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**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
ANNUAL  
REPORT**



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

At Chippewa Valley Technical College, we believe that access to high-quality, career-focused education should begin early. Through our strong partnership with your district, we offer students the chance to earn college credits while still in high school — saving time, reducing costs, and accelerating their journey toward a degree or career. Whether students are preparing for a technical profession, planning to transfer to a four-year university, or exploring a passion for skilled trades, dual enrollment offers a powerful head start.

This year's report captures the dynamic growth of our programs, highlights student achievements, and offers a snapshot of the diverse pathways available — from healthcare and advanced manufacturing to business, information technology, and beyond. Our shared goal is simple: to open doors, remove barriers, and empower every student to realize their potential.

None of this would be possible without the commitment of our district leaders, school counselors, faculty, and families, who work tirelessly to support student success. Together, we are shaping a future-ready workforce and strengthening our community.

Thank you for your partnership, your vision, and your dedication to education. We look forward to continuing to expand opportunities for every learner across our region.

Together we serve,

**Sunem Beaton-Garcia**  
President

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# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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Most CVTC programs are open-access, meaning no entrance exams or scores are required to enter the program.

All applicants will need to:

- Submit an online application for admission
- Submit the \$30 one-time application fee
- Be a high school graduate or have a GED/HSED

*Please note: Some programs have additional academic preparedness requirements.*

 [cvtc.edu/Programs](https://cvtc.edu/Programs)

# SCHOLARSHIPS + WAYS TO GIVE

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CVTC offers over 500 scholarships that students can apply for through a single application! Scholarships range from \$200 to \$5000 and include general and program-specific options.

Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be eligible for need-based scholarships.

There are several ways to support CVTC, students, and staff:

- **Alumni Fund:** Managed by the CVTC Alumni Association Board, this fund supports student scholarships and other college initiatives that strengthen the CVTC community
- **Student Emergency Fund:** Provides immediate financial assistance to students facing unexpected hardships, helping them stay enrolled and focused on their education.
- **Student Success Fund:** Allows CVTC to respond to emerging needs, support innovative programs, upgrade equipment, and provide scholarships that directly benefit students
- **Scholarship Funds:** With over 500 scholarship opportunities, donors can support existing funds or work with the Foundation to create a new, personalized scholarship.

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# DUAL CREDIT OPTIONS

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## High School Academy

During the 2024-25 school year, CVTC expanded academy options across our region. New this year, CVTC partnered with rural school districts to offer a Pre-Nursing Healthcare Academy at our River Falls CVTC campus and a fully online Google IT Academy. Our mobile manufacturing lab traveled to Alma, Durand-Arkansaw, River Falls, and Lincoln High Schools to offer manufacturing classes and industry certifications.

In 2025-26, we will be adding our first Design and Drafting Academy to be offered at Lincoln High School for districts in that region to enroll in. This academy is helping to meet the needs of rural districts and helps students get a jump start on their interest in STEM pathways and Design and Drafting. In addition, we added an Automotive Technician Academy at CVTC's Transportation Education Center. Ten students will have the opportunity to earn their full one-year technical diploma and help meet the needs in our region before they graduate from high school! CVTC, in partnership with many school districts, has been fortunate to receive many different grants supporting high school academies that have afforded districts these new opportunities.

 [cvtc.edu/HSAcademies](https://cvtc.edu/HSAcademies)

### **Transcribed Credit**

Transcribed credit allows students to earn college credit at their high school through transcribed credit agreements between the school districts, high school teachers, and CVTC.

Transcribed credit courses are CVTC courses taught in high school by certified high school instructors using technical college competencies and grading scales. These credits are transferable to any Wisconsin Technical College and most four-year colleges.

With the inclusion of dual credit in the 2024-2025 strategic goals, CVTC increased efforts to create and support transcribed credit courses within our district. Eighty-six different transcribed credit courses were offered, and 858 sections ran in 2024-2025. To defray the cost of course development, equipment purchases, and maintenance, CVTC assisted high schools in purchasing items such as science lab equipment, industry software, and other supplies.

 [cvtc.edu/TranscribedCredit](https://cvtc.edu/TranscribedCredit)

### **Start College Now**

The Start College Now program allows all public high school juniors and seniors to take classes at CVTC and explore various career pathways or complete general education requirements. This program offers credit toward both high school graduation and a college degree.

