through our grant funding, we cover all of the costs to bring the mobile lab to the rural communities. we can run 100% out of the mobile lab with water and electricity,” Heldt said.

The grant assists with the education of 96 students over two years. Staff hopes this will open up careers in health science for more rural students.

“The mobile lab gives the college an opportunity to serve our rural area in ways we haven’t served them before,” Heldt said.

The goal of the lab is to make healthcare careers accessible to rural communities.

“It offers [students] the opportunity to get the same learning experiences that people would get on our campuses, but in their own community,” Heldt explained. “They can help the people in their communities and serve them better.”

The next class will start on Tuesday in Rib Lake. Then, the lab will travel to Merrill. NTC hopes to expand its mobile offerings to other health science programs in the future.

To apply or for more information, you can get to NTC’s website [here](#).



Northcentral Technical College Breaks Ground On Regional Forensic Science Center

By Thomas Schumacher Jul 23, 2024 | 12:49 PM

NTC Forensic Center Groundbreaking - Photo by MWC's Tom Schumacher

WAUSAU, WI (WSAU) – The first Forensic Science Center in central Wisconsin officially broke ground on Tuesday morning at the Northcentral Technical College Wausau campus.

The groundbreaking was attended by community figures from across the area, including state Senator Cory Tomczyk, state Assemblyman Pat Synder, Assemblyman John Spiros, and Marathon County Administrator Lance Leonard, who each got a chance to speak about what the center will mean not only for the college but for the county as a whole.

Administrator Leonard spoke about the facility and what it will mean for the area, saying, “This will be the eighth facility that provides Wisconsinites with forensic services.” Most of those facilities are really located in the southeastern part of the state and the east side, so there is nothing for our northern Wisconsin partners, and we’re proud to bring this facility to not only serve the needs of Marathon County and our immediate neighbors but also our friends and neighbors to the north in the upper peninsula of Michigan.”

“The community support that we’ve had here today is similar to the support we’ve received throughout the time that this project has been in the works. It’s truly the product of a lot of collaboration amongst core partners in the community in general. We’re just really excited to see this project become a reality,” Leonard continued.

The facility, which is set to open in the summer of 2025, will provide numerous services to the county, making it “more than just a morgue,” including offering local patients the chance to access life-saving tissue donation in the area instead of having to travel to Madison or Milwaukee to receive care.

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Marathon County to build Regional Forensic Science Center

July 24, 2024



WAUSAU — Marathon County officially broke ground for its Regional Forensic Science Center today, July 23, making it the eighth facility in the state to offer forensic autopsies. It is also the first such facility in north central Wisconsin.

The new center, on Northcentral Technical College's Wausau campus, will provide critical support to law enforcement and coroner/medical examiner offices across at least 28 counties in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, according to a Marathon County Government news release.

In addition to the core services required of coroner/medical examiner offices, which include forensic autopsies, consultation services and expert testimony, the facility will feature a dedicated tissue donation suite, a family consultation room, and a community grief garden. Once complete, this center will house the Marathon County Medical Examiner's office, which is currently on West Street in Wausau.

In partnership with Northcentral Technical College and the Medical College of Wisconsin, the center will also serve as a cornerstone for education. It will play a vital role in addressing workforce needs in forensic science, public safety, health care and funeral services. It will provide students with real industry experience through an educational observation suite equipped with advanced autopsy viewing technology.

Most importantly, the center will improve services to families, including the ability to better honor religious and cultural practices, aiding in the families' journey toward healing.

Construction is expected to be completed in July 2025, with Miron Construction Co., Inc. serving as the construction manager and Venture Architects serving as the architect.

New Marathon County forensics building holds groundbreaking ceremony

By Isak Dinesen Jul 23, 2024 Updated Jul 23, 2024 0



WAUSAU, Wis. (WAOW) -- Marathon County has officially broken ground on a new forensics center on the grounds of Northcentral Technical College in Wausau.

It will be known as the Marathon County Regional Forensic Science Center, and is set to help law enforcement operations in several northern Wisconsin counties as well as Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Once built, the center will become the first in north-central Wisconsin to offer forensic autopsies.

A common theme in conception has been deeming it "more than a morgue," since it's also set to help address workforce needs and offer educational programs.

"These services are truly important, they're critical services for county government, but also providing that access to life-saving tissue donation is something that is going to separate this facility from other facilities in the state," said Marathon County Administrator Lance Leonhard.

Several politicians across the state and local donors helped secure funding for the facility.

It's anticipated the new building will be open by July 2025.



Marathon County breaks ground on its new Regional Forensic Science Center



NTC breaks ground on Regional Forensic Center

By [Samuel Dehring](#)

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WAUSAU, Wis. (WSAW) - Marathon County is breaking ground on a new Regional Forensic Science Center at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau. The new facility will give students hands-on experience in working with forensic autopsies, and much more.

This will be the 8th Forensic Center in the state of Wisconsin and more importantly, it's the first one in northern Wisconsin. [As previously reported](#), the new facility is estimated to cost around \$15 million.

NTC emphasizes giving students hands-on experience before they enter the workforce. This new facility will allow students to observe how forensic autopsies work.

"Witness forensic autopsy being conducted, have access to the latest and greatest technology that will be there as well. Really giving them a leg up when they graduate and they go into the workforce," NTC President Dr. Jeannie Worden explained.

It's not just forensic autopsies students will be able to gain access to though.

"We're going to expand access to life-saving tissue donation resources in the state," Marathon County Administrator Lance Leonhard said. "Dramatically expanding educational opportunities across a wide array of fields, from law enforcement to medicine."

There will also be grief counseling services for students and people throughout the community.

"Loved ones can come and actually understand, once the autopsy is done, and have a place to actually be consoled," Marathon County Board Chairman Kurt Gibbs said.

The new facility will provide clinical support to law enforcement and medical examiner offices. Dr. Worden says this will be beneficial for both students and the community.



FILE - Rendering of the new Forensic Science Center in Wausau.(Marathon County)

"We're going to learn as we go, and we see multiple intersections at NTC, again, medical college, our K-12, and UWSP as well," she said.

