



Individualized Technical Studies – (10-825-1)

Associate of Applied Science
Effective 2023/2024

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Individualized Technical Studies is designed for individuals desiring to combine skills and knowledge from different academic disciplines. The degree is designed to meet specific educational needs of students whose career goals do not align with current academic programs. Career goals are identified with the input of the student, a Gateway advisor, and an occupational mentor. A portfolio is developed to define career goals, document appropriate learning experiences, and formulate a plan for degree completion. Courses from all departments within the college are available for utilization, with a minimum of 20 of these credits being focused in one specific discipline.

Essential Career Competencies

Gateway's six essential career competencies are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all programs. All Gateway graduates will develop skills in:

- Communication Competence
- Professionalism and Career Management
- Cultural Competence
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Technology Competence

Admission Requirements

1. Students must submit an application and pay \$30 fee.
2. Students must meet one of the following: minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.6 (unweighted); earned at least 12 college credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0; or complete valid reading, writing, and math placement assessments.
3. Students must provide a statement of need and summary of career goals, explaining in detail the need to pursue the Individualized Technical Studies program in lieu of an established program.
4. Students must provide proof of an occupational mentor who will provide industry-specific guidance throughout the program.
5. Students must submit an academic plan, designed in conjunction with an academic advisor and occupational mentor.

Program Requirements

1. The ITS degree is intended for individuals who have a specific career objective in mind that cannot be met by existing college degree programs.

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for one year or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult My Gateway for exact fee amounts. Occasionally, the District may offer a particular course out of published sequence. By doing so, the District does not obligate itself to offer succeeding courses out of published sequence.

2. The student is required to work under the direction of an occupational mentor so that the student and mentor are in complete agreement as to the curriculum identified, and place value on its contribution to the student and potential employers. These requirements are in place to prevent students or colleges from designing a program around what they perceive to be a workforce need but which employers do not value, leaving the student with an unmarketable set of skills.
3. Critical to a successful experience and graduation from this program will be the input of an occupational mentor. This real-world professional knows about the requirements and skills needed to be successful in the program of study. The mentor, with the assistance of a Gateway advisor, helps the student decide the combination of technical and general studies courses necessary to meet the job requirements of potential employers.
4. Upon completion of admission requirements, the College's Individualized Technical Studies Committee will review program application materials and provide final approval of student acceptance into the Individualized Technical Studies program.

Graduation Requirements

1. Minimum 60 credits with an average of 2.0 or above.
2. 40 credits Individualized Technical Studies courses (20 *must* be focused in one technical discipline)
3. 15 credits General Studies **required** from the following:
 - 6 credits Communications
 - 3 credits Social Science
 - 3 credits Behavioral Science
 - 3 credits Mathematics and/or Natural Science
4. 25% of the total program credits must be completed at Gateway, and 25% of the 40 Individualized Technical Studies credits must be completed at Gateway.
5. Complete 890-155 Gateway to Success in first semester of program. See an advisor for details.

For a complete list of Graduation Requirements, check the Student Handbook.