

# Gerontology Program Updates

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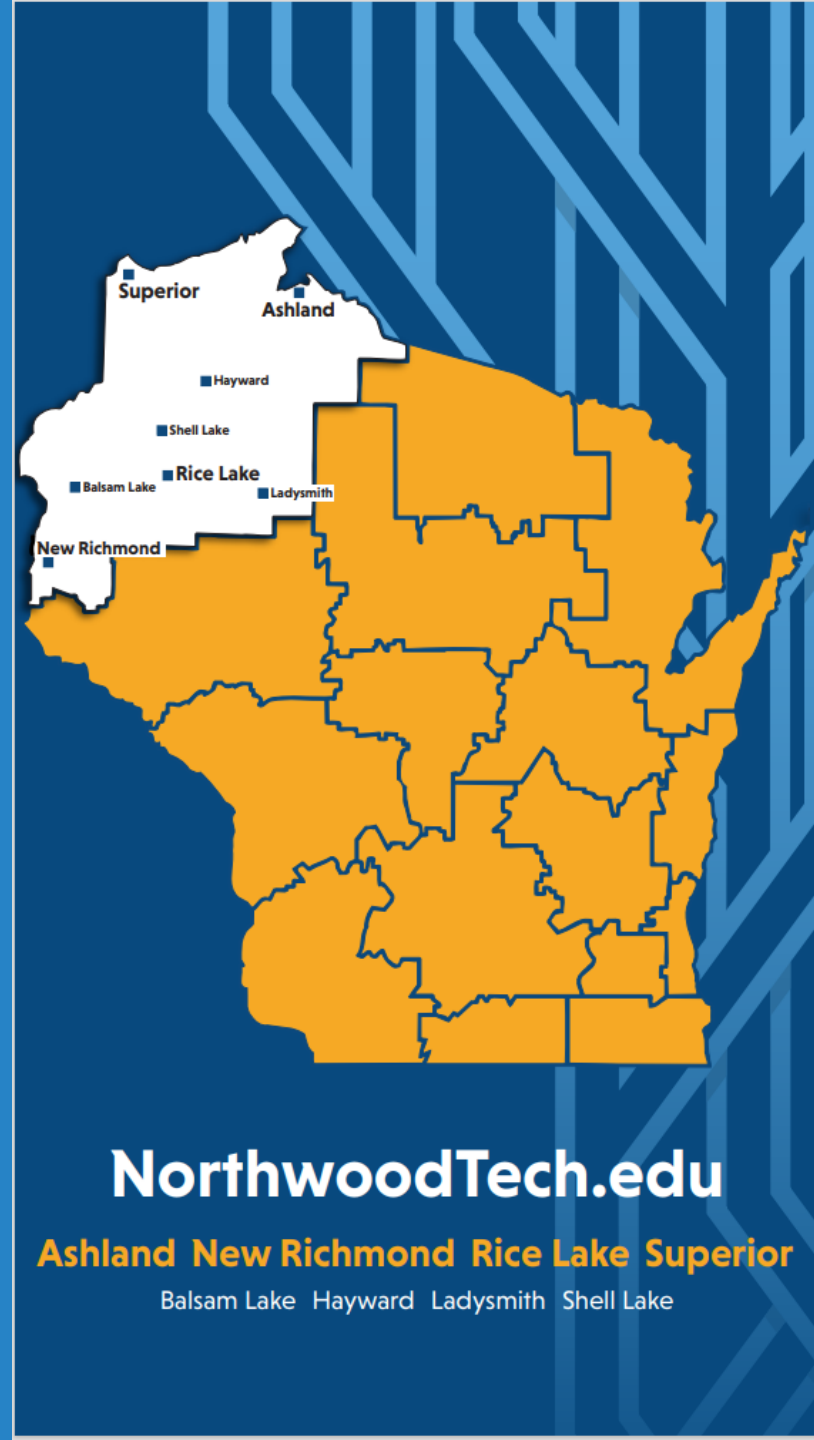


**Northwood**  
Technical College

# Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)

- 16 technical colleges
  - Serving communities in multi-county districts
- **Hands-on learning**
  - Direct ties to industry
  - Affordable & malleable
  - Offer relevant, high-value credentials
  - Customized training & professional development
  - Elevating learners through transfer agreements (based on industry demand)
  - Instructors required to have both industry and instructional experience/education





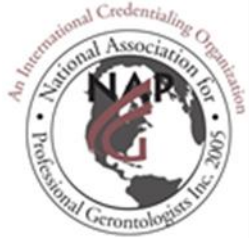
- Mission: **“Students First”**
- Serves 11 counties and four tribes in northwestern Wisconsin (Bad River, Red Cliff, St. Croix, & LCO)
- Largest district – almost 11,000 square miles
- Four campus locations, three outreach centers
- Health education center (HEC)
- The only gerontology program in state
  - **Our mission:** *We partner with students on an innovative, interdisciplinary journey to meet the changing needs of an aging world.*
  - **Our vision is** *to be the nation’s leader in gerontology education.*

# Program Details

- **Gerontology – Aging Services Professional Associate of Applied Science degree**
  - Enroll every 8 weeks, evening live sessions
  - Your Choice + flipped classroom delivery
  - Hands-on learning including aging & dementia simulation
- **Pathways certificates & single courses**
  - Dementia Care & Gerontology for Professionals
  - Start College Now
- **Pathways to and through Gerontology AAS**
  - Nationally scoped
  - Available in-person and virtually
  - Bridge to 4-year universities and beyond
  - Innovative career pathways to build and retain the workforce



# Expertise in Workforce Pathways



**Our innovative gerontology program can fill education gaps nationally**

- K12 to post-secondary pipeline
- Upskilling the current workforce
  - Career changers

**Credit for nursing  
assistant technical  
diploma**

\*Aid Code 10 changes\*

**Pathways certificates**

- Dementia Care
- Gerontology for Professionals

\*Start College Now\*

**Gerontology  
associate degree + CPG  
credential**

\*Nationally accredited\*

**Bachelor's degree &  
beyond**

*Ex. Administration pathway*

\*Robust transfer opportunities\*

Youth & adult learners' pathway to post-secondary education and careers

# Gerontology Center of Excellence: Advancing Occupational Pathways

- Nursing Assistant Credit for Prior Learning
- Wisconsin Technical College System Grant
  - **In progress!** Community Health Worker (CHW) Credit for Prior Learning
  - **Just approved!** Embedded digital badges for partner programs
  - **Just approved!** **Community-Based Residential Facility Administrator Training Credit for Prior Learning**
  - **In progress!** Gerontology → Healthcare Management Bachelor's + NHA credential (HSE™) at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities



# Discussion & Questions

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