

Student Achievement Data - Culinary Arts Program

Students are at the center of Lakeshore College actions. The academic success of students is Lakeshore's highest priority. The college identifies student achievement data as metrics on retention, graduation, job placement, and industry-based credential/licensure attainment.

This data¹ is benchmarked with IPEDS² national data and compared with state data from the 16 colleges making up the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS). Lakeshore performs regular reviews of data during the Quality Review Process.

Retention

IPEDS Benchmarks - Retention and WTCS Comparison (in chart)

Description	Program	Cohort Year 2021-22 Lakeshore	Cohort Year 2021-22 WTCS	Cohort Year 2022-23 Lakeshore	Cohort Year 2022-23 WTCS	Cohort Year 2023-24 Lakeshore	Cohort Year 2023-24 WTCS
Program students retained from their 1 st to 2 nd year	10-316-1 Culinary Arts	58.82%	46.48%	68.42%	45.89%	61.11%	47.37%
	303162 - Culinary and Baking Basics Technical Diploma	57.14%	57.14%	71.43%	71.43%	70.83%	70.83%
	313161 - Culinary Assistant	61.54%	47.37%	58.33%	51.22%	69.57%	54.72%

Cohort Year refers to the academic year in which students started their education.

Source: Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) – Retention

Data as of 8-11-2025

Graduation

[IPEDS Benchmarks - Graduation](#) and WTCS Comparison (in chart)

Description	Program	Cohort Year 2020-21 Lakeshore	Cohort Year 2020-21 WTCS	Cohort Year 2021-22 Lakeshore	Cohort Year 2021-22 WTCS	Cohort Year 2022-23 Lakeshore*	Cohort Year 2022-23 WTCS*
Program students graduating from a program within three years	10-316-1 Culinary Arts	27.27%	16.01%	29.41%	15.90%	21.05%	17.24%
	303162 - Culinary and Baking Basics Technical Diploma	60.00%	60.00%	42.86%	42.86%	57.14%	57.14%
	313161 - Culinary Assistant	18.18%	27.08%	38.46%	25.00%	16.67%	23.17%

Description	Program	Cohort Year 2017-18 Lakeshore	Cohort Year 2017-18 WTCS	Cohort Year 2018-19 Lakeshore	Cohort Year 2018-19 WTCS	Cohort Year 2019-20 Lakeshore*	Cohort Year 2019-20 WTCS*
Program students graduating from a program within six years	10-316-1 Culinary Arts	40.00%	17.73%	41.18%	17.65%	33.33%	16.17%
	303162 - Culinary and Baking Basics Technical Diploma	100.00%	100.00%	87.50%	87.50%	66.67%	66.67%
	313161 - Culinary Assistant	70.00%	35.48%	90.91%	37.58%	61.90%	27.07%

Cohort Year refers to the academic year in which students started their education.

Source: Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) – Graduation

**Data to be updated October 1, 2025, to include a full three years or full six years.*

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Job Placement

Job Placement data is based on a study performed on graduates six-months after they graduate from the College. View the full report of the latest survey:

https://lakeshore.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/financial-aid/2025-2026/FLR_GraduateOutcomesReport_060525.pdf

Description	Program	Report Year 2021-22 Lakeshore	Report Year 2021-22 WTCS	Report Year 2022-23 Lakeshore	Report Year 2022-23 WTCS	Report Year 2023-24 Lakeshore	Report Year 2023-24 WTCS
Program graduates attaining employment within 1 year of graduation	10-316-1 Culinary Arts	Insufficient Data Available	100.00%	100.00%	94.44%	100.00%	85.19%
	303162 - Culinary and Baking Basics Technical Diploma	Insufficient Data Available	Insufficient Data Available	Insufficient Data Available	Insufficient Data Available	Insufficient Data Available	Insufficient Data Available
	313161 - Culinary Assistant	Insufficient Data Available	50.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Insufficient Data Available	100.00%
Program graduates attaining employment related to their program within 1 year of graduation	10-316-1 Culinary Arts	Insufficient Data Available	90.00%	100.00%	82.35%	100.00%	95.65%
	303162 - Culinary and Baking Basics Technical Diploma	Insufficient Data Available	Insufficient Data Available	Insufficient Data Available	Insufficient Data Available	Insufficient Data Available	Insufficient Data Available
	313161 - Culinary Assistant	Insufficient Data Available	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Insufficient Data Available	100.00%

Report Year refers to the academic year.

Source: Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) – Job Placement Data as of 8-11-2025

Industry Based Credential Attainment/Licensure

The culinary associate degree graduation provides ACF certification for career placement after the associate-degree level.

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	10-316-1 Culinary Arts	33.33%	12.55%	27.27%	16.01%	29.1%	15.90%
	303162 - Culinary and Baking Basics Technical Diploma	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
	313161 - Culinary Assistant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Report Year refers to the academic year.

Source: Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) – Graduation

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¹ Chart data obtained from WTCS Program Performance Dashboard and associated OLAP cubes.

² The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) gathers information from every college, university, and technical and vocational institution that participates in the federal student financial aid programs. LTC reports IPEDS data on enrollments, program completions, graduation rates, faculty and staff, finances, institutional prices, and student financial aid to the US Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).