

GET THE WORD OUT

to connect

Students, Parents and Business Partners to Wilco Area Career Center

Every Student Needs a Skill

Your tomorrow starts here.

- ✔ We Train You To Become Better
- ✔ We Help You Find A Little More Joy
- ✔ We Help Meet Area Commerce and Industry for Skilled Personnel





Benefit Is Good For Community.

Prepares Students to enter the Labor Market with beginning Skills

- ✔ Meeting Industry Expectations
- ✔ Sharing Knowledge So Others Can Master It
- ✔ Learning By Watching & Doing
- ✔ Filling Community Job Needs

Our Vision & Mission

Vision

Wilco students are college and career ready when they:

- Explore and refine career goals
- Embrace diversity and inclusion
- Problem solve, collaborate and enhance 21st century workplace skills
- Engage in rigorous, purposeful authentic learning
- Obtain academic and technical skills
- Leverage technology for learning and employment
- Connect with business and community partners
- Earn dual credit, industry credentials, and/or certificates
- Identify and pursue postsecondary training and employment opportunities

Mission

The mission of the Wilco Area Career Center is to develop skill sets that provide a pathway to college and career readiness.



Strategic Plan

Goal 1 -Public Relations and Marketing

Promote Wilco and its programs

- Clarify misperceptions about Wilco and create accurate, positive messages on how Wilco is bridging educational gaps by providing skillset learning
- Identify audiences; parents, students, feeder schools, business partners and legislatures
- Identify opportunities; community events, feeder school events, social media, product advertising, and Wilco events





Start by identifying our audience and their needs



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Wilco Area Career Center prepares students to enter the labor market with beginning occupational skills while helping to meet the increasing needs of area commerce and industry for skilled personnel. Wilco also prepares students for advanced occupational training in two and four year colleges, business and technical/trade schools.

Wilco is the result of a cooperative agreement among the high schools of Bolingbrook, Lemont, Plainfield Central, Plainfield, South, Plainfield North, Plainfield East, Reed-Custer, Romeoville, and Wilmington. Students from Lockport, Coal City and Morris attend selected programs. For more information on Wilco's programs, please visit www.wilcoacc.org



How do I apply for admission?

Students interested in applying for admission to Wilco should contact their home school Guidance Counselor. To be considered, a student must:

1. Be from one of the participating high schools.
2. Be a junior or senior.
3. Have completed prerequisites for the course.
4. Schedule your Wilco class with your home school counselor.
5. Be recommended by the home school.

What's the Wilco Schedule?

Students attending classes at the main Romeoville campus will attend Wilco during one of the following sessions:

- 1st 7:50 to 9:50 a.m.
- 2nd 9:55 to 11:55 a.m.
- 3rd 12:26 to 2:26 p.m.



"Stay Positive, Work hard, Make it happen!"
~ Taylor Cobb, Lockport Township '22



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Wilco Area Career Center provides equal employment opportunities for all persons, and equal educational opportunities for all students, without regard to race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, age, ancestry, physical or mental handicap or disability, or other characteristics protected by law.

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What does it cost?

Your school district offers these elective programs as they do all others, at no tuition cost to you. Some lab fees may be required to cover uniforms and tools that you may want to keep, or for other personal materials or equipment. However, Nail Technology, Barbering and Cosmetology may require tuition, kit, lab, book, and uniform fees that vary by location. Please contact Wilco for current program costs.

What about credits?

Wilco offers elective high school credit which varies from District to District. The individual schools determine the credits. All credits accumulate toward graduation requirements and may be used at some colleges to meet entrance requirements. Dual Credit courses can gain you Joliet Junior College, College of DuPage, Moraine Valley or Lewis University credits and/or advanced placement. To determine how your credits will be affected, please consult your counselor.

How do I get there?

Your school will provide bus transportation to and from Wilco.

ACE, AIM, AVIATION, Barbering, Cosmetology, Heavy Equipment Technology, and Nail Technology students are responsible for their own transportation to and from their programs, CNA students provide for their own transportation to clinicals.

2022-2023 Courses

ACE: (At Joliet Junior College)	Culinary Arts II
AIM: (At Joliet Junior College)	Early Childhood Education I
Auto Service (Mechanics) I	Early Childhood Education II
Auto Service (Mechanics) II	Emergency Medical Services
Aviation	Fire Science
Barbering	Heavy Equipment Technology
Business Logistics	Introduction to Health Professions
Business Management	Landscaping & Turf Management
Certified Nursing Assistant	Law Enforcement and Public Safety
CISCO Networking	Medical Assisting
Computer Technology	Nail Technology
Construction	Veterinary Assistant I
Criminal and Social Justice	Veterinary Assistant II
Cosmetology	Welding and Fabrication I
Culinary Arts I	Welding and Fabrication II



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#CareerBuilders

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For more information on Dual Credit with Joliet Junior College, please visit: <http://www.jjc.edu/academics/registration/dual-credit/Pages/default.aspx> and select Wilco Area Career Center as the school of participation.



