



WTCS System-Wide Activity Update for Fall 2016

- **WTCS Apprenticeship Completer Report:** The WTCS Apprenticeship Completer Report published in March remains posted on the WTCS website with data from completers in 2013-14.
<http://www.wtcsystem.edu/about-us/wtcs-overview>
 - Of 752 apprentice completers surveyed, 315 responded for a 42% response rate.
 - 99% were employed at time of survey with annual median earnings of \$66,347 across all sectors.
 - 96% indicated that they were very satisfied or satisfied with their paid-related instruction while 4% were unsatisfied. For On-The-Job Training, 90% reported they were very satisfied or satisfied while 8% were unsatisfied.
 - 31% are considering continuing their formal education (i.e., Technical Studies Journey Worker AAS, associate degree, bachelor's degree)
- **WTCS Apprenticeship Enrollment Trend:** Enrollment across all apprenticeship programs is up 47% between 2013 and 2016, far outpacing enrollment growth in non-apprenticeship technical degree and diploma programs at the WTCS Colleges. As of end of academic year 2016, there were 6128 apprentices enrolled the Wisconsin Technical College System, unduplicated count. That is a 14% increase in the last year alone. With duplicates, there are 6,633 enrollments.
- **System-wide Curriculum:** PRI model Curriculum Standards are established and currently posted for 51 trades to the WTCS WIDS Repository. Additional curriculum projects have been funded for development in 2016-17. Colleges are able to map/create a matrix showing how their curriculum aligns with the model standards and to evaluate credits earned; ATRs regularly use the PRI documents to explain and promote learning content to current and potent apprenticeship sponsors.
- **Great Lakes Tools of the Trade/WTCS Apprenticeship Scholarships:** The Great Lakes Higher Education Foundation has once again generously committed to providing 200, \$1000 scholarships for industrial and construction apprentices during the 2016-17 academic year.
- **Apprentice Direct Instructional Support GPR grants:** For 2016-17, the WTCS has allocated up to \$300,000 in grant funds to support direct instruction for apprentices due to rapidly expanding enrollments and opening of new programs and sections. This continues to reflect a 50% increase in the investment of funds available since 2015.