For more than 10 years Gateway has been a part of our communities, educating students to successfully enter the workplace today for these in-demand occupations. The projects allow for Gateway to provide training in facilities built for career-specific education, using state-of-the-art equipment used in the workplace today for these in-demand occupations.

As industry and the economy change, so do the needs of our programs and community partners.

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Area communities, residents would benefit from standalone facility

A new public safety training center would give current students and veteran workers an upgraded array of training options to simulate actual situations in their careers, as well as provide a place for them to meet state on-the-job training and performance requirements.

Kenosha Police Chief John Mortimer says Gateway has the opportunity of having “one of the premier law enforcement academies in the area” when recruits completing it possess the strong skills needed by police today.

When you have a local training center, the project would provide quality training – which Gateway does provide – that问责性 means better-trained officers,” says Mortimer. “A center like one being proposed will allow us to receive the training officers need annually and provide the opportunity for even more specialized training which benefits our officers and communities.”

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The new campus will provide students with the ability to train on equipment used in their future career as they progress through the program. He’s been successful on their career – education – and in the real world, as well as water sustainability training.

The area’s need for skilled workers for their companies, and the need for skilled workers for Gateway’s area. This would provide students from the “front of the house,” the Hospitality program, to train in a real-world setting, with their community departments. He says, the value of the center is that it could replicate an actual emergency in the food processing and packaging industry.

Graduates could choose to become state certified to work in a number of different water treatment plants, including incoming water and wastewater treatment. They would also be able to enter private industry for more advanced, but specific, wastewater and water treatment plant operations, including water sustainability resources.

They would be able to work in water treatment plants and wastewater treatment plants in municipalities. We also train them for a variety of positions in private industry, which is less laborious, such as environmental water treatment, cooling water from industry, waste water from industry. There are many different applications,” says Schuck.

A new building lab would also be added to the technologies in the Gateway facilities and curriculum, and in the new building lab, they would be able to train on equipment used in their future career as they progress through the program.
Academics of the facility expansion proposal

Meeting needs of industry, providing family-supporting training for students

Much of the facilities expansion and remodeling proposal would provide the added space, programming and refined curriculum to meet the academic needs of Gateway students as well as current workers who look to the college for advanced — and required — career training.

The proposal would impact academics in all three of the counties Gateway serves - Kenosha, Racine and Walworth. Below are the link to the highlighted academic areas and training which are specifically addressed in the proposal.

Remodel, expand Elkhorn Campus.

These projects would bring new and updated programming to the Elkhorn Campus, helping to meet the demands of Walworth County employers.
- New Veterinary Technician lab
- New CNC, Automated Manufacturing, Food Processing Manufacturing lab
- New Cosmetology lab
- Expanded Welding lab
- New Culinary Arts lab

Remodel, Racine Campus.

A lab would be created for Gateway’s revamped Civil Engineering Technology – Freshwater Resources program, which better meets the needs of employers and students.
- New Fresh Water Program Lab

Remodel, Kenosha Campus.

These projects call for remodeling space to better address program needs.
- New Interior Design lab and studio space
- New Barbering lab

Public Safety Training Center.

This center would meet the expanded training needs of Gateway students and local law enforcement agencies. It would provide dedicated training space which is currently unavailable.
- Emergency Vehicle Operation Training Course
- Simulated training city
- Indoor pistol/rifle firing range
- Closequarter and tactical training labs

Modern, new Student Services

Area important to students, worker says

Gateway’s Kenosha Student Services Center serves its students well, but a move to bring all of the services into the modern area will benefit students in the long run, says a Gateway Student Services specialist.

Bao Lee, Gateway student specialist, has worked at another college in Wisconsin which has newer Student Services areas and says they resonate with potential students coming through the door.

“It’s the first place where students see whether a college has up-to-date technology and facilities to ensure they can get an education – and a job,” says Lee. Gateway Student Services specialist.

Kenosha Campus’ Student Services Center expansion would provide better student access

An expanded and remodeled Student Services Center on the Kenosha Campus would provide for a more efficient means for students to gain access to a wide variety of services they need to enroll and plan their college journey. It will also bring all of the student success resource programs into one area.

