



2025-2026
STUDENT HANDBOOK

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YOUR COLLEGE



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SANDERSON



Welcome to LATC!

We are so glad you chose to advance your education and your career through Lake Area Tech. You've joined a community of peers, faculty, and staff who want you to succeed and enjoy your time together. At LATC, it's possible to have the college experience and propel into a career that pays dividends for life.

In this handbook, you'll find information to navigate your experience as a college student, including activities and clubs, resources available to you on and off campus, details on tuition and fees, and academics. You'll find more helpful information on the website (www.lakeareatech.edu) and in Portal, too.

While you're a Lake Area Technical College student, seek opportunities to get involved, grow your professional network, and challenge yourself. It's our mission to provide the very best technical education while supporting you in your personal and professional development.

Cheers to you and your future!
Tiffany

WHO WE ARE

Lake Area Technical College was founded in 1965, and served as South Dakota's first post-secondary vocational school. Throughout the years, Lake Area Tech has gone through many changes and has grown to become one of the nation's highest-rated technical colleges. In 2017, our school won the coveted Aspen Award which recognizes the nation's top community colleges. Lake Area Tech is also a Top 10 Military-Friendly College and has been recognized by numerous other organizations dedicated to promoting academic excellence.

Lake Area Tech currently offers more than 30 majors and its enrollment is about 2,600 students. Our student-teacher ratio is about 16:1 and our hands-on approach to learning produces some of the nation's most skilled workers. We are glad you chose to join us and we are committed to your personal and professional success. Your time at Lake Area Tech is truly the start of something you!

MISSION STATEMENT

Lake Area Technical College: superior, comprehensive technical education that changes lives and launches careers.

VISION STATEMENT

Lake Area Technical College will be the leader in technical education working in partnership with business and industry and all levels of education. Lake Area Tech staff will integrate the latest technology and methods of delivering quality education to meet emerging global workforce demands. Lake Area Tech will continue to develop marketing strategies to promote technical education and will maintain excellence in all programs.

MY PORTAL

My Portal is a communication tool used by incoming, current and former students. Student schedules, textbooks, tuition statements, financial aid, and other important information can be viewed through My Portal. Access to course materials, assignments, quizzes and tests is also provided through the platform.

Students can also use My Portal to pay tuition and bookstore accounts, make loan repayments and deposits to their Campus Cash account, and purchase parking permits.

Graduates in good standing can access information such as unofficial transcripts and 1098-T tax forms through My Portal. The default login and password are as follows:

Login: initials + student ID number

Password: INITIALS + last four digits of Social Security number



YOUR CAMPUS



1 PRAIRIE LAKES HEALTHCARE CENTER OF LEARNING

Community Health Worker, Dental Assisting, Med/Fire Rescue, Medical Assisting, Medical Lab Technician, Nursing, OTA, Photo/Media, PTA, Surgical Technician

2 BUILDING 200

Adult Education & Learning (AEL), Business, Center for Student Life: The NET, Diversity, Esports, Financial Services, Leonard Timmerman Library

3 BUILDING 300

Cosmetology, Inspire Salon & Spa, MakerSpace

4 STUDENT SERVICES CENTER

Academics, Administration, Admissions, Campus Event Center, Market 65, Mind Grind, Stax Bookstore

5 BUILDING 500

Business Offices, Campus Accounts, Computer Information Systems, Financial Aid, Foundation, Information Technology Center, Registrar

6 AUTO BODY & PAINT TECHNOLOGY

Auto Body & Paint Technology

7 AUTOMOTIVE & CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Automotive Technology, Building Trades Technology

8 AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Agriculture, CAT ThinkBIG, Environmental Technology, Heavy Equipment Operator

9 MANUFACTURING, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION CENTER

CNH Top Tech, Diesel, Electronic Systems, Energy Operations, Energy Technology, Human Services Technician, Law Enforcement, Precision Machining, Robotics, Welding

10 DANA J. DYKHOUSE BUSINESS CENTER OF LEARNING

Future Business, Financial Services, General Education, Robotics

11 THE LAB

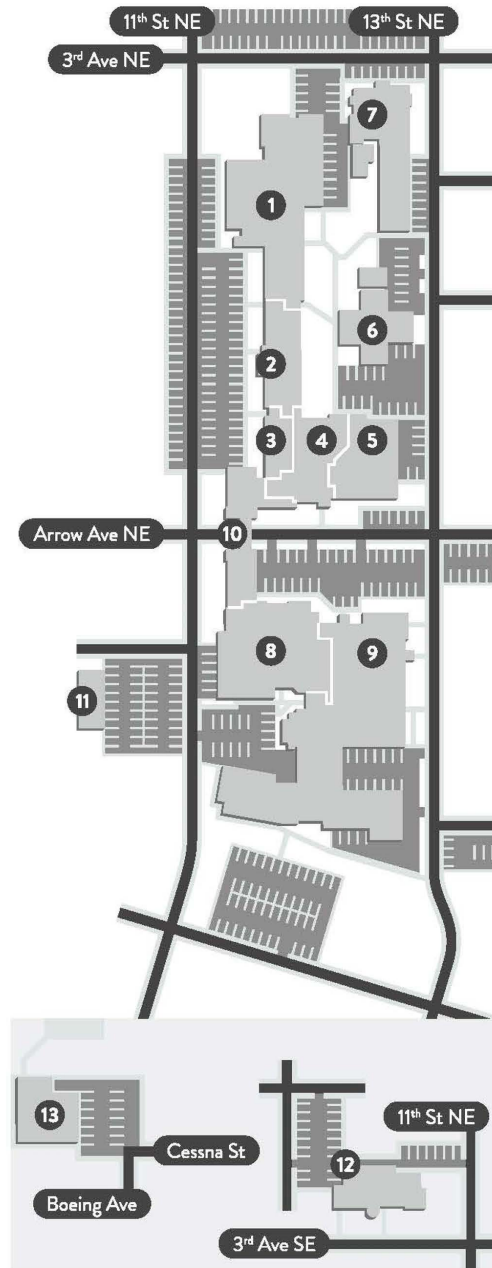
Robotics Lab

12 EDUCARE CENTER

Lake Area Technical College Children's Educare Center

13 AVIATION ANNEX

Aviation Maintenance Technology, Professional Fixed-Wing Pilot, Unmanned Aerial Systems Pilot



TRANSPORTATION

Students are required to provide their own transportation to and from school. When training requires students to be off-campus, they must make their own transportation arrangements.

STUDENT PARKING AND MAP

Finding the perfect parking spot can sometimes feel challenging. To make this process easier and more convenient, Lake Area Technical College has designated each of its parking lots as: Premium, General, or Economy. The parking lot designations correspond with three different parking permits which are available to all LATC students. The best part? You get to choose the option that works best for you! Only one pass is needed per student! It can be easily moved to another vehicle.

Choose from Three Parking Permit Options:

- **Premium Parking – \$275 Per Academic Year**
Premium Parking is available at the center of campus, between the MET and Student Services Center. This lot provides premium parking spaces and a handful of Visitor, Staff, and Accessible parking spaces. These permits are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and allow the holder to park in any of the following on-campus lot designations: Premium, General, and Economy.
- **General Parking – \$150 Per Academic Year**
General Parking is available in six different on-campus lots. These lots literally surround our campus and provide general parking spaces and a number of Visitor, Staff, and Accessible parking spaces. These permits are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and allow the holder to park in any of the following on-campus lot designations: General and Economy.
- **Economy Parking – \$50 Per Academic Year**
Economy Parking is available in three lots, located on the north and south ends of the Lake Area Technical College campus. These lots provide economy parking spaces and permits are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Displaying Your Permit

Your parking permit must be hung from your rearview mirror or placed on the driver's side dashboard whenever your vehicle is parked on campus. Failure to properly display your permit constitutes a parking violation. Transferring your parking permit to another person is prohibited and will result in a fine. Parking permits are assigned specifically to you and your vehicle(s) and may not be used by others. Lending your permit may result in a fine and/or loss of parking privileges.

Permit Enforcement

The LATC parking lots are monitored daily from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parking in an improper lot or failing to display your parking permit will result in a \$50 fine. The fine is doubled in our Premium Parking lot, located between the MET and Student Services Center. All fines must be paid at the Lake Area Tech Business Office, located in the Student Services Center. All fines must be paid before any grades, diplomas or transcripts will be issued. In addition, students with unpaid parking violations may be unable to log into My Portal until the violation has been satisfied.

Online and Evening Students

Students enrolled in LATC online courses are not required to have a parking permit when visiting campus for school-related purposes. Students visiting campus after 3:30 p.m. are not required to display a valid parking permit.

Temporary Parking Permits

We understand that, on occasion, a student may forget or misplace the hang tag parking permit they purchased to park on campus. When that happens, the student may request a Temporary Parking Permit on My Portal, if they'd rather not park on the street. Temporary Parking Permits are \$5 per day, up to five days, and can be picked up and paid for at one of six locations on campus.

Note: Temporary Parking Permits are available to students who purchased a 2025-26 parking permit and are only valid in the Economy lots on campus.

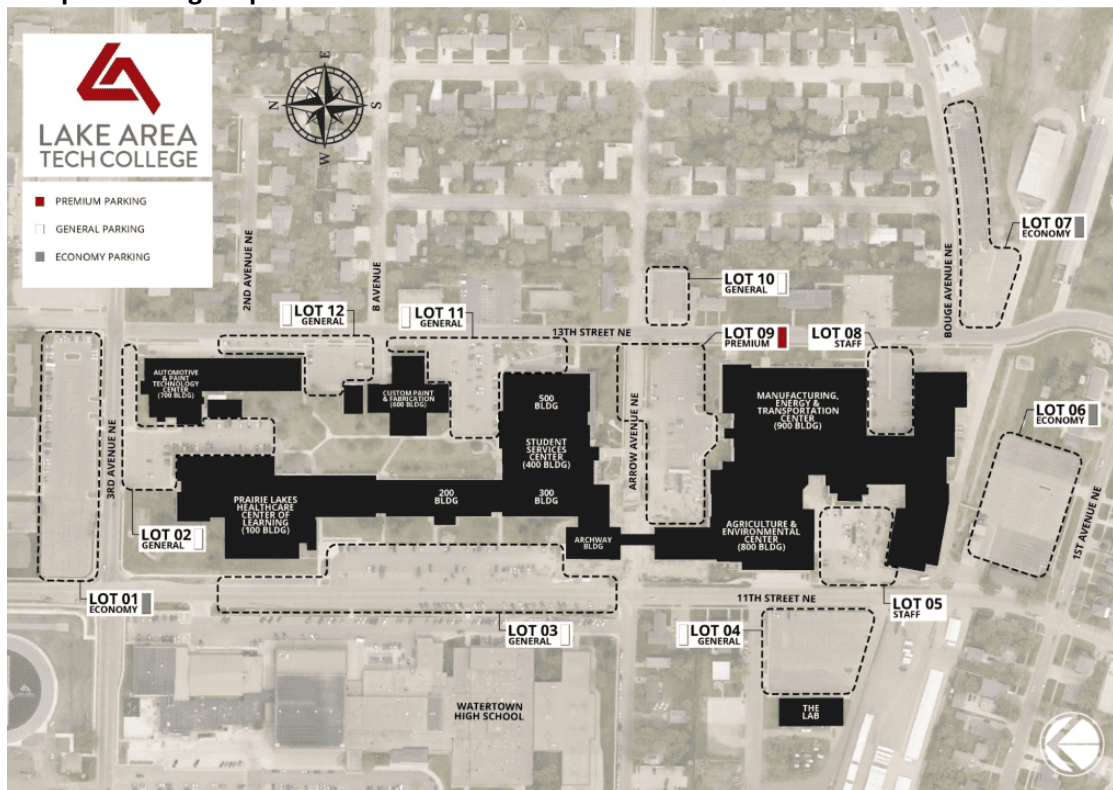
Lost or Stolen Permits

Please report lost or stolen permits immediately to the Lake Area Technical College Business Office. Students will need to purchase a new permit in order to park on campus.

Refunds

Students who withdraw from school within ten (10) days of the start of school may request a refund. The parking permit must be surrendered to Lake Area Tech's Business Office and a refund will be issued.

Campus Parking Map



To learn more about LATC campus parking, please visit: [Parking - Lake Area Technical College](#)

OFF-CAMPUS PARKING REGULATIONS

Parking Restrictions (18.0101)

1. No owner, or person in possession or control of a motor vehicle or other vehicle of any kind, including trailers, whether motorized or non-motorized, shall be parked or remain upon any Street following a snow storm of more than two (2) inches on Monday, Wednesday or Friday or upon any Avenue on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday until said street or avenue has been plowed. (E506) (Ord 04-05; Rev 06-16-04)
2. Except as provided below, no motor vehicle or other vehicle of any kind, including trailers, whether motorized or non-motorized, shall be parked or remain upon any street or avenue right of-way in any one location within the limits of this City for a period of time exceeding twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, and thereafter, such parked vehicle must be moved a minimum distance of fifty (50) feet from that location before being allowed to park for an additional twenty-four (24) hour period. Commercial trailers of those contractors actively performing improvements to real property are exempt from the above provision so long as the trailer is parked at a street location immediately abutting said property and the trailer does not pose a threat to public safety. (E-506; E-544-1) (Ord 04-05; Rev 06-16-04) (Ord 17-22; Rev 07-14-17) (Ord 17-40; Rev 10-13-17) (Ord 18-24; Rev 12-14-18)
3. No semi-tractor, semi-trailer, watercraft trailer, or camper/RV shall be parked upon any street, boulevard, alley or public place in a residential district, except for the purpose of loading and unloading merchandise generally or the personal property of an abutting resident, and in such cases only for a reasonable length of time to load and unload, and in a reasonable location that does not pose a threat to public safety. (E-474-1) (Ord 17-22; Rev 07-14-17) (Ord 18-24; Rev 12-14-18)
4. No motor vehicle or other vehicle of any kind, including trailers whether motorized or nonmotorized shall be parked upon any boulevard at any time unless permission therefore has been granted by an official city agency. (E-544-1) (Ord 18-24; Rev 12-14-18)
5. For residential areas adjacent to Lake Kampeska or Lake Pelican:
 - a. No motor vehicle or other vehicle of any kind including trailers, whether motorized or nonmotorized, shall be parked within three (3) feet of the white fog line painted on the road; and
 - b. No motor vehicle or other vehicle of any kind, including trailers, whether motorized or non-motorized, shall be parked on any sidewalk/recreational trail or any portion of the roadway designated as such. (Ord 17-22; Rev 07-14-17) (Ord 18-24; Rev 12-14-18) **Ordinance**

18:0101	Parking Restrictions
18:0102	Vehicle may be Removed
19.04	Parking
21.63	Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements (All Districts)

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

All students registered for six credits or more per semester are eligible for an ID card. Student photo ID cards will be issued by the Stax Bookstore for all new students. The same ID card will be used until the student leaves LATC.

