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Gateway offers training in some of state's hot jobs

College has programs in six of 10 top jobs

In a soft economy, the choice to pursue a career that's solid now and into the future becomes even that more important.

Of the top 10 high-growth occupations in Wisconsin named in state labor list of high-growth occupations, Gateway provides related training for six of them.

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Often, Gateway information technology graduates find employment quickly – sometimes even before graduation. The college's i-Series training - taught in the IT-Programmer Analyst program – has been recognized nationally and graduates of that program have found work in the Gateway district as well as being recruited regionally.

Gateway graduates of the Biomedical Engineering Technology program have been sought after by employers, too - career No. 9 on the list - locally and regionally. Gateway Biomedical Engineering Technology graduate Isaías Tellez lives in Kenosha works in Illinois and is pursued for employment by officials from other companies.

"I love my job, and I think it's in a growing career of the future," Isaías says.

Isaías says Gateway prepared him well for his new career through hands-on training and specific "soft skills" that Gateway instructors knew would be required in the workplace.

Several health-related careers made the list, too, including surgical technologists (ranked eighth) and physical therapist aides (ranked 10th). Gateway has related programs for both of those careers and is known for its strong instruction and job preparation.

Health careers Dean Michael O'Donnell says students benefit from the training delivered by Gateway because it is strong enough to help them enter the workforce anywhere. The credentials Gateway students can earn are recognized around the state - and the nation.

"We like to see our students certified, which shows their expertise and may give them an edge as they seek a job - or result in a higher salary," says Michael. "Health care is still a very viable career choice. I would say that students should explore all the health care fields open to them - they may find a specific part of health care that interests them most. There are jobs in those specific health-care fields, too, other than the traditional hospital acute-care career."

While it didn't make the top 10 list on a statewide level, Computer Numeric Control, or CNC, machining positions are open with in the Gateway district and employers are seeking qualified applicants. As of late November, there were 400 openings in CNC and welding combined for the Gateway district plus Milwaukee County.

Gateway has begun to hold its CNC boot



Isaías Tellez Jr. is a graduate of Gateway's Biomedical Engineering Technology program and works in the field of biomedical engineering technology, a position and career he says he loves. Tellez's career field is in the top 10 jobs of the future in the state of Wisconsin, one of six of which training is delivered at Gateway.

camp programs again, a collaborative effort with the Racine Workforce Development Center. The intense program, offered only to displaced workers, quickly trains students to learn CNC and enter the workforce in manufacturing careers, supplying area manufacturers with much-needed workers with entry-level skills. All applicants must first go to their county's Workforce Development Center to see if they qualify for the program.

Gateway just finished a boot camp in fall and will begin another one in January. All applicants must go through the Workforce Development Center first to see if they qualify for the program. Gateway Workforce and Economic Development Division Vice President Debbie Davidson points to employer demand as evidence that CNC careers are hot in Southeastern Wisconsin.

To meet this need, Gateway provides training in two ways: through its CNC technical diploma program, and through specific, short-term workforce skill training. "I think things are loosening up a little bit," says Debbie. "I think before, a lot of temps were being used to fill orders. Now, I think you will see more hiring."

Hot jobs

Top 10 high-growth occupations (related Gateway program):

1. Home health aides
2. Network systems and data communications analysts (Programmer/Analyst; Network Specialist; related certificates)
3. Personal and home care aides (Certified Nursing Assistant)
4. Financial examiners
5. Emergency medical services technicians (EMTs, AEMTs, Paramedic)
6. Athletic trainers
7. Physician assistants
8. Surgical technologists (Surgical Technology)
9. Medical equipment repairers (Electrical Engineering Technology - Biomedical Engineering Technology)
10. Physical therapist aides (Physical Therapist Assistant)

All Gateway programs can be found at www.gtc.edu/careers

Source: Wisconsin WORKNet - Wisconsin's Workforce and Labor Market Information Systems division



Gateway graduate Kristin Borzynski, whose family owns Borzynski's farm market, says Gateway helped give her the skills to help run the family business.

Gateway helps plant seed for future success

Training helped family business owner in farm market industry

Kristin Borzynski turned to Gateway Technical College for some added training to help her enter a career in horticulture. Nearly a decade later, her family's well-known business continues to flourish and she still uses some of the principles

gained in her Gateway education to help run the business.

Kristin attended Oregon State University, but believed she would profit

from the horticulture education from Gateway to help run the family business, which is now called Borzynski's Farm and Floral Market on Washington Avenue in Mount Pleasant.

"I felt I would benefit from learning more about horticulture – how to better take care of the plants we had," she says. "I felt I should have that foundation to know what's going on. I love annuals and perennials, but was never really a gardener."

