

WISE Program

Dane, Columbia, & Waukesha
Counties

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Who Do I Contact for Information?

Wisconsin Senior Employment Program
Department of Health Services
Division of Long-Term Care
Bureau of Aging & Disability
Resources
P.O. Box 7851, Madison, WI 53707
608-267-9097 |
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wise

Wisconsin Senior Employment Program is the state-administered Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) authorized by Title V of the Older Americans Act, federally funded by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Other Important Resources:

Wisconsin Job Center
www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/jobseeker/

Aging and Disability Resource Center
Dane and Columbia
www.daneadrc.org
608-240-7400

Waukesha
www.waukeshacounty.gov/adrc
866-677-2372



Wisconsin Senior Employment Program



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The Wisconsin Senior Employment Program (WISE) Program provides unemployed adults aged 55 and older with training opportunities and part-time, paid work experience in community service organizations. The on-the-job experience helps build and improve WISE participants' skills for permanent employment. WISE participants can be in the Program for four years.



How does the Program Work?

The WISE Program coordinator works with each WISE Program participant to determine their areas of interest and skills and where they need to enhance skills. A work site placement is sought to meet the WISE participant's needs and to enhance their job skills.

Typical WISE placements include:

- Clerical/Office
- Library Aide
- Retail/Sales/Production
- Groundskeeping/Maintenance
- Food Service
- Custodial/Maintenance
- Customer Service

Work Sites

WISE Program participants work at non-profit and public organizations providing community service. This work helps the WISE participant develop their job skills, engage in the community and provide meaningful service in our community.

Nonprofit organizations and public agencies that are interested in hosting a WISE participant, at no cost to your agency, can contact the WISE Program coordinator.



How Do I Qualify?

To qualify for the WISE Program, you must be:

- 55 years of age or older
- Unemployed and want to work
- On a limited income
- A resident of the county served

Other Important Characteristics:

WISE Participants also should:

- Have access to a car or bus
- Have a reliable phone number and/or email address
- Possess basic work skills, work ethic, and work edict
- Possess the physical and mental health to facilitate work

How will I benefit?

Wise Program participants receive:

- A training wage of \$7.25 per hour
- Assistance with their job search