



2025-2026

HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

At Chippewa Valley Technical College, we are committed to ensuring that access to high-quality, career-focused education begins well before high school graduation. Through our partnership with your district, students can earn college credit while still in high school—saving time, lowering costs, and accelerating progress toward their academic and career goals.

Whether students are pursuing technical careers, planning to transfer to a two or four-year institution, or exploring opportunities in the skilled trades, dual enrollment with CVTC provides a meaningful head start.

Enclosed, you will find highlights of our program growth, student success, and the breadth of pathways available, including healthcare, advanced manufacturing, business, and information technology. This report tells the story of growth, achievement, and possibility. It reflects the many opportunities available and spotlights the students already taking meaningful steps toward their futures. Together, we are focused on expanding access, removing barriers, and helping every student reach their full potential.

This work is made possible by the dedication of district leaders, counselors, educators, and families. Your partnership is essential as we build a stronger workforce and a more vibrant community. We look forward to continuing this work together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sunem Beaton-Garcia".

Sunem Beaton-Garcia
President

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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.

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SCHOLARSHIPS + WAYS TO GIVE

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.

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is recommended to maximize eligibility for scholarships, including certain need-based awards.

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

High School Academy

During the 2025–26 school year, CVTC expanded its academy offerings with the launch of the first Design and Drafting Academy in partnership with Lincoln High School. This academy helped meet the needs of the rural district while allowing students to jump-start their interest in STEM career pathways. CVTC also introduced its first Automotive Maintenance Technician Academy at CVTC's Transportation Education Center. Nine students participated in the program, earning a full one-year technical diploma before graduating from high school while helping address workforce needs across the region.

In 2026–27, CVTC will introduce two additional academies: Business Generalist and Bookkeeping. Students enrolled in the Business Generalist Academy will earn a 22-credit technical diploma. Upon completion, credits will transfer directly into CVTC's Business Management associate degree program. The curriculum is intentionally designed to provide a broad foundation in business and management through a combination of online and virtual instruction.

Students in the Bookkeeping Academy will earn 9 credits and a technical diploma while developing practical, in-demand skills in accounting and financial operations. Credits earned through the academy will transfer directly into CVTC's Accounting associate degree program.

Through partnerships with area school districts, CVTC has also been fortunate to receive grant funding that supports the continued growth and expansion of high school academies, creating additional opportunities for students across the region.

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Transcripted Credit

Transcripted credit allows students to earn college credit while attending high school through agreements between the school districts, high school teachers, and CVTC. These courses are taught at the high school by certified instructors using CVTC competencies, curriculum, and grading scales. Credits earned are transferable within the Wisconsin Technical College System and are recognized by many four-year colleges and universities.

With the inclusion of dual credit in the 2025–26 strategic goals, CVTC supported transcripted credit opportunities throughout the district, offering 75 different transcripted credit courses with more than 550 course sections delivered.

To help offset the cost of course development, equipment purchases, and maintenance, CVTC assisted high schools through Career Prep Mini Grants funded by the Wisconsin Perkins Grant. More than \$15,000 in support was provided for items such as science lab equipment, industry software, and classroom supplies.

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Start College Now

The Start College Now program allows public high school juniors and seniors to take courses at CVTC while exploring career pathways or completing general education requirements. Students earn credit that applies to both high school graduation and future college degrees.

Application deadlines are March 1 for the fall semester and October 1 for the spring semester. CVTC works closely with area high schools to offer courses that align with students' academic and career goals through its dual credit programming. In 2024–25, more than 300 students enrolled in Start College Now courses.