Kristin was able to quickly garner the education and knowledge she needed at the business and used that knowledge to help build the market into the well-known business it is today. The market sells produce and perennials, but also houses its own deli, floral shop, gift store, café and cappuccino bar.

"I have used some of every class I have ever taken at Gateway," she says. "To me it was very useful, and I did get a lot out of it."

The program helped her expand her skill base, as well, to include floral design in addition to the more traditional horticulture courses.

"I think those courses gave me a starting ground for floral design," says Kristin.

Kristin continues to speak to Gateway Horticulture students and has hired some over the years. She says the Gateway education is a good foundation for students seeking to enter the field of horticulture because of its hands-on training and pragmatic curriculum.

"The nice thing about the Gateway program is that it covers the things you need to know for on-the-job practicality," says Kristin. "It gives you the hands-on things you really need to know. There is a certain amount of book learning you have to do, but you really engage in your career when you get out of the book - and Gateway prepares you for that."

Gateway student seeks credentials before returning to career field

Added skills will give her more career options

Angela Just wants to return to a career as a pharmacy technician, but also wants to receive the additional hands-on education and credentials a Gateway diploma brings – and will help land a job with the pay and benefits she needs as a single mother of two.

She turned to Gateway and says the practical education, coupled with the credentials she will be able to present upon graduating with a Pharmacy Technician diploma, give her the added knowledge and skills to compete for the jobs she seeks most.

"I want to receive the training of the program, to refresh my skills in some areas and gain new ones," said Angela. "With the economy the way it is, I wanted to have the diploma and credentials that go along with it. I can say I have experience plus the Gateway diploma - I'll have that much more to offer potential employers when I return."

The Burlington resident says she had worked as a pharmacy tech and left for another career field, but real-



ized she wanted to return to a job that better suited her family needs. She believes the added training, with the resulting possibility of becoming a certified pharmacy technician, will help her to enter her career with a position that will provide her with better benefits, pay and a more suitable work schedule than what she had before.

"I knew I wanted educational training in pharmacy tech, but I thought I had a big advantage up with my experience - I thought the Gateway program would be easy, with no problems," Angela

said. "It is harder than I imagined. That is good. It means to me that I'm learning a lot in this program, and these are skills I can take with me into my job."

Angela says the instructors are well-informed about the career field and bring their experiences into the classroom where it helps students. "My instructor Tamia Wiley is very knowledgeable and very easy to talk to. You can rely on her and get real answers - she has been there, done that, has the experience and knows what she is talking about."

Community Pharmacy Technician student Angela Just says she's enrolled at Gateway to attain the skills and credentials that will help her land a position that will help her and her family when she returns to the job market.

For more

■ www.gtc.edu/pharmtech

Angela takes many of her classes at the Elkhorn Campus, where a Pharmacy Tech lab provides a real-world simulated environment for students to train and ready themselves for the workplace. "The lab is great - it gives you that added training you wouldn't be able to obtain if you entered the workforce without the degree," she says.

Instructor Tamia Wiley says the program is comprehensive, giving students the mixture of theory and practical application that gives them the training needed for this flexible, yet demanding, career. Students also have the option to take the pharmacy certification exam, an all-inclusive test that gives students one more credential for landing a job - and then receiving more job responsibilities in the future.

"We have a fully functioning lab on our Elkhorn Campus," says Tamia. "We have actual lab software, where students can fill prescriptions. We have 'mock meds' to allow for this and some even prompt the students to make the prescription, such as amoxicillin. The program is also taught on our Racine Campus, so students can even take courses at either location, or both."

Gateway graduate adds new skill set with paramedic training

New position provides means to well-rounded career

Diane Brewington received a naturopathic medicine degree, was a licensed massage therapist and fitness instructor, but wanted to learn more about another aspect of medicine and healing.

HOT JOB: EMS

She set out to learn more about helping people in emergency medicine, and soon was on her way in a new career as a firefighter paramedic with the Pleasant Prairie Fire Department.

"I have a friend on the Kenosha Fire Department, and asked him where I could take an EMT class, to balance my natural medicine background with emergency medicine," Diane says. "He says, 'Why don't you do it for money?' I say, 'I'm too old.' He says 'Why not try?' I did – and I'm glad."

Diane earned two Gateway Emergency Medical Technician diplomas and earned state and national paramedic licenses as well as state Fire 1 and Fire 2 basic and driver operator certificates. She also took courses in Gateway's Fire Protection Techni-



cian program.

Through it all, Gateway helped her to attain her personal goal and went beyond by providing her with the means to a new career pathway.

