

# WISCONSIN'S technical colleges

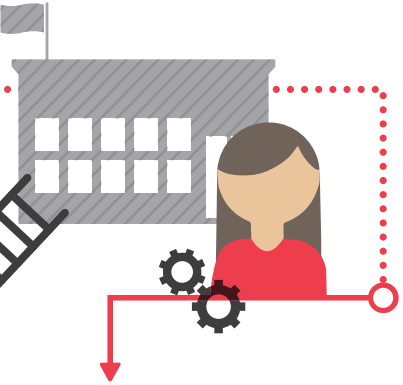
*We are futuremakers*



YOUR FUTURE

IS UP TO YOU

it's about



the

JOURNEY

as much as



YOU'VE  
MADE IT!

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# Your Journey STARTS RIGHT NOW

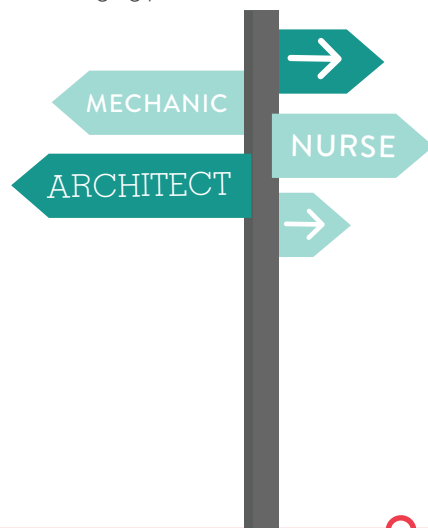
*It's never too early to start thinking about and preparing for a successful future.*

Did you know you can start thinking about college right now? You don't need to know what college you want to attend or where you want to go to school, but you can start making a list of careers you might like. If you know what job you want, you're already a step ahead. If you don't know, start by figuring out your talents and interests. *What do you like to do? What are your favorite hobbies?* Knowing who you are and the things that interest you will help when deciding on a career.

Here are 6 things you can do right now to prepare for college:



- **FIND YOUR LEARNING STYLE** Discover how you learn best to become a self-directed learner.
- **GET ORGANIZED** Find a system for finishing homework and managing your time. Remember, you'll be your own boss in college.
- **ASK FOR HELP** Use the resources available—teachers, after-school help and counselors—when you need it. They are there to help you succeed!
- **PITCH IN** Learn how to work as part of a team. This is important in college and beyond.
- **LEARN YOUR PASSIONS** Focus on the things you like as possible careers and jobs.
- **GET INVOLVED** Join school leadership groups, athletics and clubs to show you can be a responsible participant.



# What are you **INTERESTED IN?**

*Brainstorm possible careers by identifying your strengths and interests.*

On the left, list the classes you like best and why. On the right, list the activities you enjoy most and why. On the bottom, brainstorm jobs that could combine the classes and activities you like best.



	CLASSES I LIKE	ACTIVITIES I ENJOY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art, because I like to be creative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drawing</li> </ul>
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	<h3>POSSIBLE CAREERS &amp; WHY THEY'RE A GOOD MATCH</h3>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animator—I get to be creative, draw and work on the computer</li> </ul>	
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Take the Career Interest Questionnaire at [wistechcolleges.org/explore-careers](http://wistechcolleges.org/explore-careers)



# How am I going TO USE THIS?

Match the subject areas to the specific careers, then list the skills needed for that career.



ART



SOCIAL  
STUDIES



BUSINESS



COMPUTERS



AUTOMOTIVE  
TECH



MATH



SCIENCE



MUSIC, TV &  
MEDIA



HOSPITALITY

Nurse

SUBJECT AREA(S): Science

SKILLS NEEDED: People skills, anatomy knowledge

Magazine Editor

SUBJECT AREA(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SKILLS NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_

Engineer

SUBJECT AREA(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SKILLS NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary Assistant

SUBJECT AREA(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SKILLS NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_

Chef

SUBJECT AREA(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SKILLS NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_

Video Producer

SUBJECT AREA(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SKILLS NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_

Game Designer

SUBJECT AREA(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SKILLS NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_

## DID YOU KNOW? \*

If you know \*  
what job you  
want, you can  
start learning  
more about it.  
Some careers  
require college  
degrees that  
take four years  
or more to  
complete, while  
other degrees  
only take one  
to two years.  
You can even  
earn certificates  
or learn certain  
jobs in six  
months or less!

# WHAT TYPE OF CAREER INTERESTS YOU?

MANY OF THESE JOBS ARE OPEN AFTER JUST 1 OR 2 YEARS OF COLLEGE

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Information technology (IT) is essential for keeping technology running in today's workplace. If you're interested in computers and smartphones, this may be a good field for you to explore.

### SKILLS NEEDED:

- You're good at working with computers, smartphones and other technologies.
- You're organized.
- You're good at brainstorming and thinking about new ideas.
- You're a strong communicator and listener.

### THESE CAREERS MAY BE FOR YOU:

- GAMING DESIGNER
- IT SECURITY OFFICER
- SMARTPHONE APP DEVELOPER
- WEBSITE PROGRAMMER
- COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST



HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I MAKE?  
**\$40,557**  
median salary for associate degree graduates right out of college

## MANUFACTURING

Do you like taking things apart and putting them back together? If you're a natural at building things, this may be a great career fit for you.