A student ID is required when attending all Lake Area Tech student activities and for entry to the Prairie Lakes Wellness Center. Students must also present their student ID when using the State Library in Pierre. ID cards may be used as a debit card to make purchases on campus. A charge of \$10 is assessed for replacement ID cards.

STAX BOOKSTORE

Whether you're looking for books, tools, laptops or uniforms, the Stax Bookstore has everything you need to be a Lake Area Tech student! Located in the main hub of the Student Center, Stax provides easy access to all of your last-minute extras including snacks, drinks, over the counter medications, spirit wear, school supplies, and more!

Hours of Operation

- Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Returns

- Be sure to check with your friends and scope out our campus bulletin boards before purchasing your textbooks from Stax. This will minimize the need for returns.
- Do NOT write in your books if you plan to return them. A marked book is a USED book! Textbooks can be returned for a full refund within two weeks of the date printed on your receipt. **Due to health considerations, uniforms cannot be returned following delivery to a student**
- Books purchased with a shrink-wrap must be returned with the shrink-wrap intact.
- Refunds will be paid by check or cash. Purchases made using a credit card will be credited back to the credit card used to make the purchase.
- Cosmetology kits are non-refundable.
- Tools are not returnable.
- Tools must remain on campus until they are paid in full.

Book Buyback

- Book buy back will be twice a year, during the final week of the fall and spring semesters. The bookstore's needs are dictated by the text requisition completed instructors and the anticipated class enrollment.
- Books are also purchased for a used book company once the bookstore's needs are met. Stax reserves the right to reject any textbook due to its condition, writing in the book, or new editions being released by the publishers.

MARKET 65

Market 65 food service facilities are located in the Lake Area Tech Student Center. A wide variety of meals and snacks are served from 6:45 am to 3:00 p.m. each day. A link to the weekly menu, including daily specials, can be found on My Portal. Market 65 operates as a "cash and carry" food service. Students are not required to purchase a meal plan, however, students may wish to use their Campus Cash cards to purchase food items at Market 65. Students may also place orders online through the Toast Tab website and/or phone app. Vending machines are available throughout the campus.

MIND GRIND COFFEE SHOP

Students at Lake Area Tech have access to one of the best campus coffee houses in the region. The Mind Grind offers a variety of specialty coffee drinks and smoothies so students don't have to leave campus to get their fix. "Daily Grind" specials are available as well for those who like to sample a little bit of everything at the right price. A link to the weekly menu is on My Portal with daily specials.

INSTANT CASH MACHINE

An instant cash machine is located in the LATC Student Center. The cash machine dispenses in increments of \$20. Students are advised there is a foreign fee transaction, depending on your bank.

CAMPUS CASH

Lake Area Tech students who wish to open a debit account are encouraged to do so at the beginning of the semester. The student's ID card will serve as a Campus Cash debit card if the student chooses to set up an account.

Activating Account

To activate the account, students must complete the Campus Cash form on My Portal (My Campus Cash under the Student tab) and provide a minimum deposit of \$20. Additional deposits may be made through My Portal at any time.

Using Card

The card must be presented at the time of purchase and shall be the only means of accessing the participant's account. The Campus Cash card is not an ATM card and will not function in any machines. With the student ID/debit card, students may make purchases at Market 65 Food Service, The Mind Grind Coffee House and Stax Bookstore.

Refunds

Campus Cash accounts stay active until the student notifies the LATC Business Office that the account is to be closed. Refunds, upon written request, on closed accounts will be made at the full value of the unused balance. However, no refunds will be made for balances less than \$5. The student must complete a Student Activity Fund form from the LATC Business Office or go to My Portal, My Campus Cash under the student tab, and complete the Campus Cash refund form.

Any outstanding financial obligations to Lake Area Tech will be applied to the remaining balance before a refund is issued. Refunds will be issued within fourteen (14) days. Campus Cash Spending Accounts with an unclaimed balance under \$50 that has been inactive for a period of 12 months or more, will be deposited into Lake Area Tech's general fund.

Lost, Stolen or Damaged Cards

Should the participant's Student ID/Campus Cash Card be lost, stolen or damaged it must be immediately reported to the LATC Business Office (located in Student Services).

LEONARD H. TIMMERMAN LIBRARY

The Leonard H. Timmerman Library is full of helpful resources and services. The library's collection includes various online databases, eBooks, streaming educational videos, books, reference materials, magazines, journals, and newspapers. The LATC library website provides many of these information resources right at students' fingertips. The website also helps students with research-based tasks such as locating sources, utilizing sources and citing sources.

Our full-time library staff is available to assist students with their research questions. Other services available through the library include interlibrary loan, computer access, printers, photocopier, collaborative workstations, and scanners.

The library supports both collaborative and individual study. The space includes study rooms for individual students or places to meet and work in groups.

The library is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

POSTING INFORMATION ON CAMPUS

Bulletin boards are available for student use throughout the Lake Area Tech campus. Stax Bookstore staff will need to initial and date all information being posted by any individual or off-campus group. Bulletin board sites include TEC, MET, Student Center, Library and Aviation.

Information generated by student organizations or on-campus groups do not require approval from Stax Bookstore staff and may be posted on each of the bulletin boards as well as above each water fountain.

Information generated on and off campus may only be posted for a maximum of two weeks. Material advertising alcohol, tobacco or casinos will not be allowed on campus.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

When inclement weather is predicted, students are encouraged to listen to the local radio stations (KWAT 950, KIXX 96, KSDR, KS93, KXLG) or to KELO TV for information regarding campus closings. Note: LATC is not included with the Watertown School District closings.

Students with children should be informed that when the Watertown School District closes due to weather conditions, the Watertown Boys and Girls Club also closes.

LATC students and staff may receive notifications of school closings and other emergency notifications via text messages and emails. Students are encouraged to sign up for InformaCast, a free service through the LATC website, to receive notifications.

CAMPUS CAMERAS

Campus surveillance cameras record activities in many public areas. In the event of an emergency, video feeds are available in real time to LATC administration and the Watertown Police Department. At this time, cameras are focused upon hallways, outside door entries and select labs on campus.



YOUR **ACADEMICS**



2025-26 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

August 2025

- 22 – New Student Orientation
- 25 – All Classes Begin

September 2025

- 1 – Labor Day (No School)
- 8 – Last Day to Drop/Add (Day 10)
- 22- Tuition and fees due

October 2025

- 13 – Native American Day (No School)
- 20 – Midterm

November 2025

- 11 – Veteran’s Day (No School)
- 26 – No School
- 27 – Thanksgiving (No School)
- 28 – No school

December 2025

- 19 – End of Fall Semester
- 24 -- Winter Break Begins

January 2026

- 9 – New Student Orientation
- 12 – All Spring Classes Begin
- 19 – MLK Jr. Day (No School)
- 26 – Last day to Drop/Add (Day 10)

February 2026

- 9 – Tuition and Fees Due
- 16 – President’s Day (No School)

March 2026

- 13 – Midterm
- 16 – 20 – Spring Break (No School)

April 2026

- 3 – Good Friday (No School)
- 6 – Easter Monday (No School)

May 2026

- 14 – GradFest
- 15 – End of Spring Semester & Commencement
- 25 – Memorial Day (No School)
- 26 – Summer Session Begins

June 2026

- 1 – Last Day to drop/add (Day 5)
- 2-4 – New Student Orientation
- 8 – Tuition and Fees Due
- 19 – Juneteenth (No School)
- 23 – Midterm

July 2026

- 3 – Independence Day (Observed)
- 22 – End of Summer Session

REGISTRATION

Students must be officially registered to attend classes. New students will be registered to individual courses by the Director of Enrollment’s Office. Current or returning students will be registered by their program advisor. Registration will be posted to My Portal before the beginning of the semester.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance is important for the mastery of course skills and for the development of proper work habits. Students are expected to attend all classes; no absence is excused in the sense that students are responsible for work missed during any absence. Attendance is recorded on a daily basis, and that information is recorded on students’ academic records. All instructors will inform the students of the importance of class attendance and make them aware of the policies concerning attendance. Each program has an attendance policy that all students are expected to follow. Students with excessive absences will be reported to the administration and may be subject to dismissal.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate, a student must successfully complete all required courses in a program and earn the required number of credits needed to graduate. A passing grade is required in all credits used to meet the graduation requirements and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Note: Individual program graduation requirements may be more stringent. Formal graduation ceremonies are held at the end of the spring semester.

CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Any changes to a student's registration (including adding or dropping a course) must be completed on a course drop/add form and signed by the student and his/her advisor or the department head. This form will be turned in to the Director of Enrollment's office.

Adding a Course

Students may register for classes after the semester has begun, as long as the class has not been in session for ten (10) days (five (5) days for summer session) and the instructor agrees to the registration. Tuition will be adjusted accordingly.

Tuition Refund Resulting from a Schedule Change

If a student drops a class within the first ten (10) days of the semester (five days for summer session), a full refund for the tuition and any applicable fees will be refunded to the student. If a student drops the class after this time, no refund is issued.

Withdrawing from an Individual Course

If a student chooses to withdraw from a class before the midpoint of the course, the student needs to complete a course drop form and is issued a grade of "WP" to indicate official withdrawal. The "WP" grade does not affect the student's grade point average but is included in the calculation for the student's completion rate and maximum timeframe as required by the institution's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. However, this is not applicable if a student withdraws from all classes within the first (10) ten days of the semester (five days for summer session). Students who withdraw during that time period are subject to the withdraw process and will be charged for the time/days they attended.

A student officially withdrawing from a class after the midpoint of the semester will receive a grade of "WF" which does affect the student's GPA, until the course is repeated. Both the course that received a "WF" and the repeat course are included in the student's completion rate and maximum timeframe calculations.

A student who stops attending class without officially withdrawing will have a grade of "WF" recorded on the transcript when the student has exceeded the attendance policy for the class.

A student dropping or failing a course will be able to retake the course at a later time. When the student successfully completes the course, his/her transcript will indicate the failing grade has been repeated. The original "F" will no longer affect GPA, but will remain part of the completion rate and maximum timeframe calculations.

Dropping a course may result in a reduction of financial aid, a change to the student's graduation date, a change to the student's status, or failure to meet Satisfactory Academic requirements which can result

in the loss of Federal Financial Aid eligibility. Students are encouraged to consult with their program advisor, a counselor, and the Financial Aid Office, if applicable, before making this decision.

For more information on Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements, please refer to the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP Policy).

Underloaded Courses

Lake Area Tech is committed to your graduation date, but program course electives (courses not required for graduation) must have a significant number of students registered to offer the course.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

Students who wish to withdraw from school before the semester ends should obtain a signed withdrawal and official release from the Director of Enrollment Office. The student is responsible to pay any outstanding tuition and fees or other charges. Unpaid balances after 90 days will be sent to a collection agency. Students must also return any school property, including laptops, when withdrawing from school.

GRADING SYSTEM

Letter grades are used to indicate the quality of a student's work in a course. Grade points are assigned for each letter grade so that a grade point average can be calculated. The system is as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credit Point</u>
A	4.0
B	3.0
C	2.0
D*	1.0
F	0.0
I	0.0

Grades that do not calculate into the GPA: AP (Advanced Placement due to performance test), AU (Auditing), IP (In Progress), NR (Grade not received from instructor), P (Pass with C or better), PL (Credit given for Prior Learning), R (Repeated Course), TO (Test Out), TR (Transfer Credit), WP (Withdrawal Pass).

A student's grade point average is determined by adding all grade points and dividing by the sum of all credits passed and failed. If a student is currently enrolled, an Incomplete must be removed no later than mid-point of the following grading period. If the Incomplete is not removed by that time, it will automatically be changed to "F". An Incomplete calculates as a "0" for grade point average purposes.

Note to students: not all courses allow an incomplete grade. Some may require an incomplete to be made up before the midpoint.

*In technical programs, any grade below 80 percent is a failing grade. There is no "D."

GRADE REPORTS

Grade reports can be viewed online through My Portal on the Lake Area Tech website. Students need to carefully check all entered grades. Responsibility for the accuracy of the grade report is shared by the student. Any discrepancies should be immediately reported to the course instructor. If, after contacting

the instructor, a student does not feel the proper grade has been entered, he/she should contact the Director of Enrollment's Office.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

The President's List is a record of students, published at the end of a semester, that recognizes outstanding students who have excelled in their educational program. The President's List is limited to those who achieve a 3.5 to 4.0 semester grade point average.

Students with a 4.0 will be noted on the list. Only full-time students who have complete all of their coursework by the end of the semester are included on the President's List. To graduate with honors, a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.74 must be achieved, and a 3.75 to 4.0 cumulative GPA must be achieved to graduate with High Honors.

OPTIONAL ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S.) DEGREE

Optional A.A.S. degrees are available in Aviation Maintenance Technology, Auto Body and Paint, Environmental Technology, Heavy Equipment Operator, Human Services Technician, Dental Assisting, and Welding Technology. Students pursuing the optional A.A.S. degree must consult with their academic adviser for more details.

