Automated Packaging Systems Technician Pathway

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### Mechatronics Basics
- **Technical Diploma (less than one-year)**
  - (part time options available)
  - **CAMPUS**
    - Rice Lake or Mobile Site Delivery
  - **CREDITS**
    - 14
  - **ESTIMATED 2018-2019 TUITION**
    - $2,273
  - (Additional Tools and Supplies may be needed)
  - **POTENTIAL CAREERS**
    - Entry Level Electro-Mechanical Assembler, Maintenance Technician, Manufacturing Customer Service
  - **POTENTIAL STARTING WAGES**
    - $33,280 to $40,726 annually**
  - **WITC 2017 GRADUATES**
    - Graduate Data is not available

### Automated Packaging Systems Technician
- **Technical Diploma (two-year)**
  - **CAMPUS**
    - New Richmond
  - **CREDITS**
    - 50 Credits Remain – If successfully completed the Mechatronics Technician Technical Diploma
    - 64 Credits - Total Credits Needed to Receive the Automated Packaging Systems Technician Technical Diploma
  - **ESTIMATED 2018-2019 TUITION**
    - $10,276
  - **Financial Aid Eligible**
  - **POTENTIAL CAREERS**
    - Packaging Systems Assembler, Maintenance Technician, Field Service Technician, Manufacturing Customer Service
  - **POTENTIAL STARTING WAGES**
    - $45,756 to $82,000 annually**
  - **WITC 2017 GRADUATES**
    - Employed Within 6 Months 100%
    - Average Yearly Salary $63,878

*Graduates are encouraged to look at the Industrial Systems Specialist (one-year) Technical Diploma if interested in furthering their education

### Beyond WITC
- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - **UW Stout**

**Important Notes on Transferring:**
- The college listed above has developed a Technical Diploma to Bachelor Degree Articulation Agreement with WITC (Bachelor Degree programs vary); other colleges may accept WITC credits upon a transcript review.
- The Transfer Information Systems (TIS) allows students to review which WITC courses could be accepted at UW Colleges. Review website for details: [www.wisconsin.edu/transfer](http://www.wisconsin.edu/transfer)
- If interested in continuing your education or transferring credits to other colleges, it is encouraged you talk to the Transfer Coordinator or Advisor at your transfer school as soon as you start thinking about the process.

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* Tuition are not yet available for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have completed previous credits that transfer into the more advanced program, your costs may be less. Please speak with WITC staff if you have questions on how costs are determined. Tuition is an estimate and does not include any miscellaneous fees for various courses, tools, books, supplies or uniforms. Program book costs are in addition to tuition and fees and vary depending on course selection and where the books are purchased or rented.

**Wage and employment data is compiled from the 2017 WITC or 2016 Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Graduate Follow-Up Report; if not available, wage data is derived from the wage data compiled through Economic modeling software int’l (Emsi) based on the WITC county region and the SOC codes assigned through the WTCS. The wage data presented is a range from the 10th and 25th percentile earnings in December 2017. Educational decisions should not be entirely based on the wage data presented as wages are subject to error and sampling bias. Some people may be hired at a lower or higher starting wage than what is reported here. Annual salaries, from Emsi data, are based on a 40 hour work week over 52 weeks (2080 hours).
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### PATHWAYS TO WITC:

**START COLLEGE IN HIGH SCHOOL**
Take dual credit or advanced standing courses in high school. To find out what courses are available at your high school, go to: WITC.EDU and enter “Dual Credit” in the search button. Click on your high school. Additional opportunities may be available through AP courses, ITV Programming, or High School Academies.

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER**
Basic Education Courses: Basic Education Communication, Basic Education Reading, Basic Education Math
General Studies Courses: Writing Foundations, Reading Foundations, Math Foundations
Additional Academic Support Services Include: GED/HSED Preparation, Study Skills Strategies, Test Taking Strategies, Peer Tutoring, Personal Readiness, Career Exploration, (ELL) English Language Learner, Computer Literacy

**CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING**
National Exams (AP, CLEP, DSST, IB) or Industry Credentials
Work/Life Learning, Challenge Exams, Military, Credit from Other Colleges
For specifics on Credit for Prior Learning Options, please go to WITC.EDU and enter “Credit for Prior Learning” in the search button

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### Getting Started is Simple:

**Associate Degree or Technical Diploma** (Full or Part-Time):
- Apply Online at witc.edu/apply
- Schedule and Attend an Admissions Meeting

**Take one class**: Register during Open Enrollment (no application required). Depending upon the course, you may be required to assess or submit other eligible college entrance scores.

**Certificate**: Apply (no fee) and Register for courses

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made to ensure access to academic programs, activities, services and employment in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAA). For more details and to contact an Accommodations Specialist go online: WWW.WITC.EDU/stusvcs/disability.htm

### Class Formats Offered
To view specific class times within the programs:
1. Go to WWW.WITC.EDU
2. Click on “Find a Class” on the top of the webpage
3. Search for courses.

Not all classes within this program are available in every format offered at WITC. Classes are available for this program In-Person.

### Upcoming Start Dates

- **FALL 2019**: August 26, 2019
- **SPRING 2020**: January 20, 2020

### Financial Assistance

Financial Aid (FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid, including loans, grants, and workstudy): www.fafsa.ed.gov
WITC Scholarships: WWW.WITC.EDU; enter “scholarships” in the search button
WITC Promise Scholarship: Tuition assistance for qualifying high school graduates

There are agencies that may be able to provide financial support for tuition, books, tools, gas, and/or childcare based on income and other qualifying factors. To find out more, please contact an Admissions Advisor for an “Education Referral Document”, which includes a full list of all available agency resources in your county of residence. Individuals are often required to complete the FAFSA prior to receiving funding from many of the agencies.

### 2018-2019 Cost Per Credit
(WI and MN Residents) $148/credit. (plus books and supplies)
Online courses are an additional $10/credit

### Contact a WITC Admissions Advisor and Get Started:

- **Ashland**: 800.243.9482 extension 3195
- **New Richmond**: 800.243.9482 extension 4339
- **Rice Lake**: 800.243.9482 extension 5220
- **Superior**: 800.243.9482 extension 6243
- E-mail: admissionadvisors@WITC.EDU

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