The designs for the interior part of the building were just approved and the building is set to be completed in late summer of 2025.

Cows are her choice

Mata embraces dairy career with no background



Savana Mata pauses near her favorite cow June 25 at Miltrim Farms Inc. near Athens, Wisconsin. Mata has been saving money to purchase the cow from the Trimner family.



Duane Blaubach and Savana Mata smile June 25 at Blaubach's dairy farm near Athens, Wisconsin. Mata began working on the Blaubach's 160-cow tiestall dairy in July 2023 to gain more dairy industry experience.



Savana Mata feeds grain June 25 at Blaubach Dairy near Athens, Wisconsin. Mata grew up in California with no dairy experience but felt a calling to join the industry.

By Danielle Nauman | danielle.n@dairystar.com

ATHENS, Wis. — Savana Mata is not the average dairy farm worker, and she was not the average student in her program at Northcentral Technical College.

“I have always loved cows,” Mata said. “Not just the animal, I was really curious about the dairy industry, but I have zero background. The closest I had ever been to agriculture was the dairy section of the grocery store. I have no idea where that interest came from.”

Mata is a native of Los Angeles, California, where she began her post-secondary education studying biology and philosophy at Loyola Marymount University, with plans to pursue a career in neuroscience.

“While I was in school, I always had dairy in the back of my mind, but I never thought I’d actually do anything with it,” Mata said. “Then during my junior (year) I met someone that came from a dairy farm, and after asking few questions, I realized it wasn’t just something in the back of my mind. I was fascinated by what I heard. I decided then after I graduated from Loyola, I was going into dairy.”

A Google search led Mata to visit the campus at Northcentral Technical College, where she saw her first cow at the school’s robotic dairy. Mata was sold on the school and enrolled. She obtained her associate’s degree in dairy science and agricultural business in May.

“When I started, I was embarrassed about having no experience,” Mata said. “I knew everyone else in my classes would have that background knowledge.”

Addressing both Mata’s concerns about her experience and her need for employment, the school facilitated a job for her in August 2022 working at Miltrim Farms Inc., in Athens. There she experienced dairy industry in the farm’s robotic milking facility, home to 1,800 cows, working under the barn manager, Jessica Pralle-Trimner.

“I was so overwhelmed coming in here my first day,” Mata said. “I had never even touched a cow. I was so scared — they were so big! I didn’t know how I would react being in a dairy with all the smells. I had never been around manure or anything, and I would get queasy sometimes during my internships in hospitals around blood and needles.”

Mata said the support of those around her helped her forge ahead.

“I didn’t know how to do anything; I didn’t know any of the vocabulary,” Mata said. “I had to ask so many questions, but I learned so quickly because they made me feel so comfortable. They put me under a cow pretty much right away working with Mary Phillips, the herds person.”

Mata said her fears began to be allayed as she learned new skills.

“They taught me how to IV a cow and that didn’t bother me; it’s so different from a person,” Mata said. “I feel much better in this industry, it’s so hands-on. I didn’t have to go to school for eight years before I could come in and do something. I was helping cows right away because of what Jessica and Mary taught me.”

Mata said not every skill came quickly to her.

“I really struggled learning how to strip a cow to take samples; I couldn’t get the hang of it,” Mata said. “I had to keep asking Mary how exactly I should hold the teat, where I should squeeze. I felt like it had never had to be explained to anyone before. To IV a cow, I understood the science, but I had a hard time at first hitting the vein. When it came to breeding, it took me forever to find the cervix and be able to hold on to it.”

After a couple of months of learning in the robotic barn, Mata began working in the maternity area at Miltrim, a job she said she loved.

“It was just a whole new area, a whole new set of skills,” Mata said. “I had never touched a calf or pulled a calf, and I was doing that on my own by my second or third day.”

After nearly a year of working at Miltrim, Mata secured another part-time job working at Duane Blaubach’s Athens dairy farm in July 2023. The Blaubachs milk 160 cows in a tie-stall barn. There Mata was able to learn about another management style.

“I learned about milking cows backwards — first with the robots, then with the tie-stall barn,” Mata said. “I just love every aspect about dairy farming I have learned.”

In addition to working at Miltrim and Blaubachs, Mata works at Merrill Equipment Company, where she is learning about the design work involved with building livestock housing. Later this summer, she will begin working full-time at Merrill Equipment Company, while continuing to work every other weekend at Miltrim as well as milking evenings and weekends at the Blaubachs.

"I love that everyone has been so supportive of me and everything I want to learn," Mata said. "Everyone is willing to work with my crazy schedule. They all understand I'm trying to catch up on a lifetime of learning in the dairy industry."

Mata has also taken the position of executive coordinator for the Marathon County Partnership for Progressive Agriculture, spearheading agricultural promotion efforts throughout Marathon County, including coordinating the annual dairy breakfast, the Ag Adventures Tent at the Wisconsin Valley Fair, the Farm City Dinner and planning a golf scramble.

"I love talking to farmers and hearing their stories," Mata said.

Mata has embraced advocating for her new-found passion, sharing her experiences with students at Loyola Marymount each semester.

"I try to explain things from my experiences, to bridge that gap between the farm and consumers in a safe way," Mata said. "I have come to love this industry. Nothing I've experienced has turned me away."

With nearly two years of experience in the dairy industry, Mata said she knows she still has a lot to learn, and despite some tough days, her desire to learn has not wavered.


"Everyone has had so much faith in me, telling me that one day I'll get it, that it just takes time," Mata said. "That has kept me going. If I didn't have that support, I don't know if I'd still be in dairy today. I want to have an impact on the dairy industry."

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Check out [Northcentral Technical College](#)'s new mobile lab and how they are taking learning on the road, all within a Featherlite!

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The Certified Nursing Assistant learning lab is completely mobile and can hold up to 10 students at a time for a five-week course.