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ENROLLMENT AT CVTC BY HIGH SCHOOL

High School		Technical Diploma	Associate Degree	Apprenticeship	Transcripted Credit	Start College Now	High School Academy	Unduplicated Total
Alma		12	16	2	33	10	19	79
Alma Center: Lincoln		9	16	2	34	1	27	79
Altoona		60	120	8	302	25	57	522
Augusta	Augusta	20	23	5	72	4	16	121
	Wildlands Charter	2	2		1	3	4	10
Bloomer		33	87	10	207	5	72	342
Boyceville		13	35	3	70	12	0	121
Cadott		23	53	9	86	17	9	181
Chippewa Falls	County Alternative	3	8		1	0	1	13
	Chippewa Falls	104	297	34	403	10	27	830
	Liberty Christian		3		0	0	0	3
	McDonell	7	32	6	1	0	2	45
Colfax		19	39	1	80	10	14	134
Cornell		9	41	3	75	8	29	139
Eau Claire	Bethel Christian	2	2		0	0	0	4
	Memorial	88	291	11	443	24	59	871
	North	100	337	12	468	22	52	943
	McKinley Charter	18	62	2	0	0	3	84
	Virtual	6	11		2	0	4	22
	Immanuel Lutheran	8	13	1	0	0	0	18
	Regis	9	32	2	0	0	72	113
Eleva-Strum		17	38	9	26	14	10	102
Elk Mound		30	67	4	108	35	25	239
Ellsworth		19	58	1	267	0	18	347
Elmwood		10	27		55	4	3	89
Fall Creek		24	54	11	69	10	30	185
Gilman		5	15		38	15	11	70
Gilmanton		3	9	3	8	11	1	30
Greenwood		2	6	5	73	0	1	84
Lake Holcombe		9	18		27	1	9	52
Menomonie		69	179	10	328	23	95	605
Mondovi		24	50	9	100	13	38	209
Neillsville		16	18	3	63	12	33	125
New Auburn		5	23		0	27	3	54
Osseo-Fairchild		11	50	9	91	3	20	176
Owen-Withee		5	16	2	0	0	0	21
Pepin		3	11	1	66	26	15	91
Plum City		6	14	1	26	4	0	49
Prescott		15	22	4	143	3	10	186
River Falls	River Falls	32	84	2	296	6	34	434
	Renaissance Charter		3		1	0	0	4
Spring Valley		15	31	6	44	6	6	101
Stanley-Boyd		18	41	6	102	0	3	164
Thorpe		9	27	8	68	12	14	121
Total		892	2,381	205	4,402	415	888	8,370



DUAL CREDIT RECOGNITION

Enrolling in dual credit courses while in high school provides students with an effective opportunity to save both time and money on their college education. CVTC recognizes high school partners for their commitment to expanding and supporting dual credit opportunities for students.

GOLD

Altoona, Augusta, Bloomer, Cadott, Chippewa Falls, Cornell, Durand-Arkansaw, Eau Claire Memorial, Eau Claire North, Elk Mound, Elmwood, Fall Creek, Lake Holcombe, Lincoln, Menomonie, Mondovi, Neillsville, Osseo-Fairchild, Prescott, River Falls, Spring Valley, and Thorp

SILVER

Alma, Black River Falls, Boyceville, Colfax, Eleva-Strum, Gilman, Pepin, and Regis

BRONZE

Amery, Blair-Taylor, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, Eau Claire Virtual, Ellsworth, Gilmanton, Greenwood, McDonell, New Auburn, Northwood, Owen-Withee, Plum City, Rice Lake

Presidential Rising Star Award Winner

Each year, CVTC recognizes advocacy, commitment, and the pursuit of excellence in supporting students through its Presidential Rising Star Award, and this year's recipient embodies all these qualities and more.

Congratulations to **Fall Creek School District** who has set a remarkable standard by demonstrating what can be achieved when a school district embraces possibilities rather than settling for the status quo!