Nearly all of the 25,000 students annually who enroll at Gateway will use a Student Services Center at some point in their college career. Whether it’s enrolling to gain access to financial aid or meet with academic advisors on their academic plan and progression through their program, many Gateway students visit the area on their home campus.

The remodeling work would provide appropriate space and updated technology. Gateway instituted a new, more student-focused student success model and the new facility would work to enhance its implementation and ensure students fully benefit from it.

This project would also bring the Kenosha Campus’ Student Services Center to the same level as the Racine Campus and Elkhorn Campus, both of which were updated in the past year. “This will allow students to enroll at all three campuses,” says Gateway Dean of Enrollment Services Stacy Riley. “Students can go to any campus and expect to receive the same service, access to privacy, and technology.”

The remodelled and slightly expanded area in Kenosha would provide students with more efficient access to services such as admission, financial aid, academic advising, registration and other student success resource programs.

Remodeled space would provide a more confidential and private area for Gateway staff and students to interact as they enroll and seek services or other counseling directions. “This would allow an student to be able to meet with a staff member and expect there to be an area where they can confidentially discuss their career and life goals,” says Riley.

Learning success services would be housed in the new area, bringing them all into the same place, rather than spread out across the campus. This would help students to efficiently find and engage with these needed services — such as GED preparation, testing, English Language Learners and disability services — which would be in one area and larger than the arms of all the staff used now.

“This would allow far more staff to be deployed to that space,” says Riley. “The demands have grown on our testing and learning services through an increased number of students, and the space would help us meet those needs.”

Finally, the remodelled work would allow for an expanded bookstore which would better serve students, especially during the busy times of the year at the beginning and end of the college’s three semesters.

At a glance:
- New area brings Learing Support services together in creating a Learning Services Center and makes it easier for students to access LSS. GED special needs and related services. Testing services would also be expanded.
- Remodeled space provided to enroll, gain access to financial aid or meet with students, advisors and program plan progression through program.
- A remodeled shared lab for students through added and better utilized space and newer technology.
- Bookstores would be expanded, better matched to students needs and related services.
- Space would allow students to meet with staff in a more confidential setting.
Flight attendant turns to Gateway to forge new welding career

Many students receive intense, hands-on training in welding which results in great opportunities to enter the work force in a solid-paying, in-demand career.

Emily Lindl worked as a flight attendant for a decade before her job was outsourced and she found herself laid off and looking for a new career. She sought training she could complete quickly, yet with enough credibility to help her successfully land a job. She chose a career quite different than the one she had held—welding. After earning two Gateway diplomas, her outlook was quite different than the one she left, as well—her new career is in an in-demand field that appears to continue to be strong for years to come. 

Gateway provided her with the strong foundational experience and a framework to successfully independently employed Emily to find a job as a welder at a Milwaukee firm where she would have the possibilities of advancement in position and pay. “Gateway really changed my life,” says Emily. “It was a tough situation, but what I was at Gateway, I always felt like I was working toward a goal. The training and advise given to me by my instructors gave me the confidence that everything would be OK and I would be able to land my career after graduation. That’s exactly what happened.”

Because Emily’s job was outsourced, she was eligible for federal education funding to train for another career. She chose this path so she would not have to relearn anything—she was already experienced in welding but that left, as well—her new career is in an in-demand field that appears to continue to be strong for years to come.

Emily also says the instructors, while ready and available to you,” says Emily. “I felt more comfortable when I entered the workforce because I had already done the work of understanding the processes independently.”

Emily is currently employed with Milwaukee-based Lincoln Electric, where she works in the company’s service department. She finds her new career very rewarding—she is able to make a difference every day and feels good about the work she performs. “I feel good about what I do,” she says. “It’s a job that I like doing and that pays well.”

‘Every day I use something I learned at Gateway’

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Chris Nauta says one of the things that attracted him to becoming an industrial repair technician was that it was an in-demand career field. Gateway trains students in a number of in-demand careers and, sure, like Nauta, are hired before they graduate.

Chris Nauta graduated from Gateway’s Welding Technician program. Chris researched it, took classes, and quickly realized it was exactly what he sought.

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Emily and Gateway’s instructors provided excellent training and equipped her to perform a number of different welding procedures—which impressed the members of positions she qualified for upon graduation.

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