



Plumbing Apprentices (50-427-3) Effective 2025/2026

Program Description

Plumbing apprentices plan, install, troubleshoot, and repair all aspects of water supply, waste, and vent systems, as well as gaseous fuel systems, following the Wisconsin Administrative Plumbing Code. They interpret blueprints, analyze technical specifications, and follow instructions on what and where work is to be done. They plan their work in a logical sequence; coordinate it with other trades, perform work in a quality manner and in a reasonable amount of time. They choose appropriate tools, equipment, and materials to perform their duties. They communicate effectively and are good team members.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

1. Apply state plumbing code requirements to the installation and repair of sanitary drain systems.
2. Apply state plumbing code requirements to the installation and repair of venting systems.
3. Apply state plumbing code requirements to the installation and repair of water supply systems.
4. Apply state plumbing code requirements to the installation and repair of storm drain systems.
5. Apply State plumbing code requirements to the installation and repair of POWTS systems.
6. Refer to the Wisconsin Administrative Plumbing codes.
7. Prepare for Journey level licensure examination.

Essential Career Competencies

Gateway's six essential career competencies are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all programs. All Gateway graduates will develop skills in:

- Communication
- Professionalism and Career Management
- Cultural Competence
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Technology Competence

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for one year or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult My Gateway for exact fee amounts. The District reserves the right to modify, cancel, or relocate course offerings in response to factors such as low enrollment, resource availability, or other relevant considerations to ensure high-quality educational experiences. Students will be notified in writing and are encouraged to meet with their Academic Advisor to adjust their academic plan.

Get Started as an Apprentice

1. Go to the Plumbers and Steamfitters Training Center and fill out an application:

K-R-W Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee
14011 Spring Street
Sturtevant, WI 53177
262-732-4103

2. Have high school transcripts sent to the Plumbers and Steamfitters Training Center. Transcript request forms are available at the Training Center.
3. Achieve a passing score on the algebra, arithmetic and reading portions of the Accuplacer test, which is available at Gateway's Kenosha and Racine campuses for \$15. Contact the Testing Center at 262-564-2542 to schedule an appointment.
4. The Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee will set up interviews for those persons who have high school transcripts and passing Accuplacer scores on file. Interviews are scheduled twice a year at the Plumbers and Steamfitters Training Center.
5. After passing the interview, your name will be placed on a list of eligible contractors when applying for apprenticeship jobs.
6. You will receive a letter of introduction to be presented to local contractors when applying for apprenticeship jobs. You must find a contractor to hire you before you can become an apprentice.
7. Once hired by a contractor, you'll be notified that you are an apprentice and will sign a contract with the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards.
8. Once your contract is in place, Gateway's Apprenticeship Department will communicate with you regarding registration, classes and books.

Graduation Requirements

- *Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for all required courses.
- Meet minimum hourly paid related instruction requirements per WI Registered Apprenticeship Contract.

Notes

1. Students must be in good physical condition and able to complete actively strenuous work.
2. Students must be 18 years of age and submit official high school, GED, or HSED transcript including a graduation or passing date.
3. Students must complete all courses with a grade of "C" or better.
4. Students must have a valid driver's license.
5. Students must pass an aptitude test, complete a personal interview and submit an application.



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The course sequence shown on this sheet is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here.
Taking courses in the order shown will help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan.
Courses in this program may be offered in a variety or combination of formats (for example: in-person, video conferencing, online, etc.).

Pathway to Success

Course	Course Name	Credits	Hours
*427-500	Plumbing I/Related	2.00	72
*427-501	Plumbing II/Related	2.00	72
*427-502	Plumbing III/Related	2.00	72
*427-503	Plumbing IV/Related	2.00	72
*427-504	Plumbing V/Related	2.00	72
*427-505	Plumbing VI/Related	2.00	72
*427-579	Plumbing Advanced Topics	2.00	72
*427-578	Green Plumbing Applications	2.00	72

Training at a Glance

- Time to complete – Approximately 5 years
- On the job time – 7428 Hours
- Related Instruction Time – 576 Hours
- Additional training – 260 hours extra in: Plumbing Applications Lab, Plumbing Blueprint Reading, Plumbing Repair, Transition to Trainer, Isometric Interpretation & Drawing, Transit/Level/Laser, Welding, Safety/OSHA, First Aid/CPR, Transition to Trainer during final year. Consult the Wisconsin Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards website for more information at <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/occupations/plumbing.htm>

If you need assistance getting started, Gateway's Apprenticeship Department is happy to help.

QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT:

Gateway Technical College
Apprenticeship Department

262-564-2954

apprenticeship@gtc.edu

Notes associated with courses (identified by a superscript number at the end of the course title) are located on the front of the sheet.
(*) indicates students must achieve a minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses to meet graduation requirements.