

Getting To College

Your Future is Full of Possibilities



Welcome Back to School!

For many students classes start this week. What an exciting and stressful time! Whether it's moving into the dorms, or an apartment for the very first time. Or if you're a seasoned professional, there's a lot to get prepared for.

Make sure you prioritize your health and get enough rest. Remember, a new semester brings students together from all over the world, some of whom may have been exposed to a variety of illnesses. Taking precautions, practicing good hygiene, and listening to your body can help you stay healthy and make the most of your semester.

Always add planning for an unexpected illness to your College preparations plans. Do you know where the student Health Center is or the nearest drugstore?



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Summer Camps 2025 Report

The 2025 GTC Summer Camps were a resounding success!

We kicked off this summer with our first camp, "Dream Big" which focuses on inspiring students with challenges to build self-advocacy skills, and gain the confidence and tools they need to succeed in college and beyond. The course mantra is that "**College is for YOU!**" Students get to envision their future on campus, hear the success stories of others, and see themselves as future College Students!

Next the "My Path – My Future" cohort delved into the prerequisites needed for College applications and how they can confidently pursue higher education with problem-solving skills, self-advocacy, and independence skills, culminating in a personalized college success plan and hands-on practice for a smooth transition into college life. The recreation center at [UWL](#) kicked off a hiking adventure with this cohort seeing more of the local campuses than any other in the history of all Summer Camps.

Lastly, the "College Ready" cohort toured local campuses in the La Crosse region and explored what makes the best "fit" for their future while also gaining the skills, confidence, and tools to advocate for themselves, succeed academically and socially, and smoothly transition to college. Students traveled from as far away as Madison, WI while ending with a fantastic tour of the [Viterbo University](#) Campus.

We've included a few photos of the camp below and there are many more on our [Facebook page](#).

Some of the students were able to also attend our twice a month Webinars and found that those webinars helped reinforce many of the lecture topics like the difference between accommodations and modifications. We'll have all of those up on the new GTC YouTube channel, but they are already posted on our [Facebook page](#).

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Special Thanks To:

[Western Technical College's Access Services](#), [Viterbo's Accessibility Services](#) and [UWL's Disability Resources Center](#) and all of the generous and helpful folks at UWL over the Summer. A fantastic hard-working group. Note: Every College has a disability access center (variable names) on campus but all three of the College's staff went the extra mile this summer to inform and welcome the Summer Campers!

GTC News

Coming Soon!... [GTC YouTube Channel](#) will be available soon! We'll post all our webinars, College success stories and new College interview series.

GTC Webinars

We have [two webinars](#) scheduled for [September](#) "How do I pay for College" (parent focused) and "Overview of Wisconsin Inclusive Programs." Join US!

Contact GTC

Always feel free to reach out to us at GTC We're here to answer any questions or provide assistance as you need.



Community News

Events – conferences, meetings, workshops and

[Minnesota Inclusive Higher Education 2025 Conference](#)

- A day of learning, connection, and transformation as we engage with Minnesota's growing inclusive higher education movement.
- When: September 23, 2025
- Where: [Virtual Link](#)

[Family Voices of Wisconsin \(full calendar\)](#)

- What's After High School (with Getting To College)
- When: October 8, 2025
- Where: [Virtual Link](#)
- GTC Will be co-presenting

[Self-Determination Conference](#) ("Your Life, Your Way")

- When: October 20–22, 2025
- Where: Wisconsin Dells
- Presented by: [WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities](#)
- GTC Will be tabling at the Conference and presenting on Wednesday the 22nd. Drop by and say Hi!



WHAT IS GETTING TO COLLEGE?

Getting to College is a unique set of training, support, and assistance programs specifically designed to help students who want to pursue higher education to reach their life or employment goals. The various programs include tailored workshops, expert consulting, and campus experiences to empower students and families to navigate the journey to higher education.

The programs explore how to access and be successful in all types of higher education (post-secondary education) options including certificate programs, community college, and two-year and four-year degree programs. These post-secondary options can significantly help a person grow and mature while providing the skills, knowledge, and credentials needed to secure better-paying jobs, increase employability, and pursue career advancement opportunities.



Am I a Good Fit?

You may be, if you want to pursue higher education and your education journey includes one or more of the following:

- ✓ Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- ✓ 504 Plan
- ✓ Challenges with the High School Environment
- ✓ 1st Generation College Student
- ✓ Learning Differences

Who Should Participate?

All students ages 14-24 who are thinking about pursuing higher (post-secondary) education.

Apply Here!



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- [Suggestions on events of activities](#) – let us know how you'd like to connect with GTC and your community.
- [Suggest a connection](#) – let us know if you think someone might benefit by learning about GTC. We're happy to reach out to them anytime.