"I've gained skills I thought I'd never have," says Diane. "My new career has impacted me

greatly. In natural health, I dealt with a lot of people who were healthy – now, I deal with many people who are sick or injured. I feel one of my callings, one of my gifts, is as a caretaker. I feel fulfilled by helping people in their time of greatest need."

Gateway graduate Diane Brewington says Gateway's mixture of the practical and theory provides a quality education for EMS students.

For more

■ www.gtc.edu/EMS

Diane says that while she was the oldest student in many of her courses by at least 20 years, she felt comfortable in taking classes at Gateway. Instructors give all students the opportunity to succeed, and work side-by-side with them to help them overcome any fears or apprehensions they might have with their career choice.

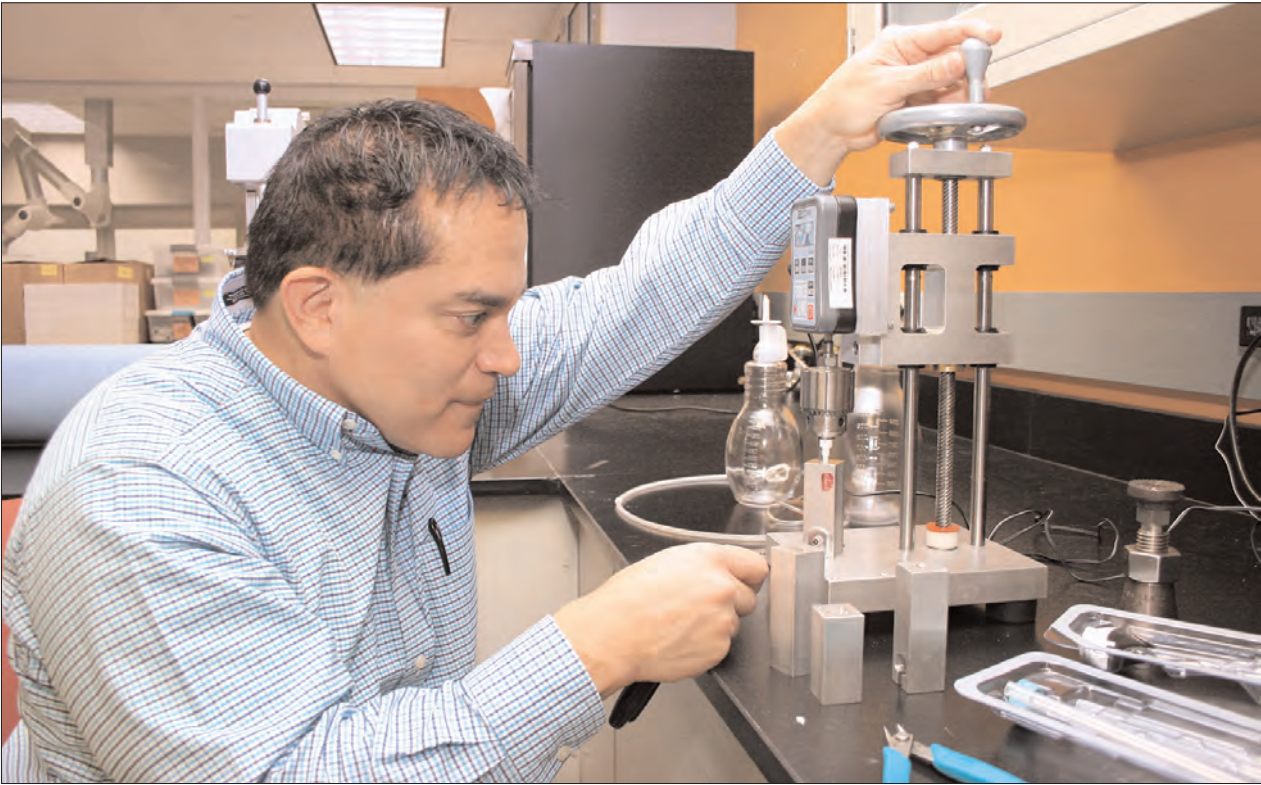
"There is this great balance between the instructors making the course and program challenging, yet working with you to make sure you succeed," says Diane. "They are patient, make sure they explain everything to you. No matter what phobias or fears you may have, they work you through it."

Diane says that work carries out to the job, where she remembers the advice given her by the instructors who had also worked in the field she was now entering.

"The program is tough, but I can't say enough about the instructors and the practical aspects they bring to the classroom," says Diane. "They are good about sharing their own experiences, even some of the times when they felt they may have failed. The education is very realistic."

"What more satisfaction could you ever get out of a job than one where you help doctors and caregivers do their job of caring for patients?"

– Isaias Tellez Jr. Gateway graduate



Isaias Tellez Jr. says Gateway training, including instruction in "soft skills," helps him every day in his new position as a lead technician in research development.

