

Apprenticeship: Mechatronics Technician

Previous Credit

There are many opportunities, both in high school and through previous college, work, and/or military experience, to earn credit at Gateway.

For more information about earning credit in high school and opportunities for credit for prior learning, please see reverse side.

Sponsor

Finding an apprenticeship is very similar to a typical job search. Apprenticeship openings are sometimes listed online job search sites. Often, your best opportunities for apprenticeship are the opportunities vou create yourself - by seeking out an employer who is willing to hire you as an apprentice. Apply directly to the employer's AND personnel or hiring office.

In some cases, you may need to start work at an unskilled position before being considered for an apprenticeship at the same company. Many companies have apprentice entrance procedures that limit apprenticeship openings to workers already employed in their current workforce.

Paid Related Instruction

An employment opportunity is the most basic requirement for any apprenticeship. Without a job, there is no "on-the-job training" which represents 90 percent of the program.

Related instruction is another key part of each apprenticeship and is required by the State of Wisconsin apprenticeship law. Apprentices are paid to attend related theoretical and technical classroom instruction provided by Gateway Technical College.

Training lasts for five years, consisting of no less than 9,136 hours of on-the-job training with a minimum of 864 hours of classroom instruction.

Skilled Professional

Apprentices who complete the terms of their apprenticeship contract receive a valuable training opportunity and nationally recognized portable credential without leaving the workforce.

Skilled professionals in this trade can expect to earn a median income of:

\$28.47 per hour \$59,218 annually

Next Steps

Gateway offers additional educational opportunities related to this career pathway, including:

Technical Studies -Journeyworker Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree

The Technical Studies -Journeyworker program is geared for those who possess a Wisconsin journey-level certificate from an apprenticeship program that included a minimum of 400 hours of related instruction (PRI). Students can customize an associate degree designed to meet their individual needs while receiving up to 39 advanced-standing credits in the Technical Studies - Journeyworker program.



Salary and employment data courtesy of EMSI.



Have questions or need assistance with getting started?

Gateway's Apprenticeship department is ready to help. Call 262-564-2954 or email **apprenticeship@gtc.edu** to make an appointment. Or visit us online at **gtc.edu/apprenticeship.**

SC Johnson iMET Center

2320 Renaissance Boulevard Sturtevant, WI 53177

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Credit for Prior Learning

Experience Pays! You've been there . . . You've done that . . . Let us give you credit for it!

Gateway Technical College recognizes you have knowledge and skills gained through previous educational, life and work experiences. We want to help you receive credit for those experiences saving you time, money and helping you enter your new career more quickly.

To request a Credit for Prior Learning evaluation towards an Apprenticeship program, please email **apprenticeship@gtc.edu**.

Official transcripts should be mailed to:

SC Johnson iMET Center ATTN: Apprenticeship 2320 Renaissance Boulevard Sturtevant, WI 53177

Earn College Credit in High School

Get an edge by earning college credit before you graduate and save money at the same time.

There are many ways to earn college credit while you're still in high school, including transcripted and advanced standing credit, Start College Now and youth apprenticeship. Suggested courses to take in high school for this program include:

442-101 Welding Basics

442-510 Welding Fundamentals

444-339 Gauging and Quality Control

605-113 DC/AC I

628-109 Mechanical Skills for Technicians

804-370 Mathematics/Applied I

For more information or to request a Credit for Prior Learning evaluation for Apprenticeship, please email **apprenticeship@gtc.edu** or call 262-564-2954. For more information on earning college credit in high school connect with your high school counselor or the Gateway New Student Specialist at your high school. Visit **gtc.edu/highschool**.

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