Recognition levels are based on participation in dual credit opportunities and partnership engagement activities. Bronze recognition is awarded to schools participating in at least one Transcribed Credit Course, Start College Now Course, or Academy/Contracted Course, along with engagement in High School Connections or Partnership Awards. Silver recognition requires participation in three or more Transcribed Credit or Academy/Contracted Courses, participation in Start College Now, and involvement in High School Connections or Partnership Awards. Gold recognition, the highest level, requires participation in five or more Transcribed Credit Courses as well as enrollment in three or more Academy/Contracted Courses, and participation in both Start College Now Courses and High School Connections or Partnership Awards.

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HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAM

High school completion program students build skills to pass a series of state tests in core academic areas. Upon completion, they earn an HSED and 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.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT	#
Altoona	4
Bloomer	12
Colfax	1
Ellsworth	2
Elmwood	2
Greenwood	3
Neillsville	3
Owen-Withee	3
River Falls	3

EVENTS + TOURS RECAP

Fast Pass - Discover / Explore / Enroll

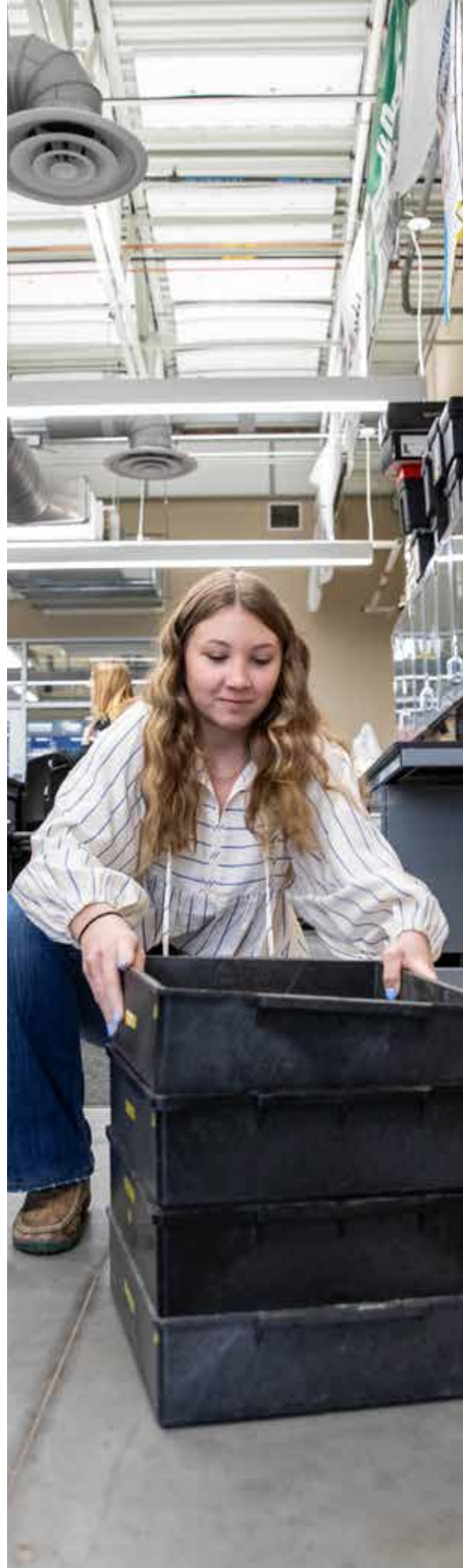
CVTC hosted Fast Pass in August 2025 and January 2026 at the Business Education Center in Eau Claire and at the River Falls Campus. The event gave prospective students everything they needed to know to get started at CVTC. From selecting a program and applying for admission to paying for college and finding a student club, this event took individuals from exploring college to applying for college and registering for classes in under 90 minutes.

Fall & Spring Open House

In November 2025 and April 2026, 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. Attendees had the chance to learn about services and opportunities available to students, including Student Life, Academic Support, and Student Success Resources.

Career Tours

Career Tours are attended by high school students and provide a unique opportunity to get an in-depth look at the career paths a technical college education offers. Through individualized campus and program lab tours, faculty presentations, and hands-on activities, students are introduced to CVTC programs across 11 career clusters. More than 1,400 high school students from districts across the state participated in Career Tours during the 2025-2026 school year.