**Application deadline is March 1 (Fall Semester) and October 1 (Spring Semester).** CVTC works with high schools to offer classes in all career pathways throughout all dual credit programs to help meet the individual academic and career planning goals of all our regional high school students.

 [cvtc.edu/StartCollegeNow](https://cvtc.edu/StartCollegeNow)



# CVTC HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

High School		Technical Diploma	Associate Degree	Apprenticeship	Transcribed Credit	Start College Now	High School Academy	Unduplicated Total
Alma		5	13	1	13	11	60	78
Alma Center: Lincoln		7	19	1	57	3	73	111
Altoona		64	125	5	343	19	62	556
Augusta	Augusta	20	30	6	86	6	24	143
	Wildlands Charter	2	4			6	3	13
Bloomer		45	102	10	196	8	86	371
Boyceville		14	26	3	58	4	2	97
Cadott		24	57	8	79	6	33	184
Chippewa Falls	County Alternative	4	5					8
	Chippewa Falls	116	295	31	636	9	27	1065
	Liberty Christian		3					3
	McDonell	11	35	3			1	45
Colfax		20	35	1	90	5	19	146
Cornell		7	41	4	63	4	29	124
Durand-Arkansaw		24	55	6	86	35	41	216
Eau Claire	Bethel Christian		3				1	4
	Memorial	129	346	14	526	22	61	1018
	North	113	339	13	565	18	51	1025
	McKinley Charter	21	55	1				73
	Virtual	2	7				4	13
	Immanuel Lutheran	4	11					14
	Regis	7	25	1			66	97
Eleva-Strum		12	33	7	51	7	2	105
Elk Mound		17	53	5	68	26	10	166
Ellsworth		28	50	1	330		31	412
Elmwood		7	19	1	58	2	6	91
Fall Creek		20	56	10	82	11	20	178
Gilman		5	20		17	6	24	56
Gilmanton		5	9	3	22	1	1	36
Greenwood		4	5	5	85	1		99
Lake Holcombe		9	17	1	27	1	6	56
Menomonie		83	193	12	315	15	93	612
Mondovi		29	53	10	126	17	32	244
Neillsville		12	18	2	55	8	26	109
New Auburn		6	17		18	19	6	61
Osseo-Fairchild		9	42	12	86		16	156
Owen-Withee		8	13		5			24
Pepin		7	10		22	13	16	51
Plum City		11	16	1	38	3		64
Prescott		13	35	5	159	4	18	215
River Falls	River Falls	39	96	2	298	4	55	457
	Renaissance Charter	4	3					5
Spring Valley		13	27	3	47	3	5	92
Stanley-Boyd		20	38	6	135	2	8	193
Thorp		14	21	5	88	9	42	141
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,014</b>	<b>2,475</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>4,930</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>9,027</b>



# DUAL CREDIT RECOGNITION

Enrolling in dual credit courses while in high school is an effective way for college-bound students to save time and money. We have recognized our high school partners for their efforts in advancing dual credit options at their high schools.

**Gold:** Altoona, Augusta, Bloomer, Boyceville, Cadott, Chippewa Falls, Cornell, Durand-Arkansaw, Eau Claire Memorial, Eau Claire North, Eleva Strum, Elk Mound, Elmwood, Fall Creek, Lincoln, Menomonie, Mondovi, Neillsville, Prescott, River Falls, Thorp

**Silver:** Alma, Colfax, Gilman, Gilmanton, Greenwood, Lake Holcombe, New Auburn, Regis, Spring Valley, Stanley-Boyd

**Bronze:** Arcadia, Blaire-Taylor, Chetek Weyerhaeuser, Eau Claire Virtual, Ellsworth, Ladysmith, McDonell, Osseo-Fairchild, Owen-Withee, Pepin, Plum City, Rice Lake, Shell Lake, Whitehall

*Bronze is awarded for completing at least one Transcribed Credit, Start College Now course, or Academy/Contracted Course, plus engagement in High School Connections or Partnership Awards. Silver requires participation in three or more Transcribed Credits or Academies/Contracted Courses, along with Start College Now and High School Connections or Partnership Awards. Gold is the highest level and requires five or more Transcribed Credits, enrollment in three or more Academies/Contracted Courses, plus participation in Start College Now and High School Connections or Partnership Awards.*

**Interested in dual credit opportunities?** Kristel Tavare, Director of PK12 Initiatives at CVTC, works closely with high schools to identify college credit opportunities that align with the unique needs of each school and its students.