APPLYING DIPLOMA CREDITS TO A.A.S. DEGREE

Lake Area Tech graduates who have previously received a diploma and wish to receive an A.A.S. degree will be subject to the following conditions:

- All technical credits must have been earned within the past five (5) years by time of completion. Credits older than five (5) years will be verified at the department level. The verification process may include documentation by a current or previous employer.
- Any general education credits transferred in must meet the transfer requirements of LATC.
- Technical education courses must meet the current program's requirements.
- Transferring credits for enrolled students is subject to current policy.
- Non-enrolled students will be charged \$20/course for transferring credits. Maximum transfer fee is \$100.

COURSE AUDITING

Should a student or community member wish to audit a course (attend lectures but not take tests or receive credit), the tuition charge will be \$20 per credit hour. Auditing of lectures must be approved by the course instructor and will be allowed only if class size permits. Auditing computers or other courses involving labs is not permitted. A maximum of three total credits may be audited per semester. Exemptions to this policy must have approval from the Director of Enrollment.

STANDARDS OF PROGRESS

Performance standards appropriate to business and industry are established by individual programs. Students failing to perform at these levels will be counseled and receive academic assistance and/or help finding alternatives more appropriate to their interests and capabilities. School policy discourages students from continuing in a program found to be inappropriate for them.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) POLICY

Students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in order to graduate from Lake Area Technical College and in order to continue to receive federal financial aid. This includes Federal Pell Grant, Federal

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Work Study, Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans, and Federal PLUS.

Please note that other entities providing funding for students may require the student to maintain a certain number of credits and/or grade point average (GPA). This includes, but is not limited to, funding from Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Labor and Regulation, Tribal Funding, LATC Foundation Scholarships, and scholarships from outside organizations.

Federal regulations require institutions participating in Title IV student financial aid programs to have in place a satisfactory academic progress (SAP) standard which uses quantitative (cumulative credits completed) and qualitative (cumulative grade point average) measures, defines the maximum timeframe for degree completion, and which is as strict as the criteria used to measure satisfactory progress for students who are not receiving federal aid. The academic record of all students, regardless of the receipt of financial aid, will be monitored to ensure compliance with financial aid SAP standards. The Director of Enrollment manages SAP for both academics and financial aid. The same SAP standards are applicable to both areas. Thus, if a student is suspended for academics, he/she is also suspended for financial aid.

Students must successfully complete 67% of cumulative credits attempted and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.0 (LATC requires a 2.0 cumulative GPA for graduation). They also must be able to complete their program of study in a maximum timeframe of 150% of the published program length. A student meeting these requirements is considered to be in good academic standing.

Monitoring

Review of SAP is done at the end of each academic term for all students. (i.e., fall, spring, and summer). We utilize standard rounding rules for all SAP measurements.

Warning

After one unsuccessful term (i.e., Fall, Spring, or Summer), a student will be placed on academic warning for the following semester, yet will remain eligible for Federal Financial Aid during the academic warning period. Should the student continue to fail to meet satisfactory academic standards after the academic warning period, the student will lose eligibility to receive Federal Financial Aid but can have that eligibility reinstated should the student successfully appeal to the SAP committee and is then placed on academic probation. The student is provided notice in writing and/or e-mail of the Warning status.

Suspension and Appeal

After two unsuccessful terms (i.e., fall, spring, or summer), a student will be placed on Suspension status with the right to appeal to the Director of Enrollment.

The student is provided notification in writing and/or e-mail of the Suspension status. Student are required to appeal before the beginning of the next academic semester.

A student placed on Suspension status must appeal in order to have his/her financial aid reinstated and to be allowed to continue in school.

The student must complete an Appeal form and will appear before the SAP Committee. The student's appeal must explain why he/she failed to make satisfactory progress and what has changed in his/her situation that will allow him/her to make satisfactory academic progress in the upcoming semester.

The circumstances for an appeal can include, but are not limited to:

- the death of a relative;
- injury or illness of the student; or
- other special circumstances as determined by the school.

Other situations that will be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Family difficulties, such as divorce or illness;
- Interpersonal problems with friends, roommates, significant others, etc.;
- Difficulty balancing school and work, family responsibilities, etc.; or
- Financial difficulties

At the discretion of the Director of Enrollment and SAP Committee, a student may not be required to appear in person. The written appeal will be reviewed and a decision will be made by the SAP Committee.

Any stipulations imposed on the student, such as no failing grades, completion of all courses, no attendance issues, etc., will be provided to the student in writing following the approval of the appeal. This notification will also be provided to the Financial Aid Office and the Department Supervisor of the student's program.

If the SAP Committee denies the appeal the student will be provided in writing a letter stating the denial, as well as how the student may re-establish eligibility for financial aid.

The SAP Committee includes members of the Student Success Team, the Director of Financial Aid, and the Director of Enrollment.

Suspension and Appeal (Doesn't Appeal)

If a student who was "Suspended with the Right to Appeal" chooses to sit out and return at a later date, **the student must appeal before being readmitted.** The Director of Enrollment will determine if the student must appear before the SAP Committee or if a paper appeal will be considered.

The following timelines will apply:

If a student applies for readmission within one year of the Suspension status, the student must meet with a special SAP Committee consisting of the Director of Enrollment, Director of Financial Aid, and Academic Advisor from the student's program.

If a student applies for readmission after one year of the Suspension status, the student would be allowed to either meet with the SAP Committee or to submit a paper appeal to the SAP Committee.

Limitation of SAP Appeals

There is no limit on the number of times a student can appeal.

Probation

Once a student has been granted a successful appeal, the student is then placed on Probation.

Students on suspension who successfully appeal will be reinstated on a probationary status. During probation, which lasts one term (i.e., Fall, Spring, or Summer), students are expected to successfully meet the terms outlined in the SAP academic plan. Students may continue in subsequent semesters as long as they continue to meet the terms of their SAP academic plan. A standard SAP academic plan consists of not failing or withdrawing from a course and passing all course with a “C” grade or higher. LATC understands that a student may not reach the 67% and/or the 2.0 GPA rule in the very next semester due to previous academic performance.

Maximum Timeframe

The maximum time frame for an undergraduate program measured in credit hours is a period no longer than 150 percent of the published length of the program. If a student attempts credits toward his/her degree and he/she is not receiving Title IV aid, those attempted credits still count toward the 150 percent completion. To appeal this policy, students must submit an appeal form to the Director of Enrollment and/or the Director of Financial Aid. Remedial coursework will not count towards the max timeframe. Transfer credits will count towards max timeframe.

Program of Study	Diploma Option	AAS Degree	Credits Required	Max Time Frame
AG - Business	N/A	YES	76	114
AG - Business E-Degree	N/A	YES	76	114
AG - Production	N/A	YES	77	115.5
AG - Commodity	N/A	YES	80	120
AG - Commodity E-Degree	N/A	YES	80	120
AG - Dairy	N/A	YES	76	114
AG - Livestock Production	N/A	YES	74	111
AG - Livestock Production E-Degree	N/A	YES	73	109.5
AG - Precision Technology	N/A	YES	77	115.5
Auto Body and Paint Technology	YES	YES	38.5/73.5	57.75/110.25
Automotive Technology	N/A	YES	71	106.5
Light Duty Diesel for AT	N/A	YES	71	106.5
Light Duty Diesel Certificate	N/A	YES	18	27
Aviation Maintenance	N/A	YES	71	106.5
Aviation Professional Fixed-Wing Pilot Flight instructor	N/A	YES	67	100.5
Aviation Professional Fixed-Wing Pilot Uncrewed Aerial Systems	N/A	YES	66.5	99.75
Aviation Uncrewed Aerial Systems Certificate	N/A	YES	18	27
Building Trades	N/A	YES	73	109.5
Business - Entrepreneurship	N/A	YES	71	106.5
Business - Entrepreneurship E-Degree	N/A	YES	71	106.5
Business - Human Resources	N/A	YES	72	108
Business - Human Resources E-Degree	N/A	YES	72	108
Business - Marketing/Management	N/A	YES	72	108
Business - Marketing/Management E-Degree	N/A	YES	72	108
Business - Photography/Media	N/A	YES	68	102
Child Care Technician	N/A	YES	64.5	96.75
Child Care Technician Diploma	YES	YES	31.5	47.25

CIS - Graphic Design & Digital Communications	N/A	YES	70	105
CIS - Graphic Design & Digital Communications E-Degree	N/A	YES	70	105
CIS - Network & Cyber Security	N/A	YES	70	105
CIS - Network & Cyber Security E-Degree	N/A	YES	70	105
CIS - Software Development & Database Administration	N/A	YES	70	105
CIS - Software Development & Database Administration E-Degree	N/A	YES	70	105
Cosmetology	YES	N/A	39.5	59.25
Dental Assisting	YES	YES	44.5/70.5	66.75/105.75
Dental Assisting E-Degree	YES	YES	44.5/70.5	66.75/105.75
Dental Hygiene	N/A	YES	65.5	98.25
Diesel Technology	N/A	YES	70	105
AG/Industrial Tractor Option or Truck Option	N/A	YES	70	105
Diesel ButlerMAX	N/A	YES	72	108
Diesel CNH Top Tech	N/A	YES	70	105
Diesel Kubota Tech	N/A	YES	70	105
Diesel Tech for Automotive Grads	N/A	YES	70	105
Diesel Techknowledge John Deere	N/A	YES	70	105
Diesel ThinkBig Caterpillar	N/A	YES	72	108
Electronic Systems Technology	N/A	YES	72	108
Electronic Systems Technology E-Degree	N/A	YES	72	108
Energy Operations	N/A	YES	73.5	110.25
Energy Technology	N/A	YES	71.5	107.25
Agri-Financial Services	N/A	YES	74.5	111.75
Agri-Financial Services E-Degree	N/A	YES	74.5	111.75
Business Accounting	N/A	YES	74.5	111.75
Business Accounting E-Degree	N/A	YES	74.5	111.75
Consumer Financial Services	N/A	YES	74.5	111.75
Consumer Financial Services E-Degree	N/A	YES	74.5	111.75
Heavy Equipment Operator	YES	YES	41/72.5	61.5/108.75
Law Enforcement	N/A	YES	75	112.5
Law Enforcement Virtual Academy	N/A	YES	30	45
Med/Fire Rescue	N/A	YES	78	117
Med/Fire Rescue - Paramedic	YES	N/A	49.5	74.25
Med/Fire Rescue - Paramedic E-Degree	YES	N/A	49.5	74.25
Medical Assisting	YES	N/A	38.5	57.75
Medical Assisting hybrid E-Degree	YES	N/A	38.5	57.75
Med Lab Technician	N/A	YES	71.5	107.25
Med Lab Technician hybrid E-Degree	N/A	YES	71.5	107.25
Natural Resource Management	YES	YES	38/71	57/106.5
Nursing - LPN	YES	N/A	45.5	68.25
Nursing - LPN hybrid E-Degree	YES	N/A	45.5	68.25
Nursing - RN	N/A	YES	41	61.5

Nursing - RN hybrid E-Degree	N/A	YES	41	61.5
Occupational Therapy Assistant	N/A	YES	77	115.5
Physical Therapist Assistant	N/A	YES	76.5	114.75
Precision Machining	N/A	YES	72	108
Precision Machining hybrid E-Degree	N/A	YES	72	108
Robotics	N/A	YES	72	108
Robotics hybrid E-Degree	N/A	YES	72	108
Associate of Social Work	N/A	YES	67.5	101.25
Surgical Technology	N/A	YES	69	103.5
Welding Technology	YES	YES	34.5/71.5	51.75/107.25
Welding Marketing/Management	N/A	YES	69	103.5
Welding Technology - Precision Machining	N/A	YES	70	105

Transfer Students

Transfer students who did not meet SAP at a former school will be eligible to attend and to receive financial aid at LATC. Students will only be evaluated on their academic progress while attending LATC. Transfer credits will be evaluated and included on the transcript only for credits that apply toward his/her LATC degree and credits that meet the minimum academic standard. The credits will count toward earned and attempted cumulative credits, but not the cumulative GPA since the credits are assigned a "TR" grade versus an actual letter grade.

For students accepted into "Human Services Academic" there may be courses transferred in that do not apply to the student's LATC degree. For example, Sociology and Speech are not requirements for our PN program, but are requirements for other programs.

For more information on our transfer credit policies, please see these specific sections in the Student Handbook:

- Transfer of Previously Earned College Credits to Lake Area Tech
- Transfer of General Education College Credits
- Transfer of Technical Studies Credit
- Transfer of Credit from LATC to Other Colleges and Universities

Incompletes / "F" Grades / Withdrawals

Incomplete grades, "F" grades, and Withdrawal grades will reduce the completion ratio as they are counted as attempted but not earned credits and will also count as credits attempted against the maximum timeframe for completion of a program (150% of published length of the program).

If an Incomplete is not completed by midterm of following semester, the "I" grade turns to an "F" grade, a student withdraws from a class, or receives a failing grade in any required class; the student will need to repeat the class. Those credits will be used to determine the amount of successfully completed classes. Grades for courses that the student is required to repeat will replace the previously earned grade. Incomplete courses that turn into an "F" grade will lower the GPA.

If an Incomplete changes to a grade after the SAP review has been completed, the grade change will be reflected in the next review unless the student notifies the Director of Enrollment of the grade change

and it changes the student from suspended to their previous SAP standing, An Incomplete can potentially increase the GPA and/or increase the percentage of completion.

Academic Course Policies

Course Offerings - Each course required for graduation will be offered at least once during the length of the program. A student dropping or failing a course will be able to retake the course at a later time.

Tuition and fees are again assessed for the class. When the student successfully completes the course, the student's transcript will reflect the highest grade earned. Dropped or failed courses will also count as credits attempted against the maximum timeframe for completion of a program (150% of published length of the program).

Passing Grades - A student must successfully complete all of the required coursework in order to graduate from a program. A grade of "D" or better must be achieved in each required course. Individual programs may have a policy that requires a grade higher than a "D."