Second career, more possibilities than ever before

Graduate says technical and career-focused training helps him every day

Isaias Tellez Jr.'s Gateway biomedical engineer technology training allowed him to move into a new career, as well as created the potential for earning increased responsibilities in the future. Isaias is now lead technician in research and development, product engineering, at CareFusion.

Isaias says he loves his new career and looks forward to the possibilities it means for his future. In 2009, he was laid off because of the soft economy. Today, he's in one of the hottest jobs in the country.

"I like the fact that not only do I get to work with exciting and evolving technology, but I also get to help people in the process," he says. "What more satisfaction could you ever get out of a job than one where you help doctors and caregivers do their job of caring for patients?"

Gateway's hands-on career skill training has helped Isaias, a Kenosha resident, flourish in his position supporting a small group of biomedical engineers. He conducts much of the product testing on his company's equipment and that of competitors.

"I am able to draw upon my previous work experience, my training and my creativity. I have a cool job."

He uses skills learned at Gateway in all aspects of his job – including some of the "soft skills" of conducting presentations and writing reports.

"The electronics knowledge base I gained at Gateway, the hands-on learning in circuitry, the labs – they were all great," says Isaias. "I benefited from the presentations we had to give for all of our biomedical projects at Gateway, too. I do that right now. I frequently give presentations to our group as well as those in upper management in our company. Learning those skills at Gateway was very, very good."

Isaias earned a Gateway Electromechanical Technician degree in 1990 and was working in the field as an automation technician as well as in research and development. After being laid off, he returned to Gateway to upgrade his engineering technology skills. He was particularly interested in the biomedical engineering career field and enrolled in Gateway's Electrical Engineering Technology-Biomedical Engineering Technology degree program.

HOT JOB: Medical Equipment Repair

For more

■ www.gtc.edu/biomed

"The future looked bright in that area," he says. "I saw the trends and knew it would be an in-demand career field."

Isaias worked in the field of engineering while he completed his degree – including for his current employer – immediately putting into practice the skills he learned from Gateway instructors. He was a member of Gateway's biomedical engineering student club and was selected to participate in the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance and Biomedical Engineering Society Idealab, where he won recognition for ideas and innovative solutions presented at the event.

There, he was able to connect with engineering professionals as well as college students from around the country.

Isaias continues to field calls from employers seeking his services for their company, but says he loves his current position and company. His duties even have expanded to include working with company labs in other countries.

"Gateway gave me great insight on how to make good decisions and designs, working with a group and focusing on the real issues needed for your job," he says. "Gateway has been great to me."



Eric Backmann says the practical, hands-on focus of Gateway Technical College helped him to enter his information technology career, one of the top 10 growing career fields in the state.

Gateway practical education drew grad to college

Gateway helps provide hands-on training and real-world job skills

Eric Backmann knew he liked working with computers, knew he wanted to enter an information technology career and knew he wanted hands-on training in the skills he would need once he graduated.

He also believed he would receive a lot of IT theory at four-year colleges – but knew he would get the practical educational training he would need at Gateway Technical College.

"When I first enrolled at Gateway, I was scared, just out of high school with a lot of high school-kid fears about a lot of things in life," says Eric. "When I graduated, I was a lot more confident in myself and what I could do to enter a career, land a job and provide for myself. I realized I had accomplished a lot – and had a lot to offer."

Eric graduated with an IT-Networking Specialist associate degree and is a Level 2 Unix System administrator for GE Healthcare in Wauwatosa.

Eric points to the hands-on training focus of Gateway's instructors and curriculum as aspects that helped him most to prepare for his job.

"When you go to a workplace, you are expected to be able to work with the IT equipment and to know how to work with operating systems," he says. "I thought it would be good training at Gateway for me to become familiar with these devices, to work with them before I entered my career."

"I received that training, and more. It wasn't just theory – I worked on equipment and systems that I now use in the workplace."

Eric says Gateway's knowledgeable instructors helped him greatly.

"They were willing and ready to help us learn," he says. "I was never afraid to ask them any questions. They were always receptive to our questions if we needed to go over a concept again, or to ask more in-depth questions."

In addition to industry-savvy instructors, Eric says he benefited from the college's Racine Campus student chapter of the Association for Information Technology Professionals. Participating in club activities gave him the opportunity to interact with his fellow IT students – as well as professionals already in the field.

"We also were involved in competitions, which gave me a great opportunity to test and display my skills in a real-world scenario," he says.

While Eric had a great capacity and desire to learn about computers and operating systems, he says the "soft skills" he acquired help him every day in his career.