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# HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION AGREEMENT

High School Completion Agreement students build skills to pass state tests in core academic areas. Upon completion, they earn a high school diploma from their home district.

Instruction was provided live online for 15 hours per week. Students attended the program for as long as necessary to complete their diploma and could start at any point in the school year.

 [cvtc.edu/HSED](https://cvtc.edu/HSED)

SCHOOL DISTRICT	#
Augusta	1
Baldwin-Woodville	1
Cadott	1
Colfax	1
Durand-Arkansaw	2
Eau Claire	1
Eleva Strum	1
eSucceed Virtual School	2
Greenwood	1
Owen-Withee	4
River Falls	3
Spring Valley	2
Wildlands Charter School	1





# EVENTS + TOURS RECAP

## **Agriculture and Transportation**

### **Career Exploration and Skills Contest**

In March 2025, the Energy and Transportation Education Centers at CVTC welcomed over 350 high school students for the Agriculture and Transportation Skills Contests. The event allowed students to showcase their talents in agriculture and small engines through various hands-on, practical challenges. Teams demonstrated their dairy industry knowledge by navigating real-world scenarios and applying key agribusiness concepts. Individual participants were also tested on their ability to identify various floriculture plants and small engine components. The contests featured engaging skill assessments focused on agronomy and transportation-related practices. In addition to the competitions, transportation and agriculture employers were onsite to connect with students and discuss career opportunities.

### **Career Fairs**

CVTC employees connected with students and professionals at more than 30 college and career fairs across the district. Through interactive demonstrations and hands-on activities, our team highlighted the wide range of programs available at CVTC.

### **Career Tours**

Career Tours are attended by high school students and provide a unique opportunity to get an in-depth look at the various career paths that a technical college education offers. Through individualized campus and program lab tours, faculty presentations, and hands-on activities, students are introduced to CVTC programs within 11 different career cluster areas. More than 1,500 high school students from districts across the state participated in Career Tours in 2024-2025.

### **Fall & Spring Open House**

In November 2024 and April 2025, CVTC hosted the Fall Open House & Spring Open House at the Business Education Center and River Falls Campus. It was an evening of career exploration, hands-on simulations, and virtual reality scenarios. More than 650 people attended each event to talk with faculty, advisors, and staff. People also learned about services and opportunities available to students, such as Student Life, Academic Support, and Student Success Resources.

### **Fast Pass - Discover / Explore / Enroll**

CVTC hosted Fast Pass in August 2024 and January 2025 at the Business Education Center in Eau Claire and the River Falls campus. The event gave prospective students everything they needed to know to start at CVTC. From selecting a program and applying for admission to paying for college and finding a student club, this event took individuals from exploring college to applying for college and registering for classes in under 90 minutes.

### **Healthcare Exploration Event**

In February 2025, the CVTC River Falls campus hosted a Healthcare Exploration Open House aimed at prospective high school students and adult learners. The event featured strong collaboration with local healthcare employers, who hosted informational booths and engaged directly with attendees. Participants explored CVTC's healthcare programs, took part in interactive simulation activities, and received guidance on the application process, offering a hands-on introduction to careers in the healthcare field.





### **MECX: A Manufacturing Experience**

In October 2024, CVTC hosted MECx at the Manufacturing Education Center, providing students with an engaging, hands-on introduction to careers in manufacturing. The event featured tours of local manufacturing facilities, exploration of CVTC's manufacturing programs and technologies, and interactive demonstrations. Attendees also heard directly from current students through a panel discussion, gaining personal insights into educational pathways and future opportunities in the manufacturing field.

### **Middle School Tours**

Seventh and eighth grade students attend Middle School Tours, which provide an opportunity for students to see CVTC campuses and program demonstrations. These tours are designed to introduce students to technical colleges and provide an interactive, hands-on experience. More than 900 middle school students from districts across the state participate in Middle School Tours in 2024-2025.

### **RC Cars**

In April 2025, CVTC brought the excitement of STEM to life with STEM Race Day events at the River Falls and Neillsville campuses. High school students took the driver's seat in this fast-paced, hands-on experience, customizing and racing RC Traxxas cars while diving into real-world concepts like power, torque, and design innovation. The event sparked creativity, encouraged teamwork, and gave students a thrilling opportunity to connect with CVTC faculty and explore STEM.