Transfer Students - Transfer students will be evaluated on an individual basis to determine the length of time needed to complete their degree or diploma. Students changing programs will have the normal timeframe to complete the new program.

Academic Grade Level - A student's academic grade level in a two-year program will be determined as follows:

0-33 credits (Grade Level 01)

34+ credits (Grade Level 02)

Credits will be evaluated and a determination made by the current program if the student has already completed another program at LATC.

Withdrawals and Non-attendance

If a student does not attend any class within the first 10 days of the semester, the student is counted as a "No Show," the student's courses are dropped, and his/her registration is cancelled. Any financial aid disbursed will be reversed.

Any non-attendance periods after day 10 (census date) is subject to the departmental attendance policy. Once that departmental attendance policy is exceeded, the student will be administratively withdrawn from the institution. His/her "last date of attendance" is used as his/her official withdrawal date.

Incomplete Courses or Grades

An incomplete grade during a SAP evaluation period is considered as an "F" grade. Students have until the mid-term of the following semester to complete the coursework, otherwise the "I" changes to an "F".

Repeated Coursework

A student may repeat a course one time after passing it and receive federal financial aid for the retake. Even though the Department of Education considers a "D" as a passing grade, individual programs may require a "C" or higher in a course to be considered passing. Repeated courses will also count as credits attempted against the maximum timeframe for completion of a program (150% of published length of the program).

Once a student successfully repeats a course with a passing or higher grade, LATC will use the highest grade toward cumulative credits attempted and cumulative GPA.

Audited Courses

Audited courses will not impact GPA, but they do impact attempted and earned credits. Audited coursework does not count toward financial aid eligibility.

Pass/Fail Courses

Pass/Fail courses count toward attempted credits and earned credits. They also count toward cumulative GPA.

WP (Withdrawal Pass) and WF (Withdrawal Fail) Grades

WP and WF grades will count toward attempted credits and earned credits. A WP does not count toward the GPA. A WF counts toward the GPA, as it is counted as an “F.”

Remedial Coursework

Remedial coursework is included in the qualitative (cumulative GPA) assessment of SAP, but the courses are not included in the student’s quantitative (Pace of completion) assessment of SAP. MATH090, RDG090, and EN090.

ESL (English as a Second Language)

LATC does not offer any ESL courses. Students needing ESL training should see the Academic Support Coordinator for further guidance.

Continuing Education Courses

LATC offers “continuing education” courses through Corporate Education. These courses are for non-credit. While a student enrolled in a degree program could take a “continuing education” course, the student would register and pay for the course through Corporate Education. It would not be included on the student’s transcript; thus, it would not be included in the SAP evaluation.

Multiple Degrees or Concentrations

If a student graduates in one program and then chooses to pursue another degree in another program, the Registrar’s Office will evaluate the prior coursework to determine which, if any, courses will “transfer” to the new program. Because of the wide range of courses required for each of our programs, this evaluation is conducted on a case-by-case basis.

Any accepted credits will count as credits attempted and completed.

Double Majors

If a student chooses to major in more than one program simultaneously, the student is required to contact the Registrar’s Office so that the correct advising trees are established for the student.

The most common double majors at LATC include EST/ROB, ET/EO, and BSA/FS. In all of these programs, there is a set of “core” classes that are common to both, including General Education requirements. These situations will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Quantitative standards (pace) will be determined by the Director of Enrollment. Students who are pursuing double majors are subject to the maximum timeframe rules, but may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Director of Enrollment. For example, a student double majoring in Business and Financial Services may require an exception to the maximum timeframe rules.

Transfer/Change of Program (Without Graduating from a Program)

For students who change programs, for prior credits, and for grades which do not count toward the new program, these credits and grades will be included in the review of SAP. After one successful semester in the new program, the student can appeal to the Director of Enrollment to have the prior credits and grades excluded from SAP as long as they do not count towards their new program of study. Prior credits and grades that do count toward the new major are included in future SAP evaluations.

A student can “reset” his/her academic progress by changing majors; however, this is limited to three times, including HSA status. Any request to change programs beyond three times will require the approval of the LATC President.

Re-establishing Eligibility for Financial Aid

Students who have become ineligible for financial aid can reestablish eligibility by doing the following:

- Successfully completing coursework without federal, state, or institutional aid to bring their cumulative GPA and completion rate to minimum standards. If it is not possible for a student to reach minimum SAP standards within one semester, they may consider filing an appeal based upon their improved academic record after successful completion of a semester in which the student did not benefit from federal, state, or institutional aid.
- By filing an appeal of the financial aid suspension for consideration of reestablished eligibility (The appeal form can be obtained by contacting the Director of Enrollment or the Director of Financial Aid)

GENERAL EDUCATION

An integral part of LATC’s mission statement is the comprehensive, foundational nature of the technical education we provide. The required general education classes are critical to LATC’s four core values – the General Education Student Learning Outcomes. General Education provides the broad knowledge and skills to enable LATC graduates to work effectively within society.

General Education Purpose Statement

The purpose of LATC General Education is to provide the building blocks for success. Through core general education courses, students gain skills and knowledge for effectiveness in communication, computer, math, and the sciences.

General Education Student Learning Objectives:

- Demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Develop professionalism including team-working skills.
- Communicate effectively.
- Find and use information.

CREDIT TRANSFERS

Transfer of Previously Earned College Credits to Lake Area Tech

Any credits transferred to Lake Area Tech must meet the following criteria:

- An official transcript must be submitted from an accredited post-secondary institution. This will be kept in the student's official file at Lake Area Tech.
- Credits must have a grade of "C" or above to be considered for transfer. When a course has been repeated for credit, the last grade earned will be evaluated for transfer.
- Grades for transfer will be recorded on the Lake Area Tech transcript with a "TR" notation.
 - Transferred grades are not calculated in Lake Area Tech's grade point average.
- There is no charge to transfer credits for presently enrolled full-time students.
- Transfer credits are not eligible for financial aid.
- The minimum unit to be transferred is one-half credit. Courses accepted from institutions with different credit and/or grading systems than LATC's will be converted.

Transfer of General Education College Credits

In addition to the preceding criteria, the following policies apply:

- No age restrictions are placed on the life of the general education credit to be transferred. The course to be transferred must be applicable to the student's degree program at Lake Area Tech. Credit will not be given for duplication of courses.
- General education credits fulfilling the Associate of Applied Science degree requirements must be approved by the Director of Enrollment.

Transfer of Technical Studies Credit

In addition to the previous criteria, the following policies apply:

- Technical Studies credits fulfilling the Associate of Applied Science degree or diploma requirements must substantially match Lake Area Tech's curriculum.
- The decision to accept specific technical credits will be made at the program level.
- Time limit for accepting transfer technical credits will be five years. Credits earned more than five years earlier must be verified and approved at the Lake Area Tech program level.
- Computer courses are considered technical courses.
- A minimum of one-third of the technical credits must be from Lake Area Tech to be granted a diploma or degree.

Prior Learning (PL) is granted in cases where a student may have work experience or other experiences where technical credit may be granted. This decision is made by the program department head. Certain types of verification may be requested.

Transfer of Credit from LATC to Other Colleges and Universities

LATC neither implies nor guarantees that credits earned will be accepted by other institutions. Transfer of credit is a privilege granted by the institution to which a student may seek admission. Students seeking to transfer credits earned at LATC, or those transferred into LATC, to other postsecondary institutions should contact the college or university to which they seek admission and inquire as to that institution's policies on credit transfer and acceptance.

TEST-OUTS

- Students are allowed one test-out per course.
- Students enrolled in one of the courses below may attempt a test-out within the first five days of the semester.

- A test-out date will be announced around midterm of the Fall semester for students registered in one of the Spring semester courses shown below.
- A test-out date will be announced around midterm of the Spring semester for students registered in one of the Summer semester courses shown below.
- Two dates will be set in June for students registered in the Fall semester to test-out of a course shown below.

ACCT 210 Principles of Accounting I

Students who have had two or more semesters of high school Accounting and received a “B” or better may elect to take the Accounting I test-out. The test consists of an accounting simulation which covers the concepts from chapters one through fifteen in the text.

Students who wish to take the test can be enrolled in any section of Accounting I. They need to schedule the test with the Financial Services department. There is a \$50 per credit fee to take the test. A minimum score of 80 percent is needed to pass. Should the test-out be successful, the student will not have to pay for ACCT 210, and the student transcript will reflect the credit earned and the fact that it was earned by Prior Learning (PL).

CSC 100 or CSC 102 Computer Test-out Policy

Several LATC programs require a one- or three-credit computer course. An opportunity to test out of these classes is available. The instructor will explain this option the first day of class. The test must be done during the first 10 days of the semester. A fee of \$50 per credit is required for the test.

MA 115 Medical Terminology

Students who have taken Medical Terminology in high school may test out of this class. Check with the Director of Enrollment’s Office for details. A fee of \$50 per credit is required for this test.

MATH 100 Applied General Math

Students may request to test out of the general math course. The test must be done during the first 10 days of the semester. A fee of \$50 per credit is required for the test.

ACCUPLACER POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Lake Area Tech complies with the South Dakota Board of Regents’ request that all students demonstrate a readiness for ENGL 101 and MATH 114. Students registering for these courses will be contacted if they need to take the Accuplacer test.

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST AND FEE

While enrolled at Lake Area Tech, a student may request transcripts (at no charge) in person. After the student graduates, transcript requests must be made through our website. There is no charge for the first transcript which is mailed to a graduate with his/her diploma. Students and former students, including graduates, in good standing may print an unofficial transcript from My Portal at any time.

RESIDENCY AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Lake Area Technical College’s academic programs meet the educational requirements for professional licensure or certification in South Dakota and many other states. Students considering an academic program that leads to a professional license or certification are strongly encouraged to seek guidance from the appropriate licensing agency in the state in which they plan to work. If a student plans to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than South Dakota, they are strongly encouraged to

seek guidance from the appropriate licensing agency in the state where they plan to work. Professional licensure and certification requirements often vary from state to state. Lake Area Technical College makes every effort to ensure state licensure and certification information is current; however, state requirements may change. Prospective and current students can learn more on LATC's Professional Licensure web page.

Lake Area Technical College provides notifications to prospective and current students seeking information for any in-person or distance education program leading to professional licensure as required by Federal regulations (34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) and 34 CFR 668.43(c)).



YOUR TUITION & FINANCES



Lake Area Technical College is a recipient of State and Federal educational funds. As such, tuition and fees are assessed to finance educational and operational expenses. Federal Guidelines require that federal aid recipients must be enrolled in courses that apply to their intended major, degree, or certificate.

STUDENT STATUS

- **Full-time** -- 12 or more semester credits (seven semester credits in summer session).
- **Three-quarter-time** -- Nine to 11 semester credits (five to six semester credits in summer session).
- **Half-time** -- Six to eight semester credits (four semester credits in summer session).
- **Less Than Half Time** -- 0.5 to 5.5 semester credits (0.5 to 3.5 credits in summer session).
- **Special Status** -- A student taking less than a full credit load who is not registered to a specific program is considered special status. A special status student is not eligible to receive financial aid.

All tuition and fees must be paid in full by the designated dates at the beginning of each term. No credit will be granted nor will post-dated checks be accepted. Exceptions can be made only on a case-by-case basis through prior arrangements with the Campus Accounts Office, which is located in the LATC Business Office.

TUITION AND FEES POLICY AND DUE DATES

Payment for tuition and fees is due 20 business days following the start of the semester during Fall and Spring and 10 business day following the start of the semester in Summer. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of their account balance and all policies and regulations regarding registration, add/drop dates and student course cancellation. By registering for classes, students are entering into a legal agreement to pay all tuition and fees, including any nonrefundable fees. Also included in the agreement, students acknowledge that failure to make the required payment by the due date may result in additional late fees, inability to access student portal, restrictions to add or drop classes, disruptions in current enrollment, restriction of future enrollment, and withholding of transcripts and/or diplomas. Students may view and make payment on their account balance through the student portal by selecting the Tuition icon.

FORMS OF PAYMENT

- Online through the student portal, Tuition icon with credit card or debit card. Credits cards accepted are Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express.
- In person through the Campus Accounts Office with cash, credit card, debit card, or check.
- Over the phone with a credit card or debit card.
- Mail – checks can be mailed to LATC Campus Accounts Office, PO Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201. Please be sure to include the student's name and ID number.
- Payment Plan, see Payment Plan Information section below.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

In addition to tuition and fees, students may be required to purchase designated books, supplies, tools and uniforms as assigned by the instructor in each course. Most programs specify tools and/or uniforms that are characteristic of the occupation for which the student is enrolled. Many of these materials can be purchased at the LATC Stax Bookstore. Please check with the Bookstore for availability and terms of payment.

TUITION AND FEES REFUNDS

Credit balances due to overpayment or add/drop changes will be refunded to the student in the form of a refund check. Students will be notified via email and/or text message from the Campus Accounts office when a refund check is available for pickup. LATC reserves the right to apply credit balances to other outstanding debt owed to LATC including but not limited to: tuition & fees, bookstore charges, parking fines, automotive department charges, day care charges, library fines, student loan fund and collection fees.

EXCESS FINANCIAL AID

At the beginning of each semester, all available financial aid funds including grants, scholarships, and student loans are applied directly to tuition and fees on the student account. When receiving financial aid funds in excess of tuition and fees charges, an overage/refund check will be generated and will be available after the student's class attendance is verified.

When financial aid is disbursed after the start of the semester, refund checks will be issued two days after posted to the student account.

Students will be notified via email and/or text message from the Campus Accounts office when a refund check is available. Students are required to provide a school or state issued form of identification that includes their photograph prior to receiving their refund check.