"Having the technical expertise is one thing, but you still have to have good communication skills on the job," he says. "Gateway provided me with an avenue to become a good speaker and communicator. My instructors offered me lots of advice."

While Gateway helped Eric to communicate better for his career, it helped him to study better for college, too. He says he has had attention deficit issues in his past, but college staff members helped him through that by providing a quiet study environment. "They wanted to see me succeed, so they worked with me to find those quiet areas, the environment that helped me to do my best," says Eric.

Eric's career choice was made long before he graduated from high school. Even then, he realized it was something he wanted to do – and that it was an increasingly hot career field.

"I was fascinated with the depth of what you could do – it seemed like there were a million different careers you could go into with an IT education," he says. "I realized how everything seems connected with computers. There's many ways computers figure in our lives and I wanted to be a part of that."

Life-changing career choice

College's clinical experience prepared graduate well

Jimaleen DeLabio says her Gateway education gave her the skills and training to enter the workforce in a life-changing career she loves.

Jimaleen, a physical therapist assistant at a Kenosha-area hospital, calls herself fortunate to be in her current career because of its variety of work and the personal satisfaction she feels as she's able to help others recover medically and improve their lives.

Gateway's solid curriculum and hands-on training prepared Jimaleen well for her future career, she says. But the Physical Therapist Assistant

degree graduate says the best part of the Gateway program is the clinical opportunities in which students can train and learn.

"There are a lot of colleges that focus on textbook learning," says Jimaleen. "I realize we needed the textbook and classroom training, but I think it was the time spent in clinical settings where we were able to apply what we learned and to really choose our career path. We trained in the classroom and applied what we learned in labs, but those clinical settings were invaluable to me."

Jimaleen was a stay-at-home mom for several years before deciding to begin a career when her children were old enough to attend school. Her lifelong dream was to be in the medical field and perhaps

nursing. It was watching a physical therapist assistant, however, interact with a family member recovering from an injury that opened her eyes to her future career.

"I watched the physical therapist assistant work and said I want to do that for the rest of my life," she says. "Shortly after that, I saw an article in the newspaper that Gateway had received accreditation for its PT program. I looked into it and made my decision – I wanted to make a difference in someone's life."

Jimaleen has been working in the field for more than a decade and says the career opportunities are as strong today as they were when she graduated. She was not surprised that physical therapist assistant positions were on the top 10 job list.

HOT JOB: Physical Therapist Assistant



For more

■ www.gtc.edu/pta

Jimaleen DeLabio's story will be featured in a statewide video. To see it, go to Gateway's PTA program Web page.

IN BRIEF



Elkhorn Campus remodels Student Services, library

Gateway opened the newly constructed Student Services and library on its Elkhorn Campus in an effort to better serve its students and the community. The library also has been named the Alice J Morava Library in honor of the former longtime Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees and Walworth County community leader.

“As a resident of Walworth County, it's important to me that it be known that our Gateway Elkhorn Campus provides magnificent opportunities for learning,” said Alice. “Being on the Gateway Board of Trustees was one of the highlights of my life. Education is my foremost love and I believe it can be the most important of life's pursuits.”

The addition to the North Building officially opened in November and is part one of a three-phase effort to improve the campus.

The library was moved to its current location within the North Building. The former library space will be renovated to house a learning success center that will consolidate many student support services under one roof, just down the hall from the new addition. Space freed up in the South Building, where Student Services formerly was housed, will be remodeled to house an expanded student commons, classrooms, community meeting room and faculty offices.

Work is also being done to the campus grounds, including improved lighting, parking lot resurfacing and an expanded walking trail with exercise stations.

Morava establishes scholarship for Walworth County students

Gateway Technical College Foundation Inc. will soon begin offering two \$1,000 scholarships per academic year through the newly established Alice J Morava Scholarship.

Morava donated \$50,000 to the foundation to establish the scholarship, which will be given out annually to students who are Walworth County residents, are enrolled in at least eight credit hours, have completed at least 12 credit hours, carry a grade point average of 2.5 or higher and demonstrate financial need.

“This endowed scholarship will provide Gateway students living in Walworth County the opportunity to pursue a gratifying career,” said Alice.

Gateway Technical College Foundation, Inc. will offer the Alice J Morava Scholarship for the first time during in the Fall 2012 application period.

Gateway receives continued accreditation of its nursing program

Gateway Technical College has received continued accreditation of its associate degree nursing program for the next eight years through the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, the maximum number of years that can be given to a college.

The national accreditation gains Gateway the approval to continue to maintain and offer its nursing program through the Wisconsin Board of Nursing.

www.gtc.edu/nursing



Gateway offering adult high school courses in Racine, Elkhorn

If you are at least 18 years old and a few credits short of earning your high school diploma, Gateway can help you succeed.