### **Wisconsin Education Fairs**

Wisconsin Education Fairs was excited to offer another in-person College Fair. Students, families, and school counselors had access to over 150 colleges, universities, military branches, and specialty schools. Participants could chat with CVTC Admission Advisors, meet other students, learn about upcoming campus events, and more!

# 2025-2026 EVENTS + TOURS

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## Fast Pass

CVTC Business Education Center & River Falls Campus

- Thursday, August 7, 2025
- Thursday, January 8, 2026

## Career Tours

CVTC Business Education Center

- Thursday, September 25, 2025
- Wednesday, October 15, 2025
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025
- Wednesday, February 11, 2026
- Tuesday, March 10, 2026
- Wednesday, April 8, 2026

## Fall Open House

Eau Claire & River Falls

- Thursday, November 6, 2025

## Spring Open House

Eau Claire & River Falls

- Thursday, April 16, 2026





### **Middle School Tours - Fall 2025**

Energy + Transportation Education Centers

- Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Manufacturing Education Center

- Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Emergency Services Education Center

- Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Business + Health Education Center

- Thursday, December 4, 2025

### **Middle School Tours - Spring 2026**

Manufacturing Education Center

- Thursday, February 19, 2026

Emergency Services Education Center

- Thursday, March 19, 2026

Energy + Transportation Education Center

- Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Business + Health Education Center

- Thursday, April 30, 2026

# MEET THE ADMISSIONS ADVISORS

CVTC, in partnership with area K-12 school districts, offers services to students as they plan for life after high school. Choosing a career is a multi-step process. It involves learning about oneself and the occupations to consider. CVTC Admissions Advisors can work with high school students throughout this process.

## Admission Advisor Services

- Career and program exploration, including job market insights
- Guidance through CVTC's admission process, including applications, financial aid, and scholarships
- Help with earning college credit in high school and understanding transfer opportunities
- Personalized support through group/individual meetings and classroom presentations
- Program and campus exposure through guided tours and shadow experiences



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# STUDENT SUCCESS + ACCESSIBILITY

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## Student Success

Student Success Specialists support students in navigating the challenges that can arise throughout their academic journey. Our goal is to help students thrive during their time at CVTC by providing personalized guidance and support. When additional assistance is needed, we connect students with appropriate community resources, including mental health counseling services. All services are free and available to current students.

## Student Accessibility

CVTC is committed to providing an equitable and accessible learning and training environment. Student Success and Accessibility staff will coordinate reasonable accommodations for all individuals with documented disabilities. We encourage students to contact our office as soon as possible to develop an Accommodation Plan (similar to an IEP or 504 plan) or to learn more about our services.

CVTC complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA); and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA); as well as Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 as it pertains to students affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related conditions.

 [cvtc.edu/ExperienceCVTC](https://cvtc.edu/ExperienceCVTC)

# GRADUATE FOLLOW-UP REPORT

### Survey Summary

1,549 graduates (65%) responded to the survey; of those who responded:

- 95% are employed
- 82% are employed in a related field
- 84% are employed in Wisconsin
- 61% are employed in the CVTC district

### Average Hourly Wage by Degree Type

Less than 1-Year Technical Diploma .....	\$24.19
1-Year Technical Diploma.....	\$25.05
2-Year Technical Diploma.....	\$23.97
Associate Degree.....	\$29.64

### Top 10 Wage Earners

1. Dental Hygienist.....	\$37.43
2. Nursing .....	\$35.31
3. Respiratory Therapy.....	\$35.13
4. Diagnostic Medical Sonography.....	\$34.86
5. Mechanical Design .....	\$31.94
6. Radiography .....	\$30.34
7. Automation Engineering Tech.....	\$30.12
8. Criminal Justice Academy.....	\$30.05
9. Gas Utility Construction & Service .....	\$29.04
10. Practical Nursing .....	\$28.65

*\*The above wages are 2-year averages reported by CVTC graduates who are employed in a related field, working 30+ hours per week.*





### **Student Testimonials**

“As someone who returned to college for a career change, the quality of education, support from educators, and sense of belonging I had while at CVTC was unlike anything I had experienced before.”

“Communication with professors and advisors was amazing. My advisor was always available to me and willing to meet my individual needs.”

“I was very pleased with the way you run your programs. Realistic for adults with one or two other jobs while trying to further their education.”

# NOTES

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