RETURNED CHECKS/PAYMENTS

If a payment made to a student's account is returned by the bank for any reason, it will be referred to FCI First Check of Grand Forks, ND and will be subject to all costs necessary for collection (service charges, collection costs, attorney fees, etc.). Students understand that multiple returned payments and/or failure to comply with the terms of any payment plan or agreement signed with LATC may result in cancellation of their classes and/or suspension of their eligibility to register for future classes. LATC will not accept personal checks from any person who has made a previous non-sufficient funds payment. LATC reserves the right to require payment by cash, credit card, or certified funds.

PAYMENT PLAN INFORMATION

Payment plans are available on an individual basis through the Campus Accounts Office. A payment plan arrangement allows a student to pay outstanding balances over a four-month period during Fall and Spring semesters and a two-month period in the Summer. Students with a current payment plan, i.e. payments have been received on time according to the signed plan agreement, will be allowed to register for future terms. Students failing to make payments on time and adhering to the terms of the signed plan agreement will be considered delinquent, and a financial hold will be placed on the student account. See Past Due Accounts/Collections section for additional information regarding late fees, portal access, schedule changes, etc. Payment plans can be set up by calling 605-882-5284, ext 298, emailing CampusAccounts@lakeareatech.edu, or by stopping by the Campus Accounts Office.

PAST DUE ACCOUNTS/COLLECTIONS

Financial Hold: Per the Financial Responsibility Agreement, students understand and agree that if they fail to pay their student account bill or any monies due and owing Lake Area Technical College (herein referred to as LATC) by the scheduled due date, LATC will place a financial hold on their student account. This may lead to preventing the student from accessing the student portal, adding or dropping classes, registering for future classes, or receiving their diploma. If already enrolled, future term courses may be dropped as a result of unpaid balances from a prior term.

Late Payment Charge: Students understand and agree that if they fail to pay their student account bill by the scheduled due date, LATC may assess late payment and/or finance charges at the rate of \$25 per month until the account is paid in full or until the account is referred to a collection agency, whichever may come first.

Collections: Students understand and accept that if they fail to pay their student account bill or any monies due and owing LATC by the scheduled due date, and fail to make acceptable payment arrangement to bring the account current, LATC may refer their delinquent account to a collection agency. Students further understand that if LATC refers their account balance to a third party for collection, a collection fee will be assessed and the student will be responsible to pay such collection fee and all monies owed to LATC in full at the time of the referral to the third party. The collection fee will be calculated at the maximum amount permitted by applicable law, but not to exceed forty percent (40%) of the balance outstanding. Finally, students understand that their delinquent account may be reported to one or more of the national credit bureaus.

THIRD-PARTY ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

Organizations that agree to pay any part, or all of a student's account balance are considered a Third-Party payor on the account. The financial obligation to pay an account remains with the student. Students are responsible for filing the proper paperwork with the Business Office to allow LATC to bill the Third-Party payor on their behalf. Students are also responsible for knowing the terms of their program and any unpaid balance that may remain. The portion of the balance not paid by the Third-Party payor is due by the tuition and fees due date.

If the Third-Party payor denies payment on the account for any reason, the student is financially responsible for the balance due and any fees that accrue.

Employee tuition reimbursement plans, where the employer reimburses the student based on their account billing or grades, are not considered a Third-Party payor. The student will be responsible for paying the entire tuition and fees balance by the due date, then seek reimbursement according to their employer's policy.

WITHDRAWAL REFUND POLICY

Refunds of tuition/fees for financial aid recipients will be made in accordance with the U.S Department of Education Return of Title IV Funds policy, including students in programs with modules (courses that do not span the entire semester) who are subject to the return of Title IV funds regulations regarding modules. Students not receiving financial aid will receive a refund based on the LATC Institutional Refund policy. Both the LATC Institutional Refund policy and the Department of Education Return of Title IV Funds policy provide for refunds of a percentage of tuition and fees paid up through the 60 percent point of the semester based on number of days attended. Further information and examples of the refund policy are available by contacting the Financial Aid Office.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

All Federal Financial Aid is determined by the information that the student provides on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To apply you will need to complete the FAFSA Form at studentaid.gov. If you believe that you or your family experienced special or unusual circumstances, please reach out to the financial aid office at financialaid@lakeareatech.edu for additional information.

Lake Area Technical College participates in the following programs:

Federal Pell Grant

A federal grant program that provides funds to students who demonstrate financial need by completing the FAFSA form. Federal Pell Grants are funds available to undergraduate students who have not previously earned a bachelor's degree. The Federal Pell Grant typically does not need to be repaid. Eligibility is based on need and determined by your Student Aid Index (SAI) that is calculated when you submit the FAFSA form. If your SAI is high, you may not qualify for a Pell Grant. Pell Grant eligibility is prorated based on enrollment intensity. Your enrollment intensity is calculated by taking your current number of enrolled credits over 12 and capped at 100%. When registration is adjusted prior to enrollment and during the drop/add period your Pell Grant will be recalculated based on your new enrollment intensity. If you have been paid a Pell Grant for a course that you do not begin attendance or drop during the add/drop period you will be required to repay these funds to LATC. You may also be required to repay a Federal Pell Grant if you withdraw from LATC if determined by the Return to Title IV calculation.

Federal Campus-Based Programs (FWS and SEOG)

The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) is a grant that is awarded to an undergraduate student who demonstrates exceptional financial need to help pay for their education. Priority is given to students with the lowest Student Aid Index (SAI) and must also be Federal Pell Grant recipients.

The Federal Work-Study program allows student who demonstrate financial need to earn federal funds through employment with an approved worksite. These funds should be used to cover indirect costs, since they're not available at the beginning of the term, when tuition and fee payment is due. The pay rate is \$15.20 per hour and students are paid on the last working day of each month.

As these funds are limited, priority is given to those students with financial need and have submitted their FAFSA application by the priority date of April 1.

Federal Direct Loan

These Federal loans are available through the Department of Education. Annual loan limits include:

- 1st year Dependent student \$ 5,500
- 1st year Independent student \$ 9,500
- 2nd year Dependent student \$ 6,500
- 2nd year Independent student \$10,500

Federal Direct Subsidized Loan

Is a loan that you borrow from the federal government in which the interest is paid for you by the federal government while you are in school and for your first six-month grace period after you have graduated or your enrollment drops below half-time.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

Is a loan that you can borrow from the federal government. The interest on this loan will start to accrue right away. You can opt to make interest payments while attending school or have the interest accrue until you go into repayment.

Repayment begins six months after a student graduates, withdraws from school, or drops to less than half-time enrollment. This is a loan that must be repaid. Additional information on these loans can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office.

Federal Direct Plus Loan

A Federal loan program for parents of dependent students who wish to borrow to meet educational costs.

Private Education Loans

Lake Area Tech works with several lenders to offer private education loans to our students. These are non-federal private loans. More information on applying for these loans can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office or on the LATC website.

Other Sources of Financial Aid

- National Guard Tuition Assistance
- WIOA (Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act)
- Veterans' Benefits
- Tribal Education Funding Vocational Rehabilitation
- SDEAF Grant
- South Dakota Need Based Grant
- LATC Foundation Scholarships SD

FINANCIAL AID TRANSFERS BETWEEN SCHOOLS

When students transfer from one school to another, their financial aid does not automatically transfer. Students must take the necessary steps to receive financial aid at their new school by contacting the Financial Aid Office at the new school to make sure the school has all the required information.

The school code for the new school must be added to the FAFSA before aid can be awarded at the new school. The student can do this by making a correction to their current FAFSA.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Numerous scholarships are available for students presently enrolled. Scholarship information can be obtained from department instructors, the Financial Aid Office, the Foundation Office, and is available on the LATC website.



YOUR LIFE



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Your education at Lake Area Tech extends far beyond the classroom. Students will find plenty of opportunities to meet new people and enjoy their spare time through a number fun, student activities. Most of these extracurricular activities are free of charge and provide a great social release to the rigors of daily studies. Just a few of these examples are:

- Swim Nights - PLWC
- Pizza Parties
- Painting
- Movie Nights
- Fundraisers
- Bowling
- Free Movie Nights
- Café Campus
- Miniature Golf and Go-Karts
- Intramural Sports
- Road Trips
- Fall/Spring Picnics

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Lake Area Tech is home to a number of student clubs and organization including:

- Associated General Contractors, Student Chapter
- Automotive Tech Club
- Diesel Tech Club
- Home Builders' Association, Student Chapter
- Medical Lab Technology Club
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Club
- SkillsUSA
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Voice
- Nontraditional Student Club
- Diversity Club

Associated General Contractors, AGC Student Chapter:

Any student enrolled in the Building Trades Technology program is eligible to be a member of the AGC, Student Chapter. This group promotes professional development in the commercial construction industry and works with the local and state AGC organization.

Automotive Tech Club:

Membership is open to any student enrolled in the Automotive Technology, Custom Paint & Fab or High-Performance Engine Machining programs. The club holds a car show in April.

Campus Activities Board (CAB):

The Campus Activities Board is responsible for planning activities for the student body within a given budget on a year-long basis. The activities range from intramural sports, pizza parties, snow sculpturing, Vikings trips and everything in between. Students can apply for CAB with the Student Activities Coordinator, and can be eligible for scholarships.

Campus Crusades for Christ (CRU)

Membership is open to all students. Campus Crusades for Christ is a non-denominational, campus-based organization for students. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the LATC Student Center where students can gather for fellowship, bible study and fun in a Christian-based atmosphere.

Diesel Tech Club:

Membership is open to any student enrolled in the Diesel Technology or Caterpillar ThinkBIG program. The club plans, organizes and hosts diesel-related activities throughout the year.

Home Builders' Association, Student Chapter:

Membership is open to Building Trades Technology students. This group promotes professional development in the construction industry and works with the local and state NAHB organizations. They work at the local Home Builders Show and have the opportunity to attend the International Home Builders Convention.

Medical Laboratory Technology Club:

Membership in this organization is open to any student enrolled in the Medical Laboratory Technician program. This group plans, organizes and hosts a number of public relations activities during the year.

Occupational Therapy Assistant Club:

Any student currently enrolled in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program is eligible to be a member of the OTA Club. The club is responsible for planning and conducting professional presentations, special projects and fundraising events.

SkillsUSA

This student organization is open to any Lake Area Tech student. The SkillsUSA club helps students develop leadership skills and helps the student prepare for the State SkillsUSA contest that is held in the spring of each year. The state winners are then eligible to compete at the National SkillsUSA contest that is held in June.

Student Ambassadors:

Student Ambassadors are chosen by their instructors to represent their program at campus events and activities. They have the opportunity to earn scholarships and share their passion with community members and incoming students. This is an elite group of Lake Area's most **dependable, responsible,** and **inspiring** students.

Dependable

- Checking emails/texts regularly and responding in a timely fashion
- Being **prompt** to events and wearing Student Ambassador attire
- Attend all events as needed

Responsible

- Informing their instructors of absences for ambassador events and making up what they missed
- Maintaining a cumulative 2.5 GPA while serving as an ambassador
- Capable of representing their program as a whole (not only a specific option)

Inspiring

- By sharing their passion, they serve as a role model for prospective students
- Displaying a positive attitude, while assisting with campus events
- Willing to professionally and respectfully represent Lake Area Technical College

Student Voice Organization:

Student Voice, a student run organization, provides students a "say" in campus policy and decisions by establishing direct, open dialogue between students and LATC administration. Representing all the

students of LATC, membership consists of representatives elected by the students in each program. Representatives serve a one-year term, from October to May.

ESPORTS

Lake Area Tech is excited to invite students to join esports! Our arena is located directly across from the Net and includes the latest in gaming systems. Coaches are in place and ready! Students who wish to participate must be a full-time Lake Area Tech student (or accepted into a program) and will need to meet eligibility requirements and follow the written Code of Conduct.

Students interested in joining eSports may stop in the arena during open hours or contact LATC Student Activities Coordinator Hannah Dillon or the Director of Outreach Shane Swenson.

INTRAMURALS

Students are encouraged to participate in regular recreational and intramural activities. Activities may include golf, volleyball, flag football, bowling, basketball, dodgeball and softball.

Intramural Code of Conduct

The purpose of intramural sports is to provide recreational activities for Lake Area Technical College students, faculty and staff are safe, competitive and enjoyable. The game atmosphere should remain good-natured and the participants and spectators should maintain good sportsmanship throughout their participation in all facets of the intramural program.

Any Lake Area Tech student is eligible to play intramurals.

Disqualification

Disqualification will be issued for actions such as, but not limited to, the following:

- Damaging, or in any way abusing Lake Area Technical College property, fields, gyms, rink, equipment, etc.
- Consumption/possession of alcoholic beverages, cigarette smoking, or use of any illegal substances including vapes.
- Verbal or physical misconduct directed at any person whether they be a(n) intramural official, opponent, teammate, fan, administrator, etc. Any question regarding what constitutes misconduct should be directed to administration.
- Excessively disputing any official's judgment call (i.e., safe/out, ball/strike, in/out, fouls, penalties, etc.).
- Dangerous use of equipment.

Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship is vital to maintaining the appropriate recreational atmosphere of intramural sports. All intramural participants and spectators are expecting to conduct themselves in a civil and sporting manner at all times – before, during, and after contests. Behavior that promotes intolerance or prejudice, degrades any racial, ethnic, gender or religious group, infers an explicit sexual reference, demeans on the basis of skill or intellect or promotes destructive behavior is considered disrespectful to Lake Area Technical College and its members, and will be addressed and dealt with accordingly.

Automatic Expulsion

Any Lake Area Tech administrator has the right to suspend individuals or teams from further participation in the intramural program for violations of conduct befitting an intramural participant or team.

MAKERSPACE

Lake Area Technical college students are tinkerers, builders, designers, inventors, crafters, and thinkers. We have people with ideas. The MakerSpace is an innovative workspace where these ideas can become realities. This space is dedicated to providing students and staff with the tools, space, and resources they need to develop, design, collaborate, and make.

- 3D Printers
- 3D Scanner
- 3D Doodle Pens
- Sewing Machines
- Cricut
- Lamination Machine
- T-Shirt Press
- Laser
- Button Maker

Who can use the space?