Gateway offers its adult high school program during the day on the Elkhorn and Racine campuses – night courses are also available at the Racine Campus. Students don't have to be enrolled in a secondary school district to attend courses.

Those interested can obtain a program application at Student Services at all three campuses to begin the process.



Hilary Blalock says her participation in two of Gateway's specialized academic support programs helped her as she enrolled in college and returned to the classroom after 15 years. The programs made sure she had "all the tools to be a successful student."

Specialized support programs help students in many ways

Hilary Blalock came to Gateway Technical College 15 years after graduating from high school, seeking a new career and new horizons.

She enrolled in – and later graduated from – Gateway's Health Information Technology program, calling the education and training practical and of high quality to prepare her for a career.

Gateway has more than high quality training to offer students, though, Hilary says. She also points to participation in two of Gateway's student support programs, Multicultural and Displaced Homemaker, as two resources provided by the college that helped her graduate and benefit from the overall collegiate experience.

For more
■ www.gtc.edu/resources

Programs help student gain educational 'tools'

The Kenosha resident says the Displaced Homemaker program helped her navigate the world of collegiate financial funding and make sure she “had everything, all the tools, to be a successful student.”

The programs provided her with the structure to help kickstart her college education.

“For displaced homemakers - I would say most of the students I knew were stay-at-home moms who weren't the primary breadwinner - this is a great program to help get you back into the everyday life of going to college,” she says.

The program helps all displaced homemakers, male and female.

The Multicultural Program connected her with students of other backgrounds and made her collegiate experience that much more fulfilling, she says.

The mother of two says it may have been harder to connect with other students without the peer connections made through the program and its many events held throughout the academic year.

However, it was working with Multicultural Program coordinator Janet Days on progress grade reports for her classes that benefited her most, Hilary says.

Janet would offer encouragement and ways to help focus on key courses, if needed.

“That helped me to be aware of my grades so I could talk to my instructor on areas of improvement while there was still time in the semester to do so,” says Hilary.

Resource programs help students succeed

Gateway offers five different specialized academic support programs to its students, each of which serve a specific student sector and help them reach their academic goals while in college – and connect them to their career afterward. Programs include Displaced Homemaker, Multicultural, Non-Traditional Occupation (NTO), Health Profession Opportunity program (HPOP) and TriO Student Support Services.

The programs support students in a number of ways, connecting them with other resources at the college – and outside the college, if needed – to ensure student success. It's another way Gateway meets students where they are at and helps in ways outside the classroom to provide students with the opportunity to succeed in college.

Elizabeth Harris, Racine, is a production technician at Eaton in Milwaukee. She graduated from Gateway's Electrical Engineering Technology and Biomedical Engineering Technology programs and participated in Gateway's Non-Traditional Occupations program. The program provides career exploration, career preparation, case management and job readiness services to NTO students.

Elizabeth says she benefited by having access to much-needed scholarship opportunities and to connect with companies seeking non-traditional program graduates – of which Harris, a female engineering student, fit the bill perfectly.

Elizabeth was seeking a career change after two decades as a tool machinist, finding herself unemployed when the company she worked for shut down because of the soft economy. Elizabeth said the program provided her with the resources and direction to re-engage in her education.

“I wasn't sure where to turn, coming back after 20



Elizabeth Harris says Gateway's Non-Traditional Occupations program helped her succeed in college in many ways outside the classroom.

Displaced Homemaker program

The Displaced Homemaker program provides services designed to reduce barriers to employment, help with marketable career skills, secure employment and encourage participants to consider a career in areas of science, technology, engineering or mathematics. Program participants receive notices of employment opportunities from program staff and are referred to community-based organizations for employment assistance.

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Health Profession Opportunity program

Also referred to as HPOP, this program prepares participants to enter and advance in health care professions that are expected to be in high demand. Gateway programs offered in these careers are Community Pharmacy Technician, Dental Assistant, Health Information Technology, Health Unit Coordinator, Medical Assistant, Medical Transcription, Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiography and Surgical Technology. HPOP participants can receive financial support for the costs of tuition, books, fees and supplies. In addition, HPOP participants might be eligible for assistance in the areas of transportation, child care and more.

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Multicultural program

Multicultural program serves students of color and its services are branched into two areas.

One branch takes a broad-based approach. It helps prospective students of color with enrollment information along with providing assistance throughout the enrollment process. Students enrolled in technical diploma and/or associate degree programs receive assistance and direction with a variety of educational, vocational, financial and personal development services to help them successfully complete their program of study and graduate.