### SKILLS NEEDED:

- You have math skills.
- You don't mind working alone and problem solving.
- You like to see how parts come apart and back together.
- You like to build or fix parts.

### THESE CAREERS MAY BE FOR YOU:

- CONSTRUCTION WORKER
- GAS METAL ARC WELDER
- MACHINE REPAIR MECHANIC
- METAL WORKER
- WELDER



HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I MAKE?  
**\$48,044**  
median salary for associate degree graduates right out of college

## HEALTH SCIENCES

Health Sciences provide the best health care services. If you like taking care of others and like to help someone be their best, a career in health sciences might be for you.

### SKILLS NEEDED:

- You can communicate effectively with people in need.
- You have an interest in science.
- You have a keen eye for detail.
- You like working on a team.

### THESE CAREERS MAY BE FOR YOU:

- DENTAL HYGIENIST
- HEALTH ADVISOR
- NUTRITIONIST
- NURSE
- PHARMACY TECHNICIAN
- MEDICAL ASSISTANT



HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I MAKE?  
**\$48,232**  
median salary for associate degree graduates right out of college

## CORRECTIONS, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Law and public safety careers help people. If you are curious, observant, good with facts and details, this career field might be a great fit for you.

### SKILLS NEEDED:

- You're good at making quick decisions.
- You have strong communication skills and like to lead.
- You have good stress management skills.
- You like working with others as part of a team.

### THESE CAREERS MAY BE FOR YOU:

- FIREFIGHTER
- POLICE OFFICER
- DETECTIVE
- PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR
- SECURITY GUARD



HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I MAKE?  
**\$39,039**  
median salary for associate degree graduates right out of college

**MEDIAN SALARY = MIDDLE**

as in, the middle of the range;  
so half the people in this career earn more



### HELP OTHERS

Provide services that help people fulfill their everyday needs.

#### SAMPLE CAREERS

Child Care Provider, Funeral Service Director, Hair Stylist, Make-Up Artist, Substance Abuse Counselor



### PROMOTE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Work with people and promote businesses through marketing, social media and other strategies.

#### SAMPLE CAREERS

Marketing Specialist, Real Estate Agent, Social Media Manager, Web Producer, Writer & Editor



### GET INTO TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE

Engineer and compute solutions to modern technology challenges.

#### SAMPLE CAREERS

Computer Programmer, Computer Support Specialist, Engineer, Electrician, Nutritionist, Renewable Energy Specialist



### EXPRESS YOUR CREATIVE SIDE

Produce creative media with a career in arts, audio/video and communications.

#### SAMPLE CAREERS

Animator, Artist, Graphic Designer, Illustrator, Interior Designer, Photographer, Video Producer



### BUILD THINGS

Help plan, design and/or build residential or commercial buildings.

#### SAMPLE CAREERS

Architect, Building Maintenance, Construction Worker, Operations Manager, Planning & Design Manager



### DO BUSINESS

Run your own business or help build someone else's with a wide variety of careers.

#### SAMPLE CAREERS

Business Manager, Employee Services Assistant, Office Administrator, Small Business Owner, Supervisor



### GET THINGS MOVING

Help move people and products to where they need to be.

#### SAMPLE CAREERS

Airplane Mechanic, Auto Repair Technician, Pilot, Truck Driver, Warehouse Worker



### MIND THE MONEY

Crunch numbers and manage spending for businesses or other organizations.

#### SAMPLE CAREERS

Accountant, Bank Teller, Financial Planner, Economist, Insurance Salesman, Statistician



### PRESERVE THE OUTDOORS

Help preserve nature and the earth's resources with careers that allow you to work outside.

#### SAMPLE CAREERS

Dairy Cattle Manager, Forest Ranger, Groundskeeper, Outdoor Education Instructor, Veterinary Assistant, Winemaker



### TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE

If you are a natural host and like to work with people, you may like a career in hospitality.

#### SAMPLE CAREERS

Baker, Chef/Cook, Hotel Manager, Restaurant Manager, Special Event Manager, Tour Guide

# ALL PATHS ARE OPEN!



## DISCOVER YOUR INTERESTS AND STRENGTHS!

Our online Career Interest Questionnaire is a great place to start. This 10-minute quiz can help identify the career areas that might fit you best. Your favorite activities, school subjects and personal strengths can help you discover possible future jobs. Find it on our website at:

[wistechcolleges.org/explore-careers/career-interest-questionnaire](http://wistechcolleges.org/explore-careers/career-interest-questionnaire).



# Where to Start

College may seem far away, but you can start thinking about it right now with these helpful resources.

## EXPLORE CAREERS WITH FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

### MY NEXT MOVE

<https://www.mynextmove.org>

### CAREER PATHWAYS

<https://wicareerpathways.org>

### CAREER CRUISING

<https://public.careercruising.com/en>

### BIG FUTURE

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers>

### CAREER QUESTIONNAIRE

<http://www.wistechcolleges.org/explore-careers>

### EXPLORE CAREERS – CAREER ONE STOP

<http://www.careeronestop.org/explorecareers>



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