



# Western Technical College Associate of Science Degree Program

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# Associate Degree Programs at Wisconsin Technical Colleges

- ◆ Applied Associate degrees.
- ◆ Liberal Arts and Science (Collegiate) Transfer degrees.
  - MATC's
  - Nicolet Area Technical College
  - Chippewa Valley Technical College

# Wisconsin Technical College Program

- ◆ 64 credit Associate of Science degree
- ◆ Utilizing existing resources in disciplines currently offered for applied associate degree students.
  - ~70% WTC courses
  - ~30% UWL courses

# Board's Criteria for Approval

## ◆ Principles

- Enhance credit transfer
- Avoid unnecessary duplication by *draw(ing) on existing strengths and resources.*

## ◆ Criteria

- *Meets demonstrated long term need*
- *Collaboration with UWS and WTC programs*
- *Efficient and effective use of state's higher education resources*

# Need

- ◆ ACT Profile: 71% aspired to achieve a baccalaureate degree.
- ◆ WTC Survey: 80% of students who intend to transfer, intend to transfer to 4 year institution.
- ◆ During the period 1999-2008, transfers from WTC increased steadily from less than 200 to over 1,600 students

# Need – Where do WTC Students Transfer?

Of 6,719 WTC students transferring between 1999 and 2006

- 64% to a 4 year college
- 25% of those to UWL
- 29% of those to either Winona State or Viterbo
- 4% to UW Colleges

# Other Associate Degree Programs for Students in La Crosse

- ◆ UWL
- ◆ UW Richland (68 miles)
- ◆ UW Baraboo (100 miles)
- ◆ UW Colleges on line degree

# Collaboration

- ◆ WTC and UW Colleges 1+1 agreements
  - WTC Mauston and UW Baraboo
  - WTC Viroqua and UW Richland
- ◆ WTC and UW La Crosse
  - Collaboratively designed and delivered program in La Crosse.



# Collaboration

## ◆ MOU - WTC and UWL

- Purpose: Prepare students to enter UWL with junior status.
- Joint Steering Committee
  - ◆ Determine admissions requirements and process
  - ◆ Design curriculum
  - ◆ Evaluate program in 2010

# Diversity

- ◆ Student of Color enrollment increased from 4% to 7% of total WTC enrollment between 2004 and 2008.
- ◆ Students of Color comprise 20% of the La Crosse School District enrollment.
- ◆ WTC President's Diversity Task Force charged with developing strategies to attract and ensure success for an increasingly diverse student body.

# Summary

- ◆ The program responds to an unmet need,
- ◆ Through collaboration,
- ◆ That makes effective and efficient use of the state's higher education resources,
- ◆ With the goal of increasing baccalaureate degree attainment.



# Questions and Discussion.