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The second branch of the program focuses on retention and completion for a group of students within a targeted program area. Students must have completed more than 12 credits and be enrolled in one of the following programs: Accounting, Barber/Cosmetology, Criminal Justice or Human Services.

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Non-Traditional Occupations program

The Non-Traditional Occupations program was established to help students recognize all career opportunities, unrestricted by social or cultural expectations. The program provides career exploration, career preparation, case management and job readiness services. It is for males as well as females enrolled in specific career program areas.

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TriO Student Support Services

TriO benefits students with disabilities by guiding them through the academic process, working one-on-one with students with disabilities to help them adjust to the demands of college. The program also provides tutoring and support to move students toward graduation and the potential of continuing their education at a four-year college.

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years – they told me it was OK, you are going to be just fine,” she said. “They were able to help me, they were someone to talk to and find out which way to turn for any question I might have. The thing that helped me most was the scholarships – they pointed me in the direction and encouraged me to apply.”

From the president ...

The value of community

By Bryan Albrecht
President, Gateway Technical College

Each year Gateway serves more than 25,000 students through a variety of educational pathways. These students work hard to pursue their educational and career goal of an associate degree or occupational diploma. They engage in the hands-on learning delivered by industry-savvy instructors that has become the hallmark of a Gateway education.

But what you may not know is that through that process, they are introduced to the community in new and valuable ways – through such avenues as student clubs, service learning, internships and decisions made by individuals or small groups throughout the college's district to serve the communities in which they live and work.

These students serve such area nonprofit agencies as the United Way, Boys & Girls Club, Salvation Army, food pantries and many more groups.

They bring their expertise through service learning and Gateway program-related student clubs. Service learning is a critical component we value and strive for at Gateway, using the training and career strengths of our students to apply their knowledge to help others, individually and through businesses.

Another way students connect to our community is through work experience. Internships, co-op, job shadowing and business services are just a few ways in which students apply what they've learned in the classroom in work settings.

Achieving success is a community effort. Students at Gateway have access to talented faculty and staff to build the skills for a career, but it is our community that builds the character of a Gateway graduate.

National speaker to highlight Dr. King celebration

Nationally-known motivational speaker Dr. Earl Suttle will deliver the keynote address at Gateway Technical College's 18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration noon January 16, 2012 in the Madrigano Auditorium of the Conference Center on Gateway's Kenosha Campus,

3520-30th Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

Suttle is the founder and chairman of Leadership Success International LLC based in Atlanta. He delivers numerous presentations each year throughout the United States and South Africa including life skills workshops at universities and schools across the

nation. He has conducted keynote addresses and held training seminars at multinational corporations as well as government agencies and at many schools.

Suttle's roots are in Southeastern Wisconsin, graduating from high school in Milwaukee as well as earning his bachelor's degree in Education at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and his master's degree in Counseling at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He earned his doctorate in Addiction Studies from International University for Graduate Studies.

Suttle has co-authored five books with John Hubbard including “Earls' Pearls on Enjoying Excellence” and “Great Life Choices for Teens.” He has also authored two books providing motivation and guidance to collegiate and professional athletes on managing high-risk situations. He is a consultant to the National Football League, the National Basketball Association and World Wrestling Entertainment – where he works directly with the players – and has produced numerous motivational CDs on a number of topics.

Suttle began his professional life as an elementary school teacher and guidance counselor and particularly enjoys his workshops in the educational field at schools and universities such as the University of Georgia, Indiana University, University of Miami, University of Alabama and many more. He has conducted workshops for elementary schools in Milwaukee, also.

Suttle is also a long-term approved speaker for the NCAA Health Care Grant.

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Gateway graduate Becky Gement turned to Gateway to help her kickstart a third career, in information technology. Gement has experienced nearly everything Gateway has to offer and says it all plays a part in preparing her for her career.

Graduate turns to Gateway to begin next career

Student experienced all Gateway has to offer – and says it prepared her for career

Becky Gement experienced two full careers before the soft economy hit her hard. She decided to work toward another in 2008 - and turned to Gateway, as she had done in the past, to help her enter that career.

Becky graduated from the college's adult high school in 1982 (see related story, Page 3), then as a graduate of its Information Technology programs (see related story, Page 2). In May 2011, Becky earned a Gateway Network Specialist degree as well as an advanced technical certificate in Network Security. She is currently working on an internal Gateway iSeries Operations certificate with the intent of specializing in IBM RPG programming. (see related story, Page 2)

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Technology - it's something that is impacting the world,” says Becky. “I chose Gateway for a number of reasons - affordability, the programs available and the fact that I had a good experience here before. It has worked out great.”

Becky says instructors and a curriculum that calls for hands-on training is what helped her the most as she earned her Gateway degree.