Brand Awareness

- Build a recognizable brand
- Tell our story
- Create shareable content
- Contribute to community



Wilco Area Career Center



Programs

- ACE
- AIM
- Auto Service
- Aviation
- Barbering
- Business
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- CISCO Networking
- Computer Technology
- Construction
- Cosmetology
- Criminal & Social Justice
- Culinary Arts I & II
- Early Childhood I & II
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Science
- Heavy Equipment
- Intro. to Health Professions
- Landscaping & Turf Mgmt.
- Law Enforcement
- Medical Assisting
- Nail Technology
- Veterinary Assistant I & II
- Welding I & II

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Support local students

Students at Wilco Area Career Center develop technical, academic, and employability skills aligned to the seven career clusters (listed below). Partnerships between local business and industry improve the quality and relevance of programs while connecting students to the world of work.

Benefits to businesses for engaging schools and students include: developing more robust talent pipelines, accessing a diverse and innovative labor pool, earning a reputation for being a great place to work, and boosting business prospects. (Source: JFF, Benefits of Work-Based Learning)

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources**
Environmental Service Systems, Natural Resources, Plant Systems, Food Products & Processing Systems
- Arts and Communication**
Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communication
- Finance and Business Services**
Business Management and Administration, Finance, Marketing, Hospitality and Tourism
- Health Sciences and Technology**
Health Services, Medical/Clerical Assistant, EMT and Nursing Assistant
- Human and Public Services**
Education and Training, Government and Public Administration, Law, Public safety, Corrections, and Security, Human Services
- Information Technology**
Computer Programming, Web Page, Digital/Multimedia & Informational Resources Design
- Manufacturing, Engineering, Technology and Trades**
Architecture and Construction, Manufacturing, STEM, Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics, Energy

Wilco Area Career Center does not discriminate in employment or educational opportunities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex,

Business Partnership Opportunities

Whether you have the resources to create paid internships for students, or can spare a few minutes to have a conversation with a student, Wilco Area Career Center can use your expertise.

Partnership Opportunity	Description	Level of Commitment
Career fair	Host a table or booth at a middle or high school career fair.	Full day
Guest speaking	Guest speaking in a high school classroom about your career and industry. Virtual and in-person opportunities available.	One hour per guest speaking opportunity
Company tours	Hosting a virtual field trip via video conferencing or hosting a field trip to your business (post-COVID).	Two to three-hour commitment the day of the visit
Business advisory	Meeting once or twice annually with the program teacher and administrator along with other industry professionals from the field to review curriculum and ensure alignment of skills and knowledge to industry expectations.	One to two-hour meeting
Mock interview	Once a year, mock interview students as if you were an employer hiring for an entry-level position and the student was applying for the position.	Half day (three hours) or full day (six hours)
Team-based challenge	Design a team-based challenge. Define a problem from your industry that teams of students could solve using the skills and knowledge from their CTE program.	Two to three-hour commitment
Mentor	Serve as a mentor during a team-based challenge. Over the course of 6-12 weeks, provide support, advice, mentorship to student teams completing a team-based challenge.	Six hours of contact spread across the weeks of the challenge.
Job shadow	Host a job shadow student in your place of business.	Half day (three hours) or full day (six hours)
Internship (Career Development Experience)	Host a work-based learning experience (Career Development Experience) that is paid or unpaid.	Minimum of 60 hours of placement for the student.

Get involved today! Complete the [Interest form for business and industry](#) on the [WILCO](#) homepage or by following the links.

Additional ways to get in touch (815) 838-6891, ekaufman1@wilcoacc.org, bgoodale@wilcoacc.org, and joglesby@wilcoacc.org.

Wilca One Stop

23-24 Course Descriptions



JJC Dual Credit Testing/ Eligibility



JJC Dual Credit Application



Lewis University Application



JJC Dual Enrollment Application



Cosmetology, Barbering
& Nail Tech.



JJC Testing Requirements



Certified Nursing Asst. Forms



Relationship Opportunities



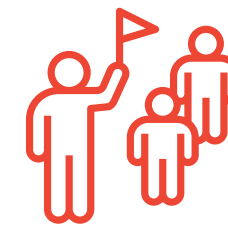
Dual Credit

- College of DuPage
- Joliet Junior College
- Lewis University



Career Fairs

- Spring Industrial Tech Programs; Auto, Business, Construction & Welding
- Spring Healthcare, Vet., ECE, Computer Tech. & Culinary



Campus Tours

- Incoming Sophmores & Juniors



Advisory Boards

- Local
- Regional
- Collegiate



Open House

- Fall
- Spring



Summer Programs

- CNA
- Welding
- Business

Community Relationships

- Plainfield Homecoming Parade
- Open House
- Career Fairs
- 8th grade Exploration Nights
- Trunk or Treat
- Public Buffets
- Preschool
- Three Rivers Education Partnership
- WorkForce Center of Will County
- Romeoville Chamber

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SOCIAL MEDIA



Partners



Bolingbrook



Plainfield North



Plainfield East



Romeoville



Wilmington



Lemont



Lockport



Plainfield South



Plainfield Central



Reed Custer

Our Programs

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Join Wilco Area Career Center
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**to Build Relationships by Empowering
Parents, Students and Business Partners
within your Community**
**Enroll students at your local Career &
Technical Center and help
Every Student find a Skill!**



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Career Pathways

23-24 Course Descriptions

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