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🏆 NAVTA is thrilled to honor [Blue Ridge Community College - Virginia](#) as the 2024 Student Chapter of the Year and Nicole Getzloff, CVT, from [Northcentral Technical College](#) as the Student Advisor of the Year. Their dedication to advancing veterinary education and community service is truly inspiring. Thank you for your outstanding contributions to the profession!
<https://navta.net/.../navta-honors-2024-student-advisor.../>

🏆 Awards presented by Dr. Annie Lin, DVM, from [Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets](#) (our awards' exclusive sponsor) and NAVTA President Jamie Rauscher, LVT, during the [Association of Veterinary Technician Educators - AVTE](#) annual conference.
Dr. Wynne DiGrassie accepted the Chapter of the Year on behalf of BRCC.



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Northcentral Technical College
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July is National Culinary Arts Month!

NTC's culinary arts instructors dive into the culinary industry and find unique ways to stay at the top of their game during the summer months.

Chef Brock Decker (left) heads to the [Wisconsin State Fair](#) each August as the Grill Master for the [Wisconsin Pork Association](#). This year, Chef Jon Reinke (right) will be joining him on the 11-day adventure, grilling up over 30,000 pieces of pork!

The Ogema Public Library
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Reminder - Wednesday, July 31! FREE Technology Help - No need to register!

10:00 - 11:30am Ogema Public Library
12:00 - 1:30pm Westboro Public Library
2:00 - 4:00pm Rib Lake Public Library

Northcentral Technical College Instructor, Kathy, will teach you how to use your smartphone, tablet, or computer including how to setup your device, basic maneuvering and how to download apps. Bring your own device to this class for personalized technology support.



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July 31st

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NTC's Medford Campus with any questions by calling 715.748.3603



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📺 Tune in to an exciting episode of All About the Car with Shawn, Director of Student Development at [Northcentral Technical College](#)! ☀️ Join us as he shares charming stories about his first DIY push-to-start car from his Grandfather, along with his ultimate dream car fantasies. Don't miss this delightful journey through automotive nostalgia 🥰



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Hardwood Manufacturers Association

July 26 at 2:15 PM · 🌐

HMA's partner in education, [Northcentral Technical College](#), is offering a band saw filer opportunity at its Wood Technology Center of Excellence in Antigo, Wisconsin.

Register and learn more about the program here: <https://ow.ly/v99Y50SLfEH>

BAND SAW FILER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

September 16 - October 11, 2024

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

NTC's Wood Technology Center of Excellence
Antigo, WI

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Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez is at **Northcentral Technical College**.
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I had the pleasure of connecting with the faculty at **Northcentral Technical College** earlier this morning to discuss their efforts in training the next generation of healthcare workers. As the chair of the Governor's Taskforce on the Healthcare Workforce, I believe that it's imperative that we find new and creative ways to train nurses, technicians, and physicians throughout our state. Thank you for having me!

Samuel, Son & Co.
20 minutes ago ·

Earlier this year we were excited to launch our revamped **#studentprogram**. It offers **#internship** positions across North America throughout the year, as well as a range of other learning opportunities including meet and greets with our President & CEO, Colin Osborne, and our Chief People Officer, Karen Fenton, access to free online courses for additional education and the chance to network with other students and teams across the business.

Today, on **#NationalInternDay**, some of... See more

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I am highly appreciative of the **cooperative work culture** at Samuel; the **encouragement from my bosses** and **recognition for my work** always gives me a sense of accomplishment. Samuel was my first choice for placement, and given the legal exposure I am getting, I can proudly say that my decision to work here was the right move as it is laying down a **very strong foundation for my legal career**.

#NationalInternDay

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AKASH KIRAN
Legal Intern, Oakville, ON
School: Western University

EMMA SAMUEL
Human Resources & Marketing Intern, Oakville, ON
School: McGill University

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A big takeaway for me is **the priority that Samuel places on its people**. Opportunities such as the Samuel Learning Club, mentorships, and the Ideas program, Samuel Solutions, illuminate the value the company places in **supporting the growth and wellbeing of its employees**.

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I enjoy working here because of the relationships I've built with my colleagues. Everyone is incredibly **kind and welcoming**, making it a **supportive and fun environment** especially for new team members. It's truly a great place to work!

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Sales & Marketing Intern, Hamilton, ON
School: University of Windsor, Great Wolf

CONNOR KIRBY
Marketing & Sales Intern, Hamilton, ON
School: York University

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I've really enjoyed **connecting with people on the shop floor** and **learning about their knowledge and experience** in the welding industry. I am excited that I learned to use challenging equipment by putting it into production.

#NationalInternDay

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99

I enjoy being involved in the **DIY community** and **helping plan events**.

#NationalInternDay

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RYEAN GORSKI
Human Resources Intern, Oakville, ON
School: York University, Central College

Schierl Tire
a day ago · 🌐

🚗 🗣️ Dive into car nostalgia with Kelsey and William! 🌟 From her first vehicle to dream car aspirations, join us for a lively chat filled with memorable driving stories and automotive dreams. Get ready to ride down memory lane!

[Northcentral Technical College](#)



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AbbyColby Crossings Chamber of Commerce
a day ago · 🌐

Featured Business of the Day is Northcentral Technical College
Visit their website to learn more: <https://www.ntc.edu/>

We have multiple campuses to choose from, & two campuses are located close to this area, one in Spencer and the other campus is located in Medford. Whether you are considering a college education for yourself or your child, a degree that is tied to marketable job skills is vital. Fortunately, the NTC campuses provides a local option for a college degree that is both cost effective and provides the job skills of the future.

Learn more about all our members at <https://www.abbycolbychamber.com/> in the Visitor & Business Directory.





Marathon County Fill A Backpack Fill A Need





a day ago · 🌐

Tuesday at Marathon County Fill A Backpack Fill A Need- and we completed all of the School Districts needs!
I think this was a record year!

This wouldn't be possible without the help of the company sponsors and volunteers!! Today's volunteers came from:

[Marathon Cheese Corporation](#), [Greenheck](#), [Connexus Credit Union](#), [BMO U.S.](#), [Wausau School District](#), [North Central Technical College](#).

If I missed one- please tag in!

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The Ogema Public Library

23 hours ago · 🌐

FREE Technology Help! No need to register!

