

# Individualized Technical Studies



## PROGRAM SHEET



### Associate Degree – 64–72 credits

With the growth of employment opportunities in small to medium-sized businesses, employees are taking on multiple tasks and roles that cut across traditional occupational categories. In addition, as new kinds of technologies and work processes are introduced, occupational duties and required competencies fluctuate continually, regardless of business size. As jobs change and new occupations emerge, workers need skills and knowledge drawn from a variety of traditional disciplines in order to be productive and effective in today's workplace.

The Individualized Technical Studies Degree (ITSD) is a customized program for individuals who have clearly defined career goal and specific job performance needs that cannot be met by the college's existing degree programs. The Wisconsin Technical College System created ITSD in response to the need for employees to be more effective and productive in the workplace.

The degree is targeted particularly for currently employed workers, performing multiple tasks using new technologies and work processes, where there is no existing degree program to need these needs. Students can create an associate degree customized to gain the competencies necessary for job opportunities available to them in their workplace. An occupational mentor from an appropriate business or industry assists in identifying the skills and competencies the student will need in the new job opportunity. The student's program plan must be approved by the college's Individualized Technical Studies Degree Committee before the student has completed 32 credits.

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Curriculum	Credits
<b>I. Individualized Technical Studies Courses</b>	<b>40-48</b>
At least 20 of these credits must be focused in one discipline.	
<b>II. General Education Core</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>A. Communications (Select at least 2 courses)</b>	<b>6</b>
10-801-195 Written Communications . . . . .	3
OR	
20-801-219 English Composition. . . . .	3
10-801-196 Oral/Interpersonal Communications. . . . .	3
OR	
20-801-210 Fundamentals of Speech . . . . .	3
10-801-197 Technical Reporting . . . . .	3
OR	
20-801-223 English Composition II . . . . .	3
<b>B. Social Science (Select at least 1 course)</b>	<b>3</b>
10-809-195 Economics	
OR	
20-809-287 Principles of Macroeconomics . . . . .	3
10-809-197 Contemporary American Society . . . . .	3
20-809-271 Introductory Sociology. . . . .	3
<b>C. Behavioral Science (Select at least 1 course)</b>	<b>3</b>
10-809-199 Psychology of Human Relations . . . . .	3
20-809-251 Introductory to Psychology . . . . .	3
20-809-259 Psychology of Human Adjustment . . . . .	3
<b>D. Additional Credits</b>	
Students must select 3 additional credits from the above listed courses.	
<b>III. Math and/or Science</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>IV. Electives</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total Program Credits</b>	<b>64-72</b>



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