

CONSTRUCTION TRADES

Technical Diploma

Program Code: 31-475-1

Total Credits: 11

Mid-State's Construction Trades technical diploma provides the foundation knowledge and experience to get started in the construction, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and pipefitting fields. Graduates understand the various components of building construction systems as well as proper and safe tool use and installation techniques for piping, heating, and electrical systems. Successful completion of the diploma prepares students for an entry-level position in the construction trades industry. The program includes work in an interactive hands-on lab and a year-round larger lab complete with an "indoor house." Through exposure to multiple fields and industries, graduates are prepared to enter the trade they choose.

To learn more about this program, visit mstc.edu/programs.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715-422-5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit mstc.edu/advising.

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

Complete the following steps to prepare for your New Student Advising appointment with your academic advisor:

- Submit a Mid-State application at mstc.edu/apply.
- Send official transcripts to:
Mid-State Technical College
Student Services
500 32nd Street North
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. Mid-State's Financial Aid team is available to assist with your FAFSA application and to answer your financial aid questions. Contact Financial Aid or schedule an appointment at mstc.edu/financial-aid.
- Set up student MyCampus account at mstc.edu/mycampus-assistance.
- Schedule a New Student Advising appointment at mstc.edu/advising.

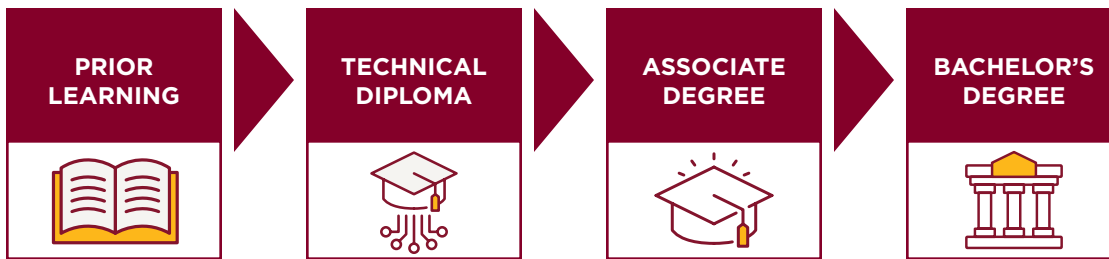
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CAREER PATHWAY



Career pathways help you build your education step by step. Each stage offers one or more credentials that are recognized by employers and lead to real jobs—and you can keep building toward your career goals as you go.

Begin at any point.

Prior Learning

Credit for Prior Learning

- Certifications and Licenses
- Military Experience
- National/Standardized Exams
- Transfer Credit
- Work and Life Experience

Learn about Credit for Prior Learning at mstc.edu/cpl.

High School Credit

- High School Dual Credit
- Mid-State Fast Track

Learn about High School Credit at mstc.edu/dc.

Technical Diploma

- Construction Trades (11 Credits)
Start Your Career: Electrical Contracting Laborer, Carpentry Contracting Laborer, General Construction Laborer, Plumbing Contracting Laborer
- Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Installer (25 Credits)
Start Your Career: Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Installer, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Sales Representative, Residential Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Technician

Associate Degree

- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration (HVAC-R) Technician (61 Credits)
Start Your Career: Controls Technician, Installation and Service Technician, Refrigeration Technician, Steamfitter

Bachelor's Degree

For those interested in continuing their education, Mid-State offers transfer guides with various four-year colleges and universities. For more information, visit mstc.edu/transfer.

Other Options

Apprenticeship Opportunities: Carpenter, Construction Electrician (ABC), Construction Electrician (IBEW-NECA), Plumber, Steamfitter and Steamfitter Service

OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as a Construction Trades graduate, to be able to:

- Demonstrate construction safety.
- Use construction tools and equipment.
- Interpret construction documents and blueprints.
- Construct a building structure using wood framing techniques.
- Recognize plumbing, HVAC, and electrical systems.
- Comply with all applicable standards, policies, and procedures, including safety procedures and the maintenance of a clean work area.

TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has implemented a requirement that all technical colleges measure outcomes attained by students. This requirement is called Technical Skills Attainment (TSA). The main objective of TSA is to ensure graduates have the technical skills needed by employers. Faculty will let students know when and how the TSA is being assessed in the program.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Visit mstc.edu/studenthandbook to view Mid-State's student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State's Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

The GPS for Student Success course is required for all Mid-State program students and is recommended to be completed before obtaining 12 credits. Some students are exempt from this requirement. Please see your academic advisor for more information.