Wednesday, July 31

10:00 - 11:30am Ogema Public Library

12:00 - 1:30pm [Westboro Public Library](#) in Wisconsin

2:00 - 4:00pm [Rib Lake Public Library](#)

Not sure how to use your new electronic device? Need help setting up a device or interested in learning more about technology? Let's learn together.

Northcentral Technical College - Medford Campus Instructor, Kathy, will teach you how to use your smartphone, tablet, or computer including how to setup your device, basic maneuvering and how to download apps. Bring your own device to this class for personalized technology support.



Community Tech Time

Basic Technology Help Sessions

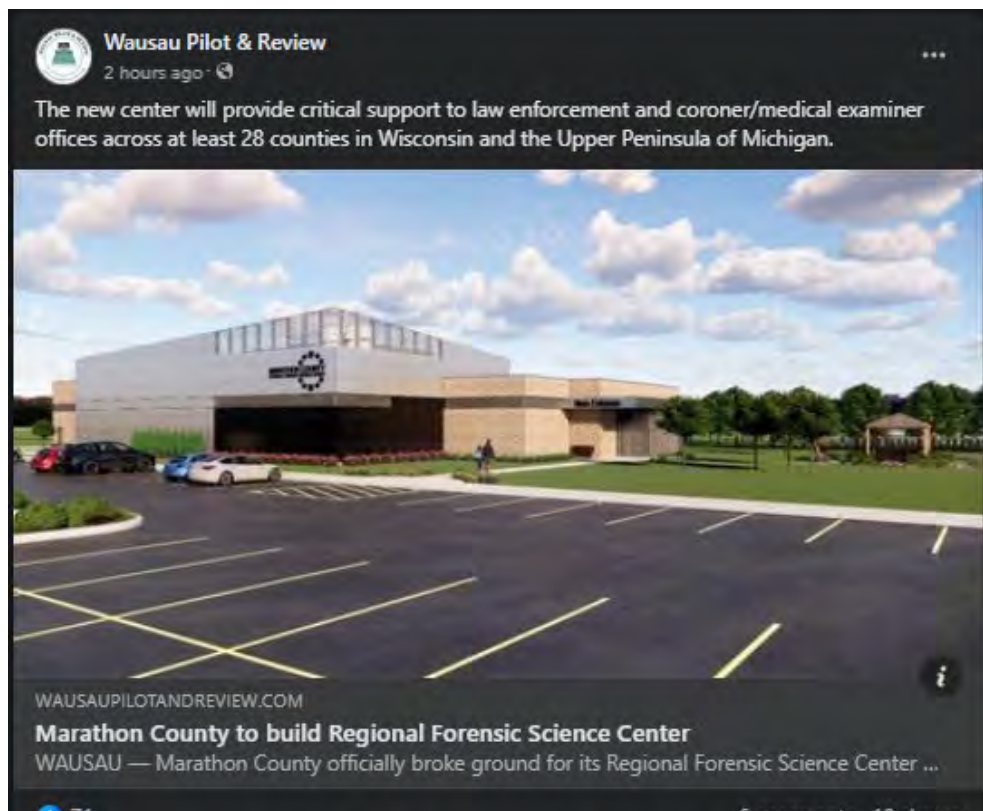
Free | No registration is required

July 31st

10:00AM-11:30AM	12:00PM-1:30PM	2:00PM-4:00PM
Ogema Public Library	Westboro Public Library	Rib Lake Public Library
W5005 WI-86	N8855 Second Street	645 Pearl Street
Ogema, WI 54456	Westboro, WI 54490	Rib Lake, WI 54470

Contact

NTC's Medford Campus with any questions by calling 715.748.3603





Centergy, Inc. · Follow

5 days ago · 🌐

🌟 Exciting News! 🌟

The Regional Forensic Science Center is breaking ground at [Northcentral Technical College](#) Wausau campus! This hub will boost innovation and education in forensic science and healthcare. Huge thanks to our amazing partners and donors! 🙌

#ForensicScience #Healthcare #Innovation #Education #Community



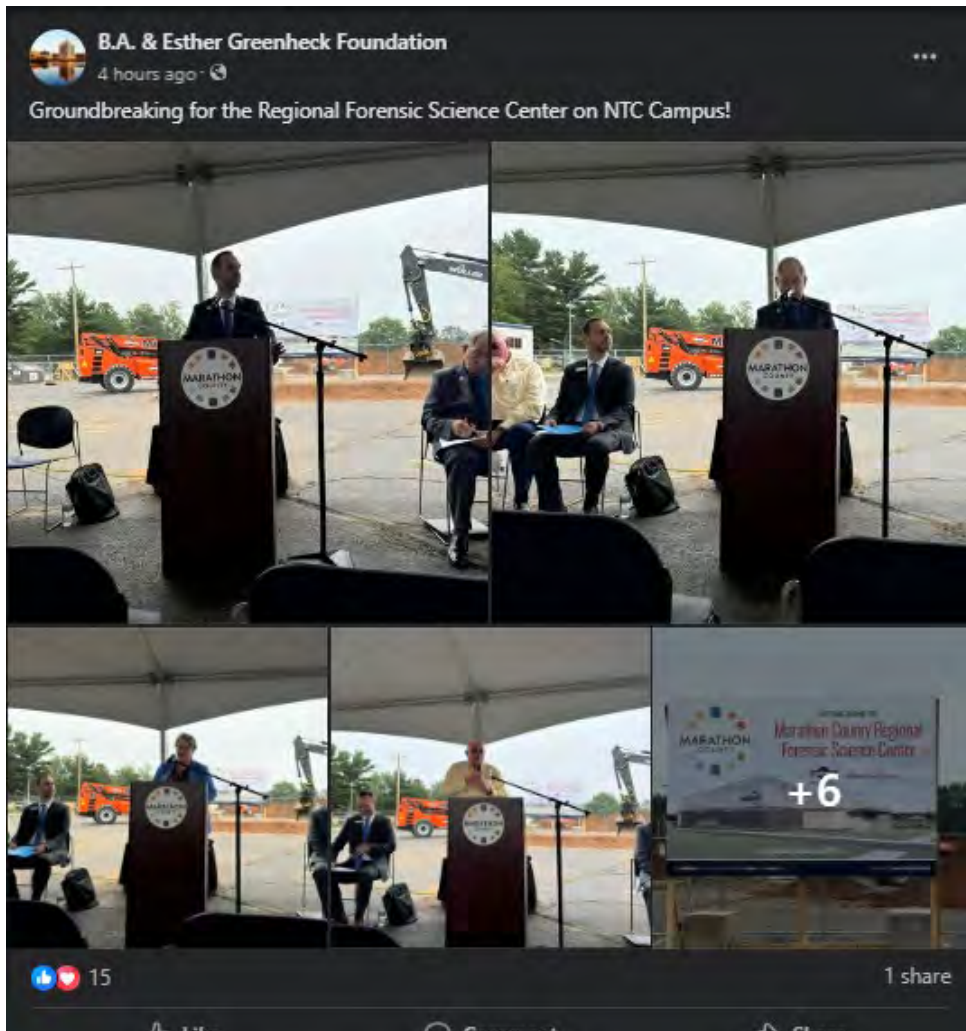
Peterson Kraemer Funeral Homes & Crematory