The MakerSpace is open to Lake Area Tech students and staff from all programs and disciplines. It is meant to foster interdisciplinary collaboration. Stop by to learn what someone else knows. Stop by to teach someone else what you know. Learn and create together.

What could you make?

Anything! Have an idea for a new product? You could 3D print a prototype. Want to start your own business? Maybe you'd like to make T-shirts, mugs, and other items. Want to make an extra special gift for someone? Etch their name into a glass using our laser, create a card with the Cricut, or 3D print a keychain, phone case, or Darth Vader bust. You could sew a sweater or solder a board to light up the sweater you just sewed. The possibilities are endless.

Other Guidelines

- The Makerspace is for LATC staff and student use.
- Tools/resources must stay in the makerspace.
- Clean, maintain, organize, & improve. Leave the space better than you found it.
- Covered drinks are welcome in the Makerspace. No food, please.
- The Makerspace cannot be used to create items that violate LATC's Computer Hardware and Software Use Policy.
- Items made in the MakerSpace cannot contain hate speech/images or swear words. Check with library or NET staff from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. if you are unsure about the appropriateness of your project.
- The MakerSpace cannot be used to make weapons.
- If you break something, let someone know. If you don't know how to fix it, ask for help.

PRAIRIE LAKES WELLNESS CENTER

Located north of the Lake Area Tech campus at 1515 15th St. NE, this facility offers a variety of recreational activities. Students are encouraged to make use of the indoor swimming pool, sauna,

whirlpool, weight room, racquetball courts, land and water aerobics, gymnasium, cardiovascular equipment, walking and running track and other facilities and activities provided by the Prairie Lakes Wellness Center. Students with a current LATC ID card have free access to the Prairie Lakes Wellness Center.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Many students find part-time employment in Watertown while attending Lake Area Tech, either by contacting employers directly or through South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation.

The Student Success Coordinator has a full listing of jobs with the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation and will be happy to make referrals. Employers also contact the school directly for part-time employees, and these listings are available through the Student Success Coordinator, who is located in the NET. Students who are available to work at least every other weekend and who are willing to work 15-20 hours per week have the most success in obtaining employment.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Watertown area has a variety of other activities in which Lake Area Tech students may participate during their free time. A sampling is listed below:

- Athletic Leagues
- Tennis Courts
- City Library
- Golf Courses
- City Band
- City & State Parks
- Boating & Canoeing
- Hunting & Fishing
- Movie Theaters
- Water Sports
- Wtn. Symphony
- Community Theater
- Bowling Leagues
- Bramble Park Zoo
- Museums
- Miniature Golf
- Stock Car Races
- Go-Kart Track
- Skate Park
- Frisbee Golf Course
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Swimming Pools
- Snowmobile Trails
- Biking Parties
- Hiking Trails
- Bike Paths
- Roller Derby

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Active cooperation exists between area churches and Lake Area Tech. Students are encouraged to attend services of the denomination of their faith and to participate in the many organized church activities. Students can also participate in the Lake Area Tech Campus Crusades for Christ (CRU).

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Abused Child and/or Adult

Social Services 882-5000
 Child Protection 882-5000
 Child Protection Hotline..... 866-847-7335
 Watertown Resource Center 886-4300

Adult Basic Ed/English as a Second Language

Career Learning Center 882-5080

Alcohol and Drug Treatment

Alcoholics Anonymous..... 886-9070

Human Service Agency 886-5080

After Hours Call..... 886-5841

Children’s Services

Boys and Girls Club 886-6666

Head Start..... 882-4398

LATC Educare Center 882-5284

Counseling

Bridgeway Counseling 886-5262

Codington Co. Health Nurse 882-5177

Compass Counseling..... 520-0157

Dr. Mark Bontreger, Inc. 882-0800
Glacial Lakes Counseling 886-3845
Human Service Agency..... 886-0123
LATC Counselors..... 882-5284
Lutheran Social Services..... 882-2740

Cultural Center

Glacial Lakes Multicultural 878-2021

Driver’s License Station

2001 9th Ave. SW 800-952-3696

Employment

Employment Connections..... 882-3710
Express Employment Pros..... 886-7674
SD Dept. of Labor 882-5131
Student Services (Ext. 256) 882-5284

Family Planning Services

Watertown Family Planning..... 882-1852

Food

Cornerstone Food Pantry..... 886-2242
Salvation Army 886-4030
Social Services 882-5000
WIC..... 882-5181

Fuel Assistance

Interlakes Community Action 882-5965
Social Services 882-5000

GED Assistance

Career Learning Center 882-5080

Health

Codington Co. Health Nurse 882-5177

LATC School Nurse..... 882-5097

Low Income Housing

Watertown Housing Auth..... 886-7731

Legal Assistance

East River Legal Services..... 800-952-3015

Libraries

Wtn. Regional Library 882-6220

Medical Assistance (financial)

Social Services..... 882-5000

Rape

Beacon Center 886-4300
Rape Crisis Team..... 886-4300

Recreation

City Parks and Rec..... 882-6260
PL Wellness Center 882-6250

Suicide Prevention

Call or Text 988
Human Service Agency (24/7) ... 886-0123

Transportation

Lake City Cab Co..... 886-0080
Watertown Area Transit..... 882-5287

Unemployment Insurance

SD Dept. of Labor..... 882-5131

Veterans Services

Veterans Service Office..... 886-8511

USE OF SERVICE ANIMALS

Lake Area Technical College complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504). Among other things, the ADA and Section 504 require Lake Area Tech to make reasonable modifications to its policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of a Service Animal by a student, faculty, staff or visitor with a disability.

Definition of Service Animal

The ADA defines a Service Animal as “any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.” Importantly, other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not Service Animals for the purposes of the ADA.

When assessing whether a dog is a Service Animal, individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, the dog must be trained to do work or perform tasks that are directly related to the individual's disability. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks.
- Alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds.
- Pulling a wheelchair.
- Assisting an individual during a seizure.
- Alerting individuals to the presence of allergens.
- Retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone.
- Providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities.
- Assisting persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors.

The crime deterrent effects of a dog's presence and the provision of emotional support, wellbeing, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for purposes of determining if a dog is a Service Animal under this policy.

Verification of Service Animal

Lake Area Tech will not ask about the nature or extent of an individual's disability. However, when it is not obvious what service an animal provides, the Disability Coordinator or Director of Enrollment may ask (1) Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability? and (2) What work or task has the dog been trained to perform? Lake Area Tech will not require documentation, a special identification card or training documentation for the dog, or ask that the dog demonstrate its ability to perform the work or task.

Care and Supervision of Service Animal

The individual with the disability using a Service Animal is responsible for the care or supervision of a Service Animal. The Service Animal must be under the control of the individual at all times and must have a harness, leash, or other tether. If the use of a harness, leash, or other tether would interfere with the performance of the work or tasks performed by the Service Animal or is impractical because of an individual's disability, a harness, leash, or other tether may not be required. However, in that case, the individual must be able to control the Service Animal by other effective means such as voice controls or signals.

A Service Animal is generally permitted to accompany the individual with a disability to Lake Area Tech facilities where members of the public, students, staff, and faculty are allowed to go. However, Lake Area Technical College may ask the individual with a disability to remove a Service Animal from any of its facilities if: (1) the Service Animal is out of control and the individual with a disability does not take effective action to control it; or (2) the Service Animal is not housebroken. Lake Area Technical College may also ask the individual with a disability to remove a Service Animal from any of its facilities if the use or presence of the Service Animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others or if the animal's behavior, such as barking, is unreasonably disruptive to the other participants within the facility.

The individual with a disability must abide by current city, county, and state ordinances/laws/regulations pertaining to licensing, vaccination, and other requirements for animals (It is the individual's

responsibility to know and understand these ordinances, laws and regulations). The individual with a disability is responsible to clean up after and properly dispose of the animal's feces in a safe and sanitary manner.

Lake Area Tech will not ask for or require an individual with a disability to pay a surcharge or to comply with other requirements generally not applicable to people without pets. However, an individual with a disability may be charged any damage caused by his or her Service Animal.

Requesting a Reasonable Accommodation

Students wishing to utilize a Service Animal on campus should contact Justus St. Sauver, Disability Coordinator at 605-882-5284, ext. 399 or Eric Schultz, Director of Enrollment at 605-882-5284, ext. 228.

Nondiscrimination/Accessibility

Lake Area Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs, activities, and employment. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Vice President, PO Box 730, Watertown SD 57201 (605) 882-5284 x 225

Those in need of accommodations should notify their instructor and make appropriate arrangements with the Office of Disability Services at (605) 882-5284 x 399.

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit the following website:

<http://wdcrobcop01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> or call 1-800-421-3481.

INSURANCE

Since the school provides no insurance coverage, students attending Lake Area Tech are expected to obtain their own health, accident, and personal property insurance. Students are encouraged to inquire with local insurance agencies for policies, or go to www.healthcare.gov for more options.



YOUR SUPPORT SERVICES



NET CENTER

The Net Center offers a wide variety of services to help ensure student success. Just a few of these services include:

Tutoring/Mentoring

The Educational Services Center is available for support sessions in math, reading, and other courses. Tutoring is free and available as needed throughout your course work. The Educational Services Center operates on a drop-in basis or by referral, and the Center is also available for quiet study. Peer tutors are also available on request. Mentoring for single parents and/or other students is additionally available through the ESC.

Student Success Coordinator

The Lake Area Tech Student Success Coordinator is responsible for advising students who may be at risk of dropping out of their program and/or college. The Student Success Coordinator will assess the students' needs, attempt to resolve issues, and develop solutions. The Student Success Coordinator is available weekdays and is located in the NET.

Developmental Courses

Lake Area Technical College supports all students. Those who may need additional assistance in math, reading and/or writing, as well as English language learners, will be enrolled in applicable developmental courses.

Housing Assistance

The Housing Coordinator, located in the NET or at Ext. 397, keeps a current list of housing options available to suit your needs and budget. This list is available on the LATC website.

STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

The Student Services Office is located in the Student Center, near the school's main entrance. A variety of important services are offered here including the following:

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid office provides assistance in understanding the financial aid application process and programs available. They will explain the benefits of and application procedures for financial aid and assist students in completing the financial aid process. Their office also provides students with information on financial literacy and default management.

Veterans Services

The School Certifying Official for students with VA Educational Benefits is located in the Financial Aid Office. Students eligible for funding under Chapters 30, 31, 33, 35, or 1606, will need to complete the proper forms in order for monthly educational benefits to be certified each semester. National Guard members may also want to apply for Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) or State Tuition Assistance (STA). For more information about any of these benefits, please visit with the VA School Certifying Official/ Financial Aid Representative.

Campus Accounts

The Campus Accounts Office collects tuition and fees. Personal checks, cash and credits cards are accepted. A payment plan is available through the Campus Accounts Office on a case-by-case basis that allows students to pay tuition and fees over the course of the semester.

Registrar

The Registrar is available to assist students with class schedule changes and incoming transcript evaluations for transfer credits.

Online Success Coach

The Online Student Success Coach is a resource for all online students. The coach is a mentor, motivator, and a point of contact for students who have questions, or concerns while completing their online courses. Online students seeking tutoring, mentoring, motivation, or a plan of study are encouraged to contact the Online Coach located in the Admissions office.

Placement and Student Employment/Work Study

Placement of Lake Area Tech graduates is administered with various departmental personnel and the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (SDDLRL). Lake Area Tech placement information gathered through the annual placement survey is available through the SDDLRL office and on the Lake Area Tech website.

Students awarded work study as part of their financial aid package should visit with the Student Success Coordinator about a work study position. Work study positions are available on campus and at several eligible off-campus employers.

DIVERSITY

Lake Area Technical College values and respects the dignity and worth of all students and the diverse opportunities that are available to everyone. Members of diverse groups possess gifts, talents, experiences, histories, and cultures that allow them to make valuable contributions to the educational mission of the institution and to all those associated with the institution.

PERSONAL COUNSELING

Knowing that student life can be stressful, Lake Area Tech provides free counseling for either school-related or non-school-related issues. Referral to another counseling service is available if assessment demonstrates need. Check with the on-campus counseling staff if you have concerns you need to discuss. Specific referrals for drug and alcohol-related issues will be made by the on-campus counselor. Lake Area Tech has a counselor that may be contacted via email, phone, or walk-ins. The Counseling Center is located just down the hall from Market 65, in the southeast corner of our Student Center.

LATC CUPBOARD

Lake Area Tech recognizes that some of our student body may experience food insecurity. In an effort to alleviate this burden, Lake Area Tech has established a Food Pantry. The LATC Food Pantry is supplied through a partnership with Feeding South Dakota, staff donations and the Watertown Community.

Students are encouraged to stop by the Counseling Center anytime during regular office hours, which are Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. Summer hours will vary. No appointment is necessary, but a student ID is required. The Food Pantry is stocked with both perishable and non-perishable foods.

LACTATION ROOMS

Lactation rooms are available to students, employees and visitors. A lactation room is located in Room 112 of the Prairie Lakes Healthcare Center of Learning and privacy rooms in the Manufacturing, Energy & Transportation Center. Additional spaces on campus are available upon request.

LATC CHILDREN'S EDUCARE CENTER

Lake Area Tech is extremely proud of its Children's Educare Center. Conveniently located a few blocks from Campus on the East side of Garfield School, this fully-licensed facility provides quality day care and preschool for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Enrollment is limited.

Application forms for enrollment and fee schedules are available from the Educare Center.

It is recommended that an interview with the parent and child be arranged prior to the center caring for the enrolled child. This interview provides an opportunity for parent(s), child, and staff to get acquainted and eases the adjustment period for the child. Contact the Educare Center for an appointment at 882-5284, ext. 440 or stop by during operating hours which are 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Monday-Friday.

