



School Counseling

Life after High School – Career Information

Numerous students find that entering into an apprenticeship or a career after high school makes the most sense for them. Given today's demand for employees in a variety of trades, manufacturing and service areas, employers are willing to train high school graduates who demonstrate a commitment to success. Students who have taken advantage of the career experiences listed below will be prepared to transition into a meaningful career in an area directly related to their Academic and Career Plan (ACP).

Inspire Wisconsin

Inspire Wisconsin is a web-based career experience organization made up of numerous partners from companies (employers and employees) and school districts. Every partner pays for the services provided by the Inspire Wisconsin staff. This agreement has enabled Inspire Wisconsin to become a very effective career experience organizer. Through Inspire, students are able to engage in the following activities:

- **Discussion Board with Employee Mentors** – Through Inspire, students are able to connect virtually with specific career mentors. They can begin by reading through the current discussion board posts, and choose to ask additional questions.
- **Job Shadows** – Through Inspire, students are able to request two - four hour job shadows with a large number of career mentors employed within the southeastern Wisconsin area.
- **Co-op Work Experiences** – Grade 11 & 12 students who are interested in primarily the Manufacturing area have another paid work exploration opportunity. Co-ops are a 90 hour work exploration experience tied to a student's concurrent participation in a Tech Education course at OHS. The Co-op experience involves students in a hands-on exploration of various careers within specific company divisions. This exposure to multiple careers within a single Co-op is an exceptionally efficient method. Interested students should contact the OHS Counseling Office for more information.

To access **Inspire Wisconsin**, [Click here](#).

Youth Apprenticeship

Youth Apprenticeships are a state recognized work training program. These apprenticeship experiences require a minimum commitment of 450 hours of paid work within a calendar year. Students receive high school credit, release time, and a state certification for successful participation in the program. Youth Apprenticeship applications are due to the Youth Apprenticeship Coordinators at the beginning of March each year.

Program information and application materials can be found at the following link:

[Ozaukee Youth Apprenticeship](#).

Wisconsin Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship is post-secondary education like a college or university. But **there's a big difference**. Apprentices learn only a portion of their skills in a traditional classroom. They receive most of their training on-the-job, while working for an employer who pays a good wage. The employment is the primary requirement for an apprenticeship - a job must exist in order for the apprentice to be trained. The classroom instruction is usually provided through the Wisconsin Technical College system.

Wisconsin Apprenticeship Standards - <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/>

- A division of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, this link provides comprehensive information on the numerous apprenticeship opportunities available.

Apprentice-related instruction - <http://www.wistechcolleges.org/apprenticeship>

- Apprentice-related instruction is a combination of on-the-job training and classroom-related instruction in which workers learn the practical and theoretical aspects of a highly-skilled occupation from two to five years. There are over 60 apprenticeship programs available in construction, service, and industrial occupations.