3 hours ago · 🌐

Today Greg Zoromski participated at the GroundBreaking for the Marathon County Regional Forensic Science Center.

This is a big step for our community and our local college. We'd like to thank the entire board for working countless hours to make this happen.







Van Ert Electric Company, Inc.

17 hours ago · 🌐

Earlier this month, our team was able to help [Northcentral Technical College](#) with an unexpected power outage they experienced. You can rely on our teams to assist your business in the event this happens to you. 📍

Thanks to those on the Van Ert team that were able to step in to get things working again. 🙌



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Hardwood Manufacturers Association · Follow

19 hours ago · 🌐

HMA's partner in education, [Northcentral Technical College](#), is offering a kiln drying short course opportunity at its Wood Technology Center of Excellence in Antigo, Wisconsin.

Register and learn more about kiln drying short course:

https://ntcforms.formstack.com/.../glkda_kiln_drying_course



KILN DRYING A SHORT COURSE IN DRYING QUALITY LUMBER

August 13 - 15, 2024

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

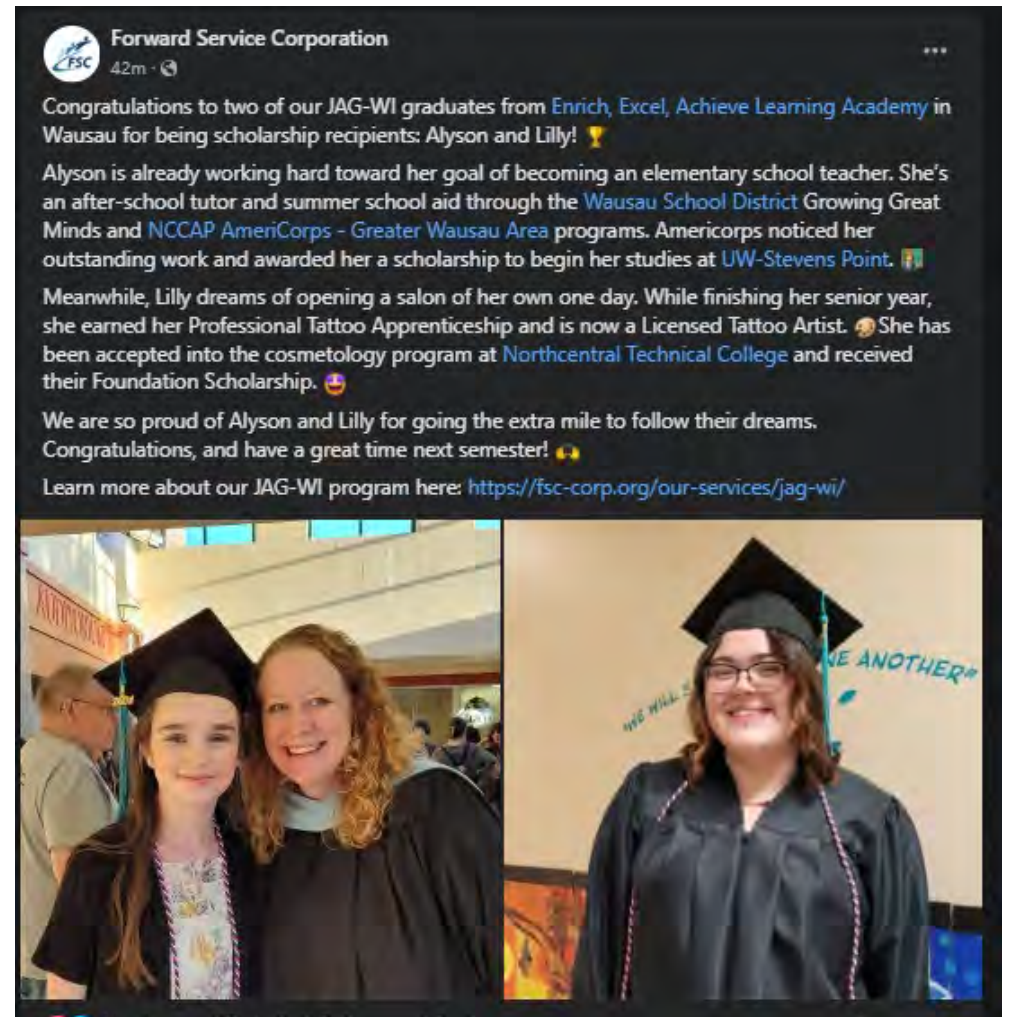
NTC's Wood Technology Center of Excellence

Antigo, WI



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Wausau Education Association

July 15 at 6:45 PM

NTC fall CNA classes



Nursing Assistant (CNA)