“Gateway has wonderful instructors and advisers,” she says. “They are always willing to help you in any way they can. And the training they provide will give you the skills you will use once you actually enter your career. It prepares you well for a real-world working environment.”

Gateway's student population mixture of young and old from many different backgrounds also helped her, and other students, she says. She kids that sometimes the students called her mom because of her diligence and work to be prepared and professional any time they represented Gateway, whether it was at a student competition or at a community event.

“When I first came, I heard these young students talking about computers - and I didn't understand what they were saying. I wondered whether I had taken the right career path. Now I'm one of those people – I fully understand everything that's being said, and can help answer questions for those who do not.”

Becky has benefited by engaging in nearly all that Gateway has to offer its students - educational training, student clubs, scholarships, community outreach, leadership through student government, public speaking, mentoring and, now, employment. All of these programs and activities have played a part in preparing her for her new career, she says, especially her involvement in student groups.

“Student groups sharpen your skills, whether it's competing at an event or working with the community at a computer clinic,” she says. “It shows you where you need to improve while you're still in college - making you even more prepared to enter the work force.”

She is a great representative of Gateway and her program. Becky was recently elected president of Wisconsin Student government, a group representing all 16 of Wisconsin's technical colleges, addressing political and other issues that affect students, faculty and the system's financial concerns.

“I truly believe in technical colleges – I think they are important to turn around our economy,” says Becky.

Gateway delivers courses in many ways

Students benefit from online, classrooms, blended course delivery

Amber Kroncke lives in Elkhorn, takes care of her two children and still has time to take Technical Communications degree courses delivered from the Racine Campus.

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Amber conducts all her work from her home – because of the comprehensive number of online courses available to her through Gateway Technical College. She says without the online course offerings, she would have a hard time being able to earn her degree.

“What really drew me to Gateway was that, for my program, the majority of the courses were in Racine – but I could take them online from my home,” says Amber, who lived in Delavan when she enrolled. “I have two children, and that's a long drive for me. This allows me to do my course work when I want to and when I have the time to do so, without missing anything.”

“I don't have to worry about when and where the classes will be and how they will clash with the schedule I have with my family. If I have to take my child to the doctor, I can take them there and not worry about missing a class.”

Gateway provides courses in a number of ways to meet needs

Many Gateway students have similar schedule and time demands as Amber. Work, caring for children or older parents all require time that can conflict with courses offered in traditional brick-and-mortar classrooms. Gateway has worked to remove these scheduling conflicts by providing several different ways students can take courses, meet their educational goals and enter their career.

Courses may be delivered in the traditional brick-and-mortar classroom, entirely online, through a mixture of online and classroom, in NODAL classrooms, via instructional television and via Internet protocol video. Online course delivery offers a wide range of applications for students to learn, interact with their instructors and classmates - and provide the full college experience.

Each year Gateway works to change or develop technology that helps in learning and makes courses more accessible to students. Blogs, journals and wikis provide students and instructors with a social learning tool for expressing their thoughts and reflecting on their learning, either privately with the instructor or with classmates. Since others can read and comment on the entries, the blogs and group journals help foster a collaborative atmosphere - sometimes even more so than in a structured classroom, some students say.

Online provides full college experience

Christopher Wells, Racine, takes about half of his classes online. He says he believes he receives the full educational benefit of coursework as much in his online classes as those he takes at a Gateway facility.

“I really do think it gives you an opportunity to develop those relationships with other students,” says Christopher, a Technical Communications student. “You put your work out there online, and everyone in the class can comment on it. You learn a lot by that - I don't think I



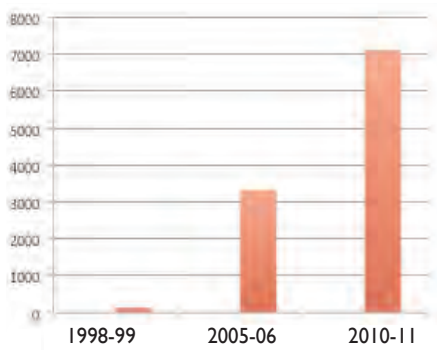
miss out on anything by taking classes online.” Christopher says he takes many courses online to ensure he still can spend time with his three children and wife.

“If my son wanted me to play baseball, and the girls wanted me at ballet or whatever, there were constantly scheduling conflicts,” he said. “I had butterflies initially about taking classes online. What would I do if I had questions? Didn't understand something?”

“Those fears quickly went away, though - the instructors responded very quickly and answered all of my questions. I've had a great experience.”

Gateway's online educational experience can vary from one element of a course being delivered online to entire associate degree programs - six of Gateway's programs are fully accredited as being available entirely online.

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