

Youth Apprenticeship (YA)

Junior or Senior Year of High School opportunity

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) integrates school-based and work-based learning to instruct students in employability and occupational skills defined by Wisconsin industries.

Local programs provide training based on statewide youth apprenticeship curriculum guidelines, endorsed by business and industry. Students are instructed by qualified teachers and skilled worksite mentors. Students are simultaneously enrolled in academic classes to meet high school graduation requirements, enrolled in a youth apprenticeship-related instruction class, and employed by a participating employer under the supervision of a skilled mentor.

Key elements of the youth apprenticeship program are:

- Industry-developed skill standards
- Exposure to multiple aspects of the industry
- Skilled mentors assigned to train the students
- Paid on-the-job work experience – 450 hours of work-based learning required
- Two semesters of related classroom instruction concurrent with work-based learning
- Curriculum guidelines for all programs
- Performance evaluation of demonstrated competencies
- State-issued skill certificate

DWD (state) Website: [Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship](#)

Northwoods YA (local) Website: <https://northwoodsya.weebly.com>

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