Middle School Tours

Middle school students attend Middle School Tours, which offer opportunities 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 participated in Middle School Tours during the 2025-2026 school year.

MECx: A Manufacturing Experience

In October 2025, CVTC hosted MECx at the Manufacturing & Engineering Campus, providing students with an engaging, hands-on introduction to careers in manufacturing. The event featured tours of local industry 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.

Agriculture & Transportation Career Exploration and Skills Contest

In March 2026, the Energy and Transportation Education Centers at CVTC welcomed over 360 high school students for the Agriculture and Transportation Skills Contests. The event provided students with the opportunity to showcase their talents in agriculture and small engines through a variety of hands-on, practical challenges. Teams demonstrated their knowledge of the dairy industry by navigating real-world scenarios and applying key agribusiness concepts. Individual participants were also tested on their ability to identify a wide range of 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 on-site to connect with students and discuss career opportunities.

Career Fairs

CVTC faculty and staff actively engaged with students and professionals at over 30 career fairs across the district. Our team showcased interactive demonstrations and activities to educate students about the various programs offered at CVTC.

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!





2026-2027 EVENTS + TOURS

Fast Pass

CVTC Business Education Center & River Falls Campus

- Wednesday, July 29, 2026
- Wednesday, January 6, 2027

Career Tours

CVTC Business Education Center

- Wednesday, September 23, 2026
- Wednesday, October 14, 2026
- Tuesday, November 10, 2026
- Tuesday, March 9, 2027
- Tuesday, April 6, 2027
- Wednesday, April 28, 2027

Fall Open House

Eau Claire & River Falls

- Thursday, November 5, 2026

Spring Open House

Eau Claire & River Falls

- Thursday, April 15, 2027

Middle School Tours - Fall 2026

Energy + Transportation Education Centers

- Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Manufacturing Education Center

- Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Emergency Services Education Center

- Thursday, November 19, 2026

Business + Health Education Center

- Thursday, December 3, 2026

Middle School Tours - Spring 2027

Manufacturing Education Center

- Thursday, February 18, 2027

Emergency Services Education Center

- Wednesday, February 24, 2027

Energy + Transportation Education Center

- Thursday, March 18, 2027

Business + Health Education Center

- Wednesday, March 31, 2027





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MEET THE ADMISSIONS ADVISORS



CVTC, in partnership with area K-12 school districts, offers services to help students 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.

Admissions 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

STUDENT SUCCESS + ACCESSIBILITY

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.

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GRADUATE FOLLOW-UP REPORT

Survey Summary

1,606 graduates (66%) responded to the survey; of those who responded:

- 94% are employed
- 86% are employed in a related field
- 86% are employed in Wisconsin
- 63% are employed in the CVTC district

Average Hourly Wage by Degree Type

Technical Diploma.....	\$24.11
Associate Degree.....	\$30.62

Top 10 Wage Earners

1. Dental Hygienist.....	\$39.88
2. Nursing	\$37.40
3. Diagnostic Medical Sonography.....	\$37.00
4. Respiratory Therapy.....	\$36.20
5. Automation Engineering Technology.....	\$33.12
6. Mechatronics Specialist.....	\$32.62
7. Surgical Technology	\$31.48
8. Radiography	\$31.43
9. Gas Utility Construction & Service	\$30.90
10. Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Academy	\$30.21

**3-year average wages reported by CVTC graduates who are employed in a related field, working 30+ hours per week.*

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"I truly enjoyed the program. I learned so much! The instructors were knowledgeable, the guidance folks were helpful, and the overall experience was excellent."

"I personally enjoy how CVTC tries to constantly be up to date with equipment and technology."

"I like the flexibility it allowed for me to do most my course online and I thought that was awesome."

"Love it here, love the teachers, it was an amazing experience, and I'm sad to be leaving."





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