COURSE #30-543-300 | Fall 2024 SECTION

CAMPUS	SECTION NUMBER	ONLINE START (48 HOURS)	LAB (21 HOURS)	CLINICAL (12 HOURS)	FINAL DAY
Wausau	2	8/26/24	8/26 - 9/16 Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00 - 2:00	9/18 - 9/25 Mon, Wed, Fri 7:00 - 3:00	9/27/24
Medford	6	8/26/24	8/26 - 9/23 Mon, Tues 4:00 - 9:00	9/24 - 10/14 Mon, Tues 4:00 - 9:30	10/15/24
Wausau	3	9/3/24	9/3 - 9/26 Tues, Thurs 9:00 - 2:00	10/1 - 10/10 Tues, Thurs 7:00 - 3:00	10/15/24
Wausau	5	9/3/24	9/3 - 9/18 Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:00 - 2:00	9/24 - 10/1 Tues, Wed, Thurs 7:00 - 3:00	10/3/24
Wausau	15	9/3/24	9/3 - 9/26 Tues, Thurs 4:00 - 9:00	10/1 - 10/17 Tues, Thurs 4:00 - 9:30	10/22/24
Wausau	13	9/10/24	9/10 - 10/23 Tues, Wed 4:00 - 9:00	10/29 - 11/13 Tues, Wed 4:00 - 9:30	11/19/24
Mobile Lab Merrill HS	7	10/7/24	10/7 - 10/22 Mon, Tues, Thurs 4:00 - 9:00	10/24 - 11/5 Mon, Tues, Thurs 4:00 - 9:30	11/7/24
Wausau	14	10/14/24	10/14 - 11/6 Mon, Wed 5:00 - 10:00	11/11 - 12/2 Mon, Wed 4:30 - 10:00	12/4/24
Wausau	9	10/21/24	10/21 - 11/6 Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30 - 2:00	11/8 - 11/15 Mon, Wed, Fri 7:30 - 3:00	11/18/24
Wausau	11	10/21/24	10/21 - 11/12 Mon, Tues 10:00 - 3:00	11/18 - 12/3 Mon, Tues 9:30 - 3:00	12/9/24
Wausau	16	10/21/24	10/21 - 11/12 Mon, Tues 4:00 - 9:00	11/18 - 12/3 Mon, Tues 4:00 - 9:30	12/9/24
Wausau	12	11/12/24	11/12 - 12/5 Varies 9:00 - 2:00	12/9 - 12/12 Mon to Thurs 7:00 - 3:00	12/13/24



Wausau Education Association · Follow

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<https://www.ntc.edu/.../emergen.../babysitting-certification>



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Babysitting Certification Course | Northcentral Technical College

This American Red Cross Babysitting Certification course will prepare youth to be safe, effectiv...

Schierl Tire
14m · 🌐

Tune in as we sit down with representatives from [Northcentral Technical College](#) in Wausau, WI. Discover their diverse programs and impactful community initiatives firsthand. 🌟 Don't miss out on this insightful conversation! 🎧 ✨



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Episode 65: Exploring Opportunities at Northcentral Technical College

The Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, WI has been around for over 100 ye...

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Hmong Wausau Festival
1h · 🌐

The Hmong Wausau Festival is thankful to all our incredible partners and sponsors who helped made this event a possibility!

Today, we want to recognize our sponsor:

[Northcentral Technical College](#)





Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

3h · 🌐

The NWWIB staff and partners continue to raise the Worker Advancement Initiative (WAI) grant enrollment numbers! 🌟 Great work to everyone involved [Indianhead Community Action Agency](#), [@Manpower](#), [Northwood Technical College](#), [Northcentral Technical College](#) and [Northwest Wisconsin CEP](#). #NWWIB

*Please note that these numbers are taken from the last NWWIB Board of Directors meeting in June 2024 and are subject to have changed since then.

WAI

WORKER ADVANCEMENT INITIATIVE

Serves people whose previous employment has not come back post-pandemic as well as those who were not attached to or were not successful in the labor market prior to the pandemic.

684 ENROLLED PARTICIPANTS



Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. If you have a disability and need assistance with this information, please call us through Wisconsin Relay Service (7-1-1) or at 800-947-3529. To request information in an alternate format, including language assistance or translation of the information, please contact us at 715-685-1425.

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Rib Lake Health Services

about an hour ago · 🌐

Are you looking to start a rewarding career in healthcare? Rib Lake Health Services, in partnership with [Northcentral Technical College](#), is hosting a Nurse Aide Training Program. Classes will be held at our center.

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to jumpstart your career and earn money while doing it! Apply now and be part of a team dedicated to providing top-notch care and support to our community. Register by July 22. Spots are limited!



RIB LAKE
HEALTH SERVICES

NURSE AIDE TRAINING PROGRAM

No experience necessary!

- Get paid while you train
- Gain skills needed for a successful healthcare career
- Hands-on training with experienced professionals
- Make a positive impact in the community
- **Classes: Aug. 6-Sept. 6, 2024**

This program is in partnership with
[Northcentral Technical College](#)



Register by July 22, 2024

Call (715) 427-5291

Rib Lake Health Services

650 Pearl Street, Rib Lake, WI 54470



Wausau Window and Wall Systems

25 minutes ago · 🌐

Week 1 of our Intern Spotlight is here! This week we are featuring Evelyn Thao! Learn more about Evelyn below!

- Position: Human Resources Intern
- School: Northcentral Technical College-Graduated May 2024
- Major: Associate Degree in Human Resources
- Career Plans: Plans to continue on the HR path and gain valuable experience until going for her Bachelors in Business Administration! 📖

About Evelyn:

Fun Fact: She is not a fan of chocolate and would rather have gummy worms/bears or Starburst 🍬

Favorite Food: Hmong food (eggrolls, pho, kapoon, steamed rolls, rice porridge, etc) 🍲

Biggest Fear: Rabbits 🐰

Hobbies: Playing piano and guitar, reading, playing volleyball, and going to concerts 🎵

Evelyn is supporting our Human Resources team during her time at Architectural Framing Systems – Wausau Fabrication and Assembly / Wausau Finishing (AFS). Her colleague Nichole had this to say about her -- "Evelyn has done an amazing job learning recruitment processes at AFS! She's been an incredible help, a fast learner, and so much fun to work alongside! Her future is bright!"

Welcome Evelyn and thank you for your hard work!!!



Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative

4 hours ago · 🌐

The next featured recipient of a \$500 Operation Round Up scholarship is Sydney Krueger, who graduated from Pacelli Catholic High School. Sydney plans to attend Northcentral Technical College to study to become a Vet Tech.