PRINTERS AND COPIERS

Lake Area Tech students are welcome to use the Lake Area Tech printers and copiers on campus. Each student is given a \$10.00 per semester stipend. Black and white copies are \$.05 per page and color copies are \$.15 per page. Students may choose to purchase additional printing credit at the Stax Bookstore.

SERVICE DESK

Students that are experiencing issues with email, My Portal or other computer issues can email the Service Desk for help at service.desk@lakeareatech.edu. It is helpful to include a screen shot of an error message, if present, in the email. Service Desk may also be contacted for campus maintenance issues, for example: spills, slippery sidewalk, uncomfortable room temperature or burnt-out lightbulbs. Include 'Maintenance' in the subject line. Maintenance issues should be addressed to: maintenance@lakeareatech.edu.

HAIRCUTS, TAXES AND MORE!

Several program services (some include a nominal fee) are available for public and student use at Lake Area Tech. These program services include the following:

- **Automotive Technology:** Auto repairs (availability dependent on curriculum sequence)
- **Cosmetology:** Hair cutting, hair coloring, perms, nails and facial services
- **Dental Assisting:** Dental x-rays and polishing, as scheduled with dental assisting students
- **Financial Services:** Free federal income tax preparation and e-filing for qualifying individuals as set forth by the IRS VITA program
- **Medical Assisting:** Blood pressure checks



YOUR CONDUCT & RESPONSIBILITIES



VALUE STATEMENTS

- We believe in integrity, honesty, and a caring attitude.
- We believe all people are valuable and should be treated with respect.
- We believe in promoting a positive image for technical education.
- We believe all employees contribute to the success of the institution.
- We believe that excellence and quality performance promote success.

COLLEGE CONDUCT POLICIES

Lake Area Tech believes that basic regulations are necessary to serve the needs of the school community. Any infringements of these policies will be regarded as cause for a student to be considered for disciplinary action including probation or expulsion from the College in accordance with proper disciplinary proceedings.

- A student is expected to conduct himself/herself at all times according to acceptable standards of good taste and citizenship.
- A student may be terminated at any time for behavioral misconduct or failure to make required tuition payments. This process includes the right to have a hearing and appeal.
- Students convicted of a felony, chemical use, etc. have jeopardized their opportunities for employment. Such convictions may also prevent their being bonded, certified or licensed.
- A student who has not fulfilled their financial obligations to Lake Area Tech may be suspended, pending settlement of that obligation. If a student leaves Lake Area Tech without fulfilling his/her obligation, that student is denied transcripts and/or is denied future registration at Lake Area Tech.
- A student furnishing false or misleading information on admission, registration, student ID, or any other forms or who alters a school record is subject to disciplinary action by authorized representatives of Lake Area Tech.
- No pets are allowed in or on any LATC property with the exception of service animals.
- A student who willfully damages or removes school property or who obstructs the normal operation of the college shall not only pay the associated costs, but will be subject to expulsion, arrest, or any other appropriate civil or criminal action.
- Possession of keys to any college building by unauthorized persons is strictly forbidden. Duplication of keys issued to a student is prohibited.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or non-prescribed drugs is prohibited on campus at any time. This prohibition extends to college-sponsored activities, such as field trips, professional organization contests, intramural sports, dances, etc. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Dishonesty and/or plagiarism in class, laboratory, shop work, or on tests is a serious offense, and the student is subject to disciplinary action including dismissal by the instructor and authorized representatives of the college.
- A student caught stealing any campus or student property will face disciplinary actions by the school and possible criminal charges.
- No weapons of any type are allowed on campus. This would include hunting firearms stored in a vehicle on college grounds. Please refer to Watertown School District Policy JDDAA SDL 13-32-4.2,13-32-7; 22-1-2.
- Harassment or hazing in any form, including all electronic communication, is not allowed (includes clothing with offensive graphics and/or words).

- Students who threaten other students or staff, physically or verbally, will be subject to immediate expulsion by the LATC President or Vice President. This action includes the right to a hearing and appeal.
- Student lockers may be searched in the event Lake Area Tech authorities have reasonable suspicion to warrant such an action.
- Safe driving habits are expected of all staff and students on campus and at designated worksites. Failure to do so may warrant disciplinary action.
- Situations other than those mentioned above may warrant disciplinary action.

CLASS ETIQUETTE

All LATC students are expected to consider the rights and learning environment of other students while in the classroom. Students are not permitted to bring children to class or the library, nor should children be left unattended anywhere on campus. Students are asked to power down cellular phones while in classrooms and in the library. Appropriate standards of public behavior are expected to be followed.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Students whose address or telephone number changes while attending LATC are required to update their contact information online via My Portal, in person at the Lake Area Technical College's Administration Office located at 1201 Arrow Avenue, Watertown SD 57201, or by calling 605-882-5284.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Lake Area Technical College recognizes that there may be conditions that are in need of improvement and that students and others should have some means by which their concerns may be effectively expressed, considered, and addressed fairly. Such means can do much to maintain harmonious relationships among the college, student body and community.

LATC desires that all types of complaints be handled informally at the level closest to the origin of the complaint, but that channels also provide for filing official complaints when resolution is not achieved.

In the event resolution cannot be reached, students may file a formal complaint by submitting the official complaint form to the Vice President. The complaint form is available on the website at <http://www.lakeareatech.edu/campus-life/file-a-complaint/>. Upon receipt, the Vice President will assign the complaint to the appropriate supervisor. The supervisor will take action on the complaint and document the date resolved. All formal complaints and resolutions will be logged and analyzed for continuous improvement.

Types of complaints include, but are not limited to:

- Academic – Instructor Complaint
- Academic – Grade Appeal
- Academic – Other
- Student Services – Customer Service
- Student Services – Accommodations
- Student Services – Other
- Vice President – Employee Complaint
- Financial – Appeal of Charges

APPEALING A COURSE GRADE

Students who question the appropriateness of the grade received for a course should first contact the course instructor. If, after contacting the instructor, a student does not feel he/she has been treated fairly, he/she should proceed through the formal complaint process. Students have until the midpoint of the following semester to appeal a course grade.

CAMPUS HAZING

The Stop Campus Hazing Act (SCHA), enacted on December 23, 2024, amends the Clery Act to prioritize the prevention of and transparency about hazing incidents at colleges and universities. For more information or updates, visit www.lakeareatech.edu/campushazing.

Lake Area Tech strictly prohibits hazing in any form. Hazing is a violation of the College Conduct Policy. Any student or student organization found responsible for engaging in hazing may be subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to: warning, probation, suspension, expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement. Any individual who witnesses, experiences or becomes aware of a hazing incident is required to report the incident to one of the following: Dean of Student Services, Director of Enrollment or Vice President; or via the online form at www.lakeareatech.edu/campushazing.

“Hazing” is any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that:

- is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization; and
- creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury including:
 - whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone’s body, or similar activity;
 - causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity;
 - causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances;
 - causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts;
 - any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct;
 - any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law; and
 - any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law

A “Student Organization” is an organization at an institution of higher education (such as a club, society, association, varsity or junior varsity athletic team, club sports team, fraternity, sorority, band, or student government) in which two or more of the members are students enrolled at the institution of higher education, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by the institution.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination which is prohibited by federal law. It is the policy of Lake Area Tech that sexual harassment is unacceptable and shall not be tolerated. No member of the

Lake Area Tech community may sexually harass another. Any employee or student will be subject to disciplinary action for violation of this policy.

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, harassment because of sexual orientation, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment exists when:

- Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a condition of a student's education.
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct by a student is used as the basis for academic decisions affecting the student.
- Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive education environment.

The complete Lake Area Tech Sexual Harassment Policy is available through My Portal under the Student and Faculty/Staff tabs. Any student who feels he/she is being subjected to sexual harassment should report the incident immediately to any of the following Lake Area Tech employees: Instructors, Department Heads, Mental Health Counselors, Vice President, Dean of Student Services, President or the Watertown School District Superintendent, depending on the involvement of listed individuals.

Copies of the complete Lake Area Tech Sexual Harassment Policy are available for review in the counselor's office. Any student who feels he/she is being subjected to sexual harassment should report the incident immediately to an instructor, department head, Counselor, Vice President, Dean of Student Services, Lake Area Tech President, or the Watertown School Superintendent, depending on the involvement of listed individuals.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIRMENTS

South Dakota legislation requires any student born after 1956, entering a postsecondary education institution in South Dakota for the first time after July 1, 2008, shall, within 45 days after the start of classes, present certification from a licensed physician that the student has received or is in the process of receiving the required two doses of immunization against measles, rubella and mumps OR has the presence of an immune antibody titer against measles. This documentation may be provided by a State Health Department certificate, high school immunization record or it may be included on the LATC Report of Health Evaluation and signed by a licensed physician.

Students who are unable to ascertain their immunization status must obtain, at their own expense, the necessary tests and vaccinations.

In the event the South Dakota State Department of Health declares an epidemic of measles or rubella, students who have no vaccination or immunity against the required preventable infectious diseases may be dismissed from the campus.

Additional Requirements for Health Programs

Students enrolled in health programs including Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Med/Fire Rescue, Medical Lab Tech, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Practical Nursing, Community Healthcare Worker, Cosmetology and Human Services Technician must provide proof of additional vaccinations. For specific requirements, contact your program or view the LATC Report of Health Evaluation that is distributed to all applicants in the health programs listed above.

COURSE SEQUENCE

In many LATC programs, courses are offered on an academic rotation and may only be offered once a year. If a student fails a course required to continue in the program, the student will discontinue the program and re-enter the following academic year, if a spot in the program is available. Specific programs may have additional stipulations before re-entry is allowed. Refer to specific program policies for more information.

Should a student fail an internship/OJT/SOE/fieldwork placement, the student may be withdrawn from the program. The option of repeating the experience may be allowed under some circumstances, depending upon the reason for the failing grade and individual program/accreditation standards.

LATEX POLICY

The Lake Area Tech campus is designated Latex Safe. This is defined as being as free as possible and reasonable of all latex products. There will be no latex gloves or balloons allowed in LATC campus buildings. The powder from the balloons and gloves carries the latex in the air which can cause reactions with a person's skin or when ingested on food handled by latex gloves.

IT POLICIES

LATC computer equipment and software licenses are property of the State of South Dakota.

Marking, stamping, engraving and any other form of defacing government property is a criminal offense. Unauthorized use or duplication of software is a violation of US copyright law.

LATC computer equipment and software are for academic use only. Computer equipment and software may not be used for personal gain, illegal activity or viewing pornography. Unauthorized or nonacademic use of LATC computer equipment and software will result in loss of computing privileges and possible expulsion. Peer to peer file sharing of intellectual property is not allowed.

LATC's policies against sexual or other harassment apply fully to all technology systems, and any violation of those policies is grounds for discipline up to and including discharge. Therefore, no messages should be created, sent, or received if they contain intimidating, hostile, or offensive material concerning race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or any other classification protected by law.

All systems and users are monitored.

Internet/computer accounts are inactivated immediately when a student drops from enrollment. Accounts, including email, of graduates are inactivated the first week of September. Graduates need to keep this in mind when submitting resumés and job applications.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Lake Area Tech complies with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988. This institution adheres to the guidelines set forth by the United States Office of Management and Budget on January 31, 1989. Lake Area Tech is a drug-free workplace. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in the workplace by individuals associated with this institution is expressly prohibited. Individuals found in violation will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Individuals with drug-related concerns are encouraged to contact a LATC counselor to discuss drug counseling and rehabilitation services. Questions regarding the drug-free workplace requirements should be discussed with the Vice President.

LATC Policies on Illegal Drugs and Alcohol

In conformance with existing law, LATC faculty, staff, and students are not permitted to manufacture, distribute, possess, use, dispense or be under the influence of illegal drugs and /or alcohol as prohibited by state and federal law at school-sponsored or approved events or on school grounds. Consistent with its mission, LATC will cooperate with law enforcement agencies responsible for enforcing laws related to the use of illegal drugs and alcohol. Reasonable suspicion of possession or use of illegal drugs and substances on campus may subject the student involved to investigation. Faculty and staff found in violation are subject to disciplinary action.

Health Risks Associated with Substance Abuse

LATC encourages faculty, staff and students to be aware of the health risks associated with substance abuse. In general, the health risks related to the abuse of alcohol and other drugs are both direct and indirect. The direct effects of substances on the body influence every organ, particularly the brain, liver, and cardiovascular system. Death and injury from drug-related accidents, suicide and homicide are some of the indirect health effects. Physical effects may be immediate and acute, as in drug overdose, or long-term and chronic, as in alcohol-related liver disease or neurological impairment.

Federal Trafficking Penalties

Penalties for distribution of methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, cocaine base, PCP, LST, fentanyl and fentanyl analogue carry various penalties based on the number of drugs in possession. Conviction on first offense of limited quantities carries penalties of not less than five years or more than 40 years and fines of not more than two million dollars; in the case of an associated death the penalty will be not less than 20 years or more than life imprisonment. First offense conviction for large amounts of illicit drugs will not be less than two years or more than life imprisonment and fines of not more than four million dollars; in the case of an associated death the penalty will not be less than 20 years or more than life imprisonment. Second offense convictions carry longer imprisonment terms.

Penalties for the federal trafficking of marijuana or hashish and derivatives include penalties ranging from five to 30 years and fines of two million to ten million dollars depending on first or second conviction and the amount of marijuana or hashish in possession.

LATC Policy on Substance Abuse

LATC recognizes that substance abuse is a complex problem that is not easily resolved solely by personal effort and may require professional assistance and/or treatment. Students, faculty and staff members with substance abuse problems are encouraged to take advantage of available diagnostic, referral, counseling, and prevention services. LATC will not excuse misconduct by employees and students whose judgment is impaired due to substance abuse.

In-House Policy Review

Personnel at Lake Area Tech will conduct an evaluation of the policy and procedures governing the drug and alcohol policy on a biennial basis and implement changes if they are needed to ensure that the disciplinary sanctions described in the policy are consistently enforced.

