



What is the Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program?

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) is a career based learning experience that 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, in a youth apprenticeship related instruction class, and are employed by a participating employer under the supervision of a skilled mentor.

Program Framework

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
- Related classroom instruction concurrent with work-based learning
- Curriculum guidelines for all programs
- Performance evaluation of demonstrated competencies
- State-issued skill certificate

Program Timeframe

Program offerings differ between local YA consortiums. Contact your **Regional YA Coordinator** to determine what programs are available in your area.

Level One:

- Junior OR Senior year of High School
- 450 hours of work-based learning MINIMUM
- 2 semesters of related classroom instruction

Level Two (standard YA program):

- Junior AND Senior year of High School
- 900 hours of work-based learning MINIMUM
- 4 semesters of related classroom instruction

Begin:

- As early as JUNE after sophomore year or as late as JUNE after the Junior year for Level 1
- As early as JUNE after junior year or as late as FALL of the senior year for Level 2

Complete:

- By high school graduation or by AUGUST 31 following high school graduation

*Extensions beyond **August 31st** may be granted - submit request in writing to DWD at:
YA Program, DWD, P.O. Box 7972, Madison, WI 53707-7922*

Program Requirements

- Be **on track to graduate**
- Have **Junior or Senior Standing**
- Be **enrolled in a course related to the program area**
Meet with your school counselor to learn what programs your school can offer!
- Have **employability skills**
- Have reliable **transportation**
- Create a basic **resume** and **cover letter** highlighting your skills & experiences

If you are interested in enrolling in a YA program, contact your YA coordinator:

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https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/youthapprenticeship/consortiums_directory.htm