Congratulations Sydney and best wishes as you continue your education!

For more information about Operation Round Up scholarships available through CWEC, or to view the 2024 first-time recipients, visit: <https://www.cwecoop.com/scholarship-opportunities>



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Schierl Tire
5h · 🌐

🚗 Buckle up for a transatlantic journey with Iain, Dean of the School of Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing at [Northcentral Technical College](#)! 🌟 Join us on All About the Car as he shares charming stories of his first car and unforgettable drives from university days in Scotland. Tune in for a delightful blend of nostalgia and automotive insights!



👍 You and 1 other

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
4h · 🌐

Thanks to [NBC15Madison](#) for highlighting the need for an influx of younger firefighters in Wisconsin, and how the DSPS Youth Firefighter Training Grant program is helping address that need - <https://bit.ly/4eZOShe>
Learn more about the grant program and this year's awardees, like [Madison College](#), [Northcentral Technical College](#), and [Fox Valley Technical College](#) here - <https://bit.ly/3KQe9wH>




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Cengage
1h · 🌐

"If it's right for our students, we do it" said Emily Stuckenbruck from Northcentral Technical College about her decision to implement Cengage Unlimited. Faculty see firsthand what their students struggle with the most, and it was clear to Emily and her team that affordability was a massive obstacle on campus.

Learn more about the impact of Cengage Unlimited when it comes to driving more affordable and flexible options for your students here <https://bit.ly/3LjdMLh>

#collegeaffordability #campuschat #highereducationleadership #difference makers




*"...if it's right for our students, **we do it.**"*

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Get ready for a nostalgic ride with Brad, Dean of Workforce Training, Professional Development and Apprenticeships at Northcentral Technical College! ★ Join us on All About the Car as Brad shares memories of his first vehicle and the joys of driving back in the day. Don't miss this insightful conversation! 🎧 See less

The Forward Firefighter
3 days ago · 🌐

Check out episode 20, featuring Dave Briggs. Dave Briggs is passionate about the effective use of a Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC). In this episode, Dave goes into some TIC training topics that go above and beyond the fire academy. Dave is the Training Division Chief for the Wausau, Wisconsin Fire Department. He is an instructor for the Mid-State and Northcentral Technical Colleges, and he owns his own training company, Firefighter Training, Development, and Coaching LLC.

Check it out on Spotify, online with the link below, or your favorite platform.
<https://www.theforwardfirefighter.com/episodes/episode-20>



**THE FORWARD
FIREFIGHTER
PODCAST**

Volunteer Firefighting in Wisconsin


Wisconsin's Technical Colleges
July 3 at 12:34 PM · 🌐

This is an amazing story and yet, not totally surprising when you think about the caliber of many of the technical college instructors and staff who are extremely motivated to help others and make a difference in their communities without seeking or wanting accolades in return. Thank you for making a difference, Rhonda Bravick from [Northcentral Technical College](#)!

Northcentral Technical College
Published by Kaley Elizabeth
July 3 at 11:00 AM · 🌐

In the spring of 2023, a group of friends asked Rhonda Bravick, a supervising clinical hygienist at Northcentral Technical College (NTC), to join them for a scavenger hunt. She agreed because it sounded like a fun way to spend a Saturday, unaware at the time of the profound impact it would have on her life.

Read her story here:



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NTC Employee Rhonda Bravick Gives Life Through Kidney Donation | Northcentral Technical College

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1 comment



Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative

July 1 at 8:53 AM · 🌐

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The next featured recipient of a \$500 Operation Round Up scholarship is Kalee Gilmeister, who graduated from D.C. Everest High School. Kalee plans to attend Northcentral Technical College to study Electrical Distribution. Kalee was also a recipient of a \$1,000 CWEC Electric Utility Worker Scholarship.

Congratulations Kalee and best wishes as you continue your education!

For more information about Operation Round Up scholarships available through CWEC, or to view the 2024 first-time recipients, visit: <https://www.cwecoop.com/scholarship-opportunities>



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- Reels · Jul 3 · 🌐

Episode 65:
**Northcentral
Technical College**



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Northcentral
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

new hobby all the
way up to some short
term credentialing,

🔊 📢 New Episode Alert! 📢 🔊

Join us this month on All About the Car as we explore the fantastic programs at Northcentral Technical College! 🛠️🔧 Discover what makes this institution a hub for excellence and learn about the opportunities available for aspiring professionals. 🎓
<https://on.soundcloud.com/1v3SbBnXD74o32M19> See less

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Give!




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Wausau Pilot & Review
6 days ago · 🌐

Recruitment and retention have become key issues for many Wisconsin fire departments, particularly the all-volunteer station.



WAUSAUPILOTANDREVIEW.COM


NTC receives youth firefighter training grant
WAUSAU – Northcentral Technical College received in June, among four recipients, a \$25,000 y...

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Drive Kocourek
51 minutes ago · 🌐

We're still re-living last week's Nitro-X Camp Race Day! 🏁
Campers demonstrated their driving skills and took part in a tournament to declare an ultimate winner. Families and friends cheered on their racers, then enjoyed lunch and an awards ceremony to wrap up this year's camp.