Student Penalty

Any student who violates the policy may be suspended from class for a period up to ten days, or expelled. Any student in violation of the policy will be referred to legal authorities for prosecution. Students considered for reinstatement may be required to complete a rehabilitation program specified by legal authorities or personnel of Lake Area Tech.

TOBACCO USE

LATC recognizes that tobacco use represents a health and safety hazard which can have serious consequences for the students and staff. In order to protect the students, staff, employees, visitors and guests of LATC from an environment that may be harmful to them, and because of possible harm to personal well-being, LATC prohibits tobacco use by students, employees, visitors, or guests on all LATC grounds and in all school vehicles.

MILITARY CALL TO ACTIVE DUTY

Students are allowed to withdraw without penalty from Lake Area Technical College and receive a 100 percent tuition refund upon presenting an original copy of their orders to the Director of Enrollment. If the instructor, the student, and the Vice President agree, a grade of "I" (incomplete) can be given with no tuition reimbursement. The students will then be allowed to later complete the course work according to the agreement arranged with the instructor and the Director of Enrollment. LATC will promptly readmit a service member with the same academic status they had when last attending the school or were accepted for admission to the school. Activated students may be eligible for tuition rates equal to when they were activated.

UNCLAIMED PERSONAL PROPERTY

If personal property is found after a student leaves LATC, the student will be notified by phone call. The property is stored and must be claimed from the Campus Accounts Office within one (1) calendar year of the student's last date of attendance. Any books left by the student are taken to the bookstore to be sold as value diminishes over time and the proceeds are deposited in the Student Loan Fund. Students claiming personal property within one year of drop date will receive property and a check for returned books written from the Student Loan Fund.

Any property unclaimed after one year of the last date of attendance will be disposed of and/or sold at a discount by the Campus Accounts Office.



OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO YOU



STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As members of the LATC community, students have both rights and responsibilities which are explained below:

Students have the right to competent instruction under conditions conducive to learning. LATC should endeavor to provide for students those privileges, opportunities, and protections which best promote the learning process in all its aspects. The following statements outline those academic rights of students essential in helping LATC fulfill this responsibility. The principles presented are designed to facilitate communication, foster academic integrity, and defend freedoms of inquiry, discussion, and expression among members of the LATC community. Such principles should safeguard and enhance conditions conducive to learning.

- LATC will provide advisors to assist students in academic planning, but students are responsible for being thoroughly familiar with all academic requirements which must be met for a degree.
- Students have the responsibility to take advantage of the educational opportunities presented by the College, to participate in the learning process in a serious and conscientious manner, and to respect the rights of other members of the LATC community.
- Students have the right to have classes conducted under the following provisions:
 - Faculty will clearly state course goals, testing, and grading which should be intellectually justifiable.
 - Faculty will be available to students and will announce or print on course syllabi contact information, such as office hours, email address, etc.
 - Faculty will model respect for each student as an individual, regardless of race, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, or veteran status.
 - Faculty will ensure students the right to raise relevant issues, doubts, or alternative opinions during classroom discussion without concern for academic sanctions.
 - Faculty will not disclose student grades or class standing in a classroom situation without the student's permission.
 - Faculty will serve as academic advisors and will assist students with registration, class schedules, graduation requirements, and will work to assure academic progress with the assistance of the Director of Enrollment.
- Students may exercise full rights as citizens without interference or fear of college disciplinary action.
- Students have the right to be free from unlawful sexual or racial harassment on LATC property or off school property during a college-related activity.
- Students may form, join, and participate in groups which promote a common intellectual, social, economic, political, recreational or cultural life of campus.
- The college will not exclude any person from participating in its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability.

ACCREDITATION

Lake Area Technical College is accredited by Higher Learning Commission, 230 S LaSalle St, Suite 7-500, Chicago IL 60604, (800)621-7440, www.hlcommission.org.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Lake Area Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or age in its programs, activities, and employment. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Vice President, PO Box 730, Watertown SD 57201 (605) 882-5284 x 225

Those in need of accommodations should notify their instructor and make appropriate arrangements with the Office of Disability Services at (605) 882-5284 x 399.

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

FERPA – STUDENT CONFIDENTIALITY

Legislation enacted in November 1974 sets forth requirements designed to protect the privacy of students' educational records. The statute governs access to records maintained by educational institutions and the release of educational information. In brief, the statute provides students access to their permanent file and an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the records if inaccurate or inappropriate. Permission must be obtained from the student before releasing personally identifiable data from the records. A student has the right to file a complaint with the DOE concerning alleged violation of confidentiality.

The following information may be released to the public regarding many Lake Area Tech students as necessity or desirability arises: name, major field of study, enrollment status (fulltime or part-time), dates of attendance, graduation status, awards, and school or institution most recently attended.

Any student not wanting this information released to the public must make objection in writing to Lake Area Tech Student Services Office within ten (10) calendar days of the beginning of the school year in the fall or the term in which the student first enrolls. Students must renew this obligation at the beginning of each school year. Questions regarding FERPA should be directed to the Director of Enrollment.

ADA POLICY

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, programs and services provided by state and local governments, goods and services provided by private companies, and in commercial facilities.

The ADA was signed into law on July 26, 1990. It contains requirements for new construction, for alterations or renovations to buildings and facilities, and for improving access to existing facilities of private companies providing goods or services to the public. It also requires that State and local governments provide access to programs offered to the public. The ADA also covers effective communication with people with disabilities, eligibility criteria that may restrict or prevent access, and requires reasonable accommodation of policies and practices that may be discriminatory.

Students are entitled to reasonable accommodations under provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Those in need of such accommodations should notify their instructor and make appropriate arrangements with LATC's Office of Disability Services, 882-5284, Ext. 399. Inquiries regarding

compliance of Americans with Disabilities Act may contact the Disability Coordinator, Watertown School District 14-4, P.O. Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201.

TITLE IX

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in all education programs and activities operated by recipients of federal funds, including colleges, universities, and public-school districts. Unless they are specifically exempt, Title IX applies to all institutions that receive federal financial assistance from the Department of Education, including state and local educational agencies. Recipients subject to Title IX include approximately 16,500 local school districts, 7,000 postsecondary institutions, as well as charter schools, for-profit schools, libraries, and museums. Also included are vocational rehabilitation agencies and education agencies of 50 states, the District of Columbia, and territories and possessions of the United States. OCR enforces Title IX to ensure that students have equal access to educational opportunity and can go to school without fear of sex discrimination. For more information, please visit the Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights website at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/frontpage/pro-students/sex-pr.html>.

It is the goal of Lake Area Tech to maintain a safe learning environment for all students; therefore, sexual misconduct is not tolerated. Lake Area Tech actively trains students and employees on best practices to prevent sexual assault and enforces policies and procedures to stop and remedy the situation should it occur. All Lake Area Tech employees are mandatory reporters.

Title IX protects staff and students from harassment, discrimination, sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, rape, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

To report an incident, contact LATC's Director of Student Services/Title IX Coordinator or complete the online Title IX Complaint form in the Student Services section of LATC's website at <https://www.lakeareatech.edu/campus/student-services/the-net/title-ix-sexual-misconduct/>.

LATC Title IX support services include:

- Explaining the Title IX process and options
- Coordinating support services
- Connecting staff and student with campus and community resources

Additional LATC resources include:

- Counseling Services
- Academic Support Services
- Disability Services

Additional community resources include:

- **Beacon Center**
24-hour crisis line, counseling and legal advocacy
801 Jenson Avenue SE, Watertown SD 57201
Crisis Line: 605-886-4300
Daytime Phone: 605-886-4304
- **Watertown Police Department**
Reporting and safety (Watertown campus)

128 North Maple, Watertown SD 57201
Emergency: 911
Phone: 605-882-6210

- **Pierre Police Department**
Reporting and safety (Pierre campus)
3200 SD Highway 34, Pierre SD 57501
Emergency: 911
Phone: 605-773-7410

Students and employees may find additional information on the Title IX page of the Student Services section on LATC's website, including:

- LATC Sexual Harassment & Title IX Guidance
- LATC Title IX Definitions
- Watertown School District Policy ACCA – Sexual Harassment

STUDENT RIGHT TO KNOW AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990

Compliance Policies and Procedures - Lake Area Technical College

Policies and procedures for reporting criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus or satellite facilities and the institution's response to such reports.

Policy

As an employee or student of Lake Area Tech, it is your responsibility to report on-campus crimes, (murder, rape, robbery, larceny-theft, simple assault, aggravated assault, burglary, intimidation and destruction, damage, vandalism of property, motor vehicle and other thefts or crimes) to local law enforcement and to the Lake Area Tech Administration Office.

Procedures

1. Employee: To report a crime in progress, or other emergencies, go to the nearest telephone and dial 9-911 or 9-882-6210 (Watertown Police Department) or 9-773-7410 (Pierre Police Department).
2. Student: To report a crime in progress, or other emergencies, contact a Lake Area Tech employee or, if an employee is not readily available, go to the nearest telephone and dial 9911 or 9-882-6210 (Watertown Police Department) or 9-773-7410 (Pierre Police Department).
3. If a crime is discovered after it has occurred, report the crime to the Lake Area Tech Administration Office.
4. All crimes should be reported to the Lake Area Tech Administration in Student Services as soon as possible.
5. Reports on all criminal activity will be kept in the Lake Area Tech Administration Office concerning time, place, and nature of the crime.
6. Summary data pertaining to crime activity will be compiled and made available to prospective students and employees.

Statement of current policies and procedures concerning security and access to campus facilities including campus residences and security considerations used in the maintenance of campus facilities.

Policy

It is the policy of the Lake Area Technical College that all buildings shall be locked and unlocked by Lake Area Tech employees. Lake Area Tech employees must be present when the buildings are unlocked or open. Employees are responsible for the safety of others.

Procedures

Unless other arrangements have been made, the Student Center, Buildings 1, 2 & 3, and Technical Education Center, located at 1201 Arrow Ave, open at approximately 6:00 am during weekdays and closes Monday through Thursday at approximately 9:00 pm. On Friday, the buildings are locked at approximately 5:00 pm. The Agriculture & Environmental Center and Manufacturing, Energy & Transportation Center opens at 6:30 am and closes at 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

The Automotive & Construction Technology, Custom Paint & Fab and Aviation Maintenance Technology buildings open from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm each weekday unless other arrangements have been made. The Children’s Educare Center located at 1226 Arrow Avenue NE opens at 6:30 am and closes at 5:45 pm weekdays.

All buildings remain locked after hours and throughout the weekend unless arrangements have been made. When utilization occurs in the evenings or on weekends, Lake Area Tech personnel will be present.

Location of Facilities

Lake Area Technical College has twelve buildings located at two sites. Each building has adjoining parking lots or street parking.

1. Eleven buildings are located at 1201 Arrow Ave.
2. Aviation Maintenance Technology facility is located at the Municipal Airport

A statement of current policies concerning campus law enforcement, including (I) the enforcement authority of security personnel, including their working relationships with state and local police agencies; (II) policies which encourage accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to the campus police and the appropriate police agencies.

Policy

Lake Area Tech does not have personnel designated for campus law enforcement. The local law enforcement agencies work with Lake Area Tech personnel in an informational and advisory capacity.

Employees and students have access to telephones and are instructed to call local law enforcement in case of criminal actions or other emergencies. All Lake Area Tech employees and students are encouraged to report incidents to the Administration office as soon as possible. Form A is used for reporting purposes.

A description of the type and frequency of programs designated to inform students and employees about campus security procedures and practices and to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own security and the security of others.

A general orientation is held at the beginning of each term for new students informing them of campus security procedures and practices. An in-service workshop is held annually for staff informing them of campus security and emergency procedures.

The Student Handbook is available in its entirety at www.lakeareatech.edu. Police and emergency phone numbers are listed in the directory portion of the handbook. Drug and alcohol abuse education in-services are conducted each term in all classes by the Lake Area Tech counseling staff.

A statement of policy concerning the monitoring and recording through local police agencies of criminal activity at off-campus student organizations whose participants are students of the institution. The off-campus student organizations are those recognized by the institution, including student organizations with off-campus housing facilities.

Lake Area Tech has no off-campus organizations.

STATISTICS OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES

2019-2020

Murder	0
Sexual Assault	0
Robbery	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Simple Assault	0
Burglary	0
Larceny-theft.....	0
Intimidation.....	0
Destruction, damage or vandalism of property.....	0

2020-2021

Murder	0
Sexual Assault	0
Robbery	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Simple Assault	0
Burglary	0
Larceny-theft.....	0
Intimidation.....	0
Destruction, damage or vandalism of property.....	0

2021-2022

Murder	0
Sexual Assault	0

Robbery.....0
Aggravated Assault0
Simple Assault.....0
Burglary0
Larceny-theft.....0
Intimidation.....0
Destruction, damage or
vandalism of property.....0

2022-2023

Murder0
Sexual Assault0
Robbery.....0
Aggravated Assault0
Simple Assault.....0
Burglary0
Larceny-theft.....0
Intimidation.....0
Destruction, damage or
vandalism of property.....0

2023-2024

Murder0
Sexual Assault0
Robbery.....0
Aggravated Assault0
Simple Assault.....0
Burglary0
Larceny-theft.....0
Intimidation.....0
Destruction, damage or
vandalism of property.....0

2024-2025

Murder0
Sexual Assault0
Robbery.....0
Aggravated Assault0
Simple Assault.....0
Burglary0
Larceny-theft.....0
Intimidation.....0
Destruction, damage or
vandalism of property.....0

Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990

Lake Area Technical College

Sample Form

Form A

Date _____
mm/dd/yy

Location of Crime _____

Description of Crime

Date Crime Occurred _____ mm/dd/yy

Time Crime Occurred _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

Date Crime Reported _____ mm/dd/yy

Crime Reported to: (Please Check)

_____ A. Watertown Police Department

_____ B. Lake Area Tech Administration

_____ C. Other _____

(Please write in)

Reporting Person's Signature

mm/dd/yy

Personnel Completing Form _____

mm/dd/yy