



WTCS Systemwide Activity Update for Spring 2016 for the WI Apprenticeship Council

- **WTCS Apprenticeship Completer Report:** New report published to the WTCS website early in December 2016 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 35.8% since 2013, far outpacing enrollment growth in non-apprenticeship technical degree and diploma programs at the WTCS Colleges. As of March 2016, there are 5613 apprentices enrolled the Wisconsin Technical College System, unduplicated count.
- **System wide Curriculum:** PRI Model Curriculum Standards established and currently posted for 26 trades; 11 additional projects underway in 2015-16. <http://mywtcs.wtcsystem.edu/occupational-academic-excellence/architecture-and-construction;-apprenticeship>
 - Colleges are now 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.
- **Registered Apprenticeship College Consortium (RACC):** Eleven WTCS colleges have thus far joined the System Office as members in the Office of Apprenticeship Registered Apprenticeship Community College (RACC) consortium. Promotion continues to encourage the remaining Districts to join in 2016. https://www.doleta.gov/oa/RACC/College_Members.cfm#WI
- **Great Lakes Tools of the Trade/WTCS Apprenticeship Scholarships:** For 2016, the Great Lakes Higher Education Foundation provided an additional 30 scholarships for apprentices beyond the 170 awarded in 2015. This includes 20 awards dedicated to the MATC-Milwaukee construction apprentices via the Jim Elliot Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- **Apprentice Direct Instructional Support GPR grants:** For the 2015-16 academic year, the WTCS commits \$325,000 in grant funds to support direct instruction for apprentices due to rapidly expanding enrollments up 32% between 2013-2015. This reflects more than a 50% increase in funds available to Colleges to bridge unanticipated and growing instructional budgetary expenditures.