

# Madison Area Technical College: Newest grads will help fill need for skilled workers

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Tool boxes, cornhole games and small benches.

Those were some of the first assignments for nine Dept. of Corrections students taking part

in Madison College's [Carpentry Techniques Academy](#). As their skills improved during the

course's 18 weeks, they moved on to bigger projects like garden sheds – some with solar

panels. Now this special class from the Thompson and Oregon Correctional Centers is

scheduled to graduate at **11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, at the college's Commercial Ave. campus** (2125 Commercial Ave.)

“Construction employment has seen strong growth in Wisconsin and demand for skilled

carpenters is expected to continue,” said Amy Pechacek, secretary-designee of the Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development. “The carpentry program was funded in part

by Gov. Tony Evers' Worker Advancement Initiative, allowing the newest class of graduates

to enter the workforce immediately and fulfill the needs of the employers in our state for a

skilled workforce.”

Please see the [full online news release](#) for more information on the graduation ceremony.