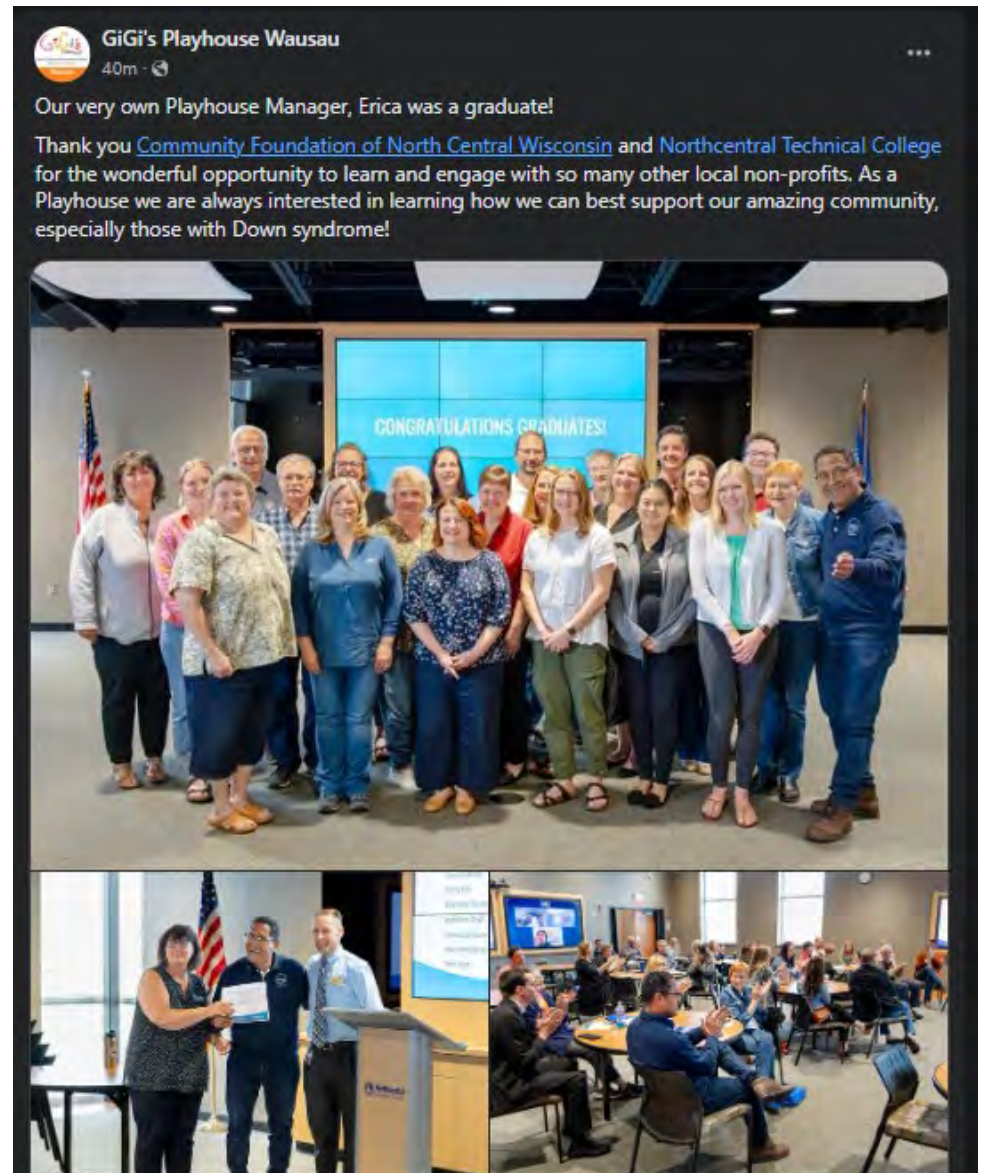
It's a pleasure to be a sponsor of the Nitro-X Camp in partnership with [Northcentral Technical College](#) and [Foundation of the Wisconsin Automobile & Truck Dealers](#) and to promote automotive learning and technical skills to the youth of the Wausau area. Mark your calendars for next year's camp!



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WAOW (ABC) 7/5/2024 5:24:28 PM

Wausau, WI

News 9 WAOW at 5PM

Local Viewership: 20,053

Local Publicity Value: \$464.23

you can replace multiple cleaning products. try dawn powerwash. northcentral technical college has done something. the school has never done before. hold a dual language course. the three-day summit are dealt with lumber grating features in both spanish and english as the instructor presents the lesson, another translated into spanish grants from the forest products lab in madison and the dnr pay for the translators and textbooks for that course. the hope is to provide future educational opportunities at the number at a number of spanish speaking. workers continues to grow.



WSAW (CBS) 7/23/2024 5:10:43 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 5

Local Viewership: 6,711

Local Publicity Value: \$247.65

this will be the 8th forensic center in the state of wisconsin. and more importantly -- it's the first one in northern wisconsin -- and it's right here at north central technical college. (nat pop) n-t-c emphasizes giving students the hands-on experience before they enter the workforce. this new facility will allow students to observe how forensic autopsies work. dr. jeannie worden, president, northcentral technical college, "witness forensic autopsy being conducted, have access to the latest and greatest technology that will be there as well. really giving them a leg up when they graduate and they go into the workforce." it's not just forensic autopsies students will be able to gain access to. lance leonhard, county administrator, marathon county, "we're going to expand access to life-saving tissue donation resources in the state. dramatically expanding educational opportunities across a wide array of fields, from law enforcement to medicine." there will also be grief counseling services for students and people throughout the community. kurt gibbs, chairman, marathon



WSAW (CBS) 8/1/2024 6:16:48 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsChannel 7 @ 6

Local Viewership: 9,504

Local Publicity Value: \$612.56

coursework. where it's heading to help out. northcentral technical college has a new tool to make learning more accessible in our community-- a mobile classroom! newschannel 7's bella laufenberg takes us into the lab to get the scoop. bella laufenberg, reporting "north central technical college debuted their mobile certified nursing assistant courses in march in abbotsford." the course is held in their new mobile lab. it can hold up to ten students at a time for a 5 week c-n-a course. they're able course. they're able to do the

entire class out of the mobile lab along with the state testing after the course ends. mason heldt, learning mgr. of health sciences and community



WJFW (NBC) 8/2/2024 5:06:24 PM

Wausau, WI

NewsWatch 12 at 5

Local Viewership: 5,334

Local Publicity Value: \$179.99

attend one of 11 u-w system schools without having to pay tuition or fees. u-w-madison and u-w-milwaukee separately operate their own tuition promise programs. northcentral technical college in wausau has two new programs for students in fall. they have a new respiratory therapy associate degree... where students will learn to evaluate.. treat and manage patients with respiratory illnesses and serious conditions that affect the heart and lungs. the second program is funeral services associate degree. the fall semester begins august 26. wolf sightings in a northwoods town are worrying some residents...after one family recently lost a pet.

Items in this report: 4

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Total Local Market Publicity Value: \$1,504.43

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