

DWD awards \$99K Fast Forward grant to WCTC

PEWAUKEE — The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development issued a \$99,000 grant to Waukesha County Technical College as a part of the state's Fast Forward program.

The Fast Forward High School Certification grant will go to WCTC's "Expanded High School Dual Enrollment Academies" project, which will train up to 42 high school students in two new Dual Enrollment Academy Programs.

The Protective Services pathways will train students for careers as emergency medical technicians and firefighters. The Building Construction Trades program will teach students about technology and engineering/architecture, construction and design. A pre-construction pathway will contain content in electrical, plumbing, HVAC and architecture.

This project will be implemented in partnership with

nine school districts in southeastern Wisconsin.

"This grant provides further support to technical colleges expanding a plethora of course offerings to high school students across Wisconsin," said DWD Secretary Ray Allen. "In supporting accelerated learning in high-demand career fields, Wisconsin supports a capable future workforce."

The Wisconsin Fast Forward program encourages increased collaboration

among Wisconsin's workforce, employers, local or regional economic development organizations, workforce development boards, post-secondary institutions, and private training providers to develop and execute business-led training programs.

A total of \$592,813 was awarded to six technical colleges that will serve 43 school districts and at least 328 high school students across Wisconsin.