



Agricultural Sciences

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Diesel Technologies

Department: Agricultural Sciences
Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Entry time: Fall Length: 2 years

- One of the largest schools in the nation for number of Ag program graduates.
- Many job opportunities with local industry upon graduation from the Diesel Technologies program.
- Limited class sizes to allow for one-on-one instruction.
- Various brands of industry-approved equipment.
- 13 agriculture-related student organizations among the 80+ clubs on campus.
- Required internship opportunities providing great industry contacts, which could lead to a full-time position after graduation.

Program Description

The Diesel Technologies program offers a 2-year A.A.S. degree for students entering the workforce in agricultural equipment, heavy truck and trailer, or heavy equipment maintenance and repair. Today's technicians not only diagnose and fix mechanical problems, they also must understand and troubleshoot the computer-controlled systems found in diesel engines, power trains and hydraulic systems, suspensions, and braking systems. The program also provides industry training and professional development for graduates. Currently, more than 50 Midwestern businesses employ one or more former Kirkwood students who participated in our program.

Career Opportunities

Diesel Technicians Shop/Service Technicians Service Managers Owners/Operators Shop Foreman/Managers

Sample Classes

Hydraulics
Technical Procedures for Power
Mechanics Technicians
Fundamentals of Internal
Combustion Engines
Fundamentals of Electricity
Welding Fundamentals
Equipment Servicing
Fundamentals of Air Conditioning
Diesel Engines I and II
Advanced Diesel Electronics

Internships

As a Diesel Technologies student, you will complete a summer internship allowing you to apply your lab and classroom skills in an actual work environment.

Tool Requirements

As a student in the Diesel Technologies program, you will be required to purchase a minimum standard set of professional-grade tools moving into the third semester of your program. Tools will be supplied to you during your first two semesters in the program. A complete tool list with associated costs and vendors is available at www.kirkwood.edu/dieseltech to help you plan for this purchase.

Scholarships

Kirkwood will help you pay for college! Kirkwood awards more scholarships than any other community college in lowa. For more information and to apply, visit www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships.