ADDITIONAL COURSES AS NEEDED

The following courses may be recommended or required if the student does not achieve minimum placement scores.

College Reading and Writing 1

10831104

3 credits

Provides learners with opportunities to develop and expand reading and writing skills to prepare for college-level academic work. Students will employ critical reading strategies to improve comprehension, analysis, and retention of texts. Students will apply the writing process to produce well-developed, coherent, and unified written work.

Pre-Algebra

10834109

3 credits

Provides an introduction to algebra. Includes operations on real numbers, solving linear equations, percent and proportion, and an introduction to polynomials and statistics. Prepares students for elementary algebra and subsequent algebra-related courses.

MULTIPLE MEASURES

Students can place into courses using high school GPA and completed classes. Placement can be determined in the following ways:

- **Multiple Measures Writing (MMW)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school writing courses with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Reading (MMR)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school literature courses with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Math 1 (MMM_1)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 1.0 credit of high school math (Algebra 1 or equivalent) with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Math 2 (MMM_2)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school math including Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Science 1 (MMS_1)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 1.0 credit of high school lab science course with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Science 2 (MMS_2)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 1.0 credit of high school chemistry with a "C" or better

Past high school and college transcripts are used in making course placement decisions.

SAMPLE FULL-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

Construction Trades • 11 Total Credits

Term 11 Credits	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
	10476171	Safety for Construction Trades	Yes	1
	10482107	Construction Fundamentals	No	2
	10483123	Piping Installation	No	2
	10601130	Blueprint Reading for Construction Trades	No	2
	10601140	Electricity for the Construction Trades	No	2
	31442320	Welding Foundations 1	Yes	1
	10890102	GPS for Student Success	Yes	1

Please Note

- Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) options are available for some courses. You can visit mstc.edu/cpl or contact your academic advisor for details.
- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Program completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability. For details, go to mstc.edu/schedule.
- Get the latest updates online at mstc.edu.

SAMPLE PART-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

Construction Trades • 11 Total Credits

Term 5 Credits	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
	10476171	Safety for Construction Trades	Yes	1
	10482107	Construction Fundamentals	No	2
	31442320	Welding Foundations 1	Yes	1
	10890102	GPS for Student Success	Yes	1

Term 6 Credits	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
	10483123	Piping Installation	No	2
	10601130	Blueprint Reading for Construction Trades	No	2
	10601140	Electricity for the Construction Trades	No	2

Blueprint Reading for Construction Trades

10601130

2 credits

Develops the ability to read blueprints for commercial and non-commercial structures. Emphasizes blueprints drawn by licensed architects, covering plumbing, electrical wiring, structural framing, millwork, interior and exterior details, and basic information.

Construction Fundamentals

10482107

2 credits

Studies the concepts associated with the theory, materials, and methods used in construction, including footings and foundations, walls, floors, roofs and roof materials, exterior finishes, interior walls, ceiling and floor finishes, insulation types, vapor and air infiltration, and sound protection. Students also become familiar with blueprint reading and examine all trades associated with construction, including, electrical, HVAC, and plumbing. Safe use of the appropriate tools for each trade is covered.

Electricity for Construction Trades

10601140

2 credits

This course is an introduction to electrical theory and application for those in the construction and building trades. Content includes AC and DC circuits, schematics, Ohm's Law, multimeter use and circuit troubleshooting. This course will also provide an introduction to the contents of the National Electrical Code (NEC).

GPS for Student Success

10890102

1 credit

Integrate necessary skills for student success by developing an academic plan, identifying interpersonal attributes for success, adopting efficient and effective learning strategies, and utilizing Mid-State resources, policies, and processes. This course is recommended to be completed prior to obtaining 12 credits and is a graduation requirement unless you receive an exemption from your program advisor.

Piping Installation

10483123

2 credits

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of measuring, fitting, joining, and installing piping common to the plumbing and HVAC industries.

Safety for Construction Trades

10476171

1 credit

The Safety for Construction Trades course teaches construction related workers about their rights, employer responsibilities and how to identify, abate, avoid and prevent job related hazards. Students will familiarize themselves with the proper selection and use of personal protective equipment and safety requirements on a construction site for various activities. Course outcomes align with the training outcomes recommended by OSHA. Upon successful completion, students will receive an OSHA 10 Card.

Welding Foundations 1

31442320

1 credit

An introduction to fundamental welding techniques with an emphasis on safe work habits that covers the processes of FCAW, GMAW, and OXY-Fuel cutting. Classroom instruction paired with lab activities are designed to provide fundamental skills in each of the welding processes covered in the class.