

# Agricultural Equipment Technology

Program Number: 10-070-1

## Associate in Applied Science Degree

Transportation Program Cluster

Center for Construction, Manufacturing, Apprenticeship & Transportation

Program offered at Madison Campuses

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## About the Program

The Agricultural Equipment Technology Program is designed to develop competent and professional agricultural equipment service technicians for entry-level employment in agricultural equipment dealerships.

This course of study will specialize in agricultural tractors and implements. Students will gain technical expertise in hydraulics, power trains, electronics, fuel systems, heating, air conditioning and engine service. They will round out their professional skills with training in management, salesmanship, mathematics and principles. In addition to classroom and laboratory instruction at MATC, students will be expected to obtain and maintain a sponsoring dealer that will provide related work experience during the scheduled internships. This program leads to an associate degree in applied science. Graduates of the program will be qualified for a rewarding career as an agricultural equipment technician.

In conjunction with the program, MATC has entered into an agreement with the John Deere Company to provide a section of the Agricultural Equipment Technology Program specifically for the company and its dealers. This partnership will be known as John Deere Ag Tech. The classroom and laboratory situations, dealer sponsorship, and equipment studied will be John Deere. John Deere Ag Tech students will be required to obtain and maintain a John Deere dealer sponsor while completing the program.

This program also will provide the opportunity to receive the required John Deere certifications in Basic Electrical and Electronics and Basic Hydraulics, along with Service Advisor One Computer Diagnostic Systems.

## Curriculum

### FIRST YEAR

First Semester	Credits	Hrs/week Lec-Lab
10-070-176 Electrical Systems.....	5	4-4
10-070-181 Implements 1.....	4	1-3
10-442-126 Metal Repair Techniques.....	2	2-2
10-801-195 Written Communication.....	3	3-0
10-804-110 <u>Elementary Algebra w/ Applications</u> .....	3	3-0
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>17</b>	

### Second Semester

10-070-178 Implements 2 <sup>2</sup> .....	3	2-8
10-070-183 Hydraulics 1 <sup>2</sup> .....	4	5-5
10-070-187 Occupational Experience 1.....	2	0-48
10-070-193 Air Conditioning <sup>2</sup> .....	2	2-4
10-104-104 <u>Selling Principles</u> .....	3	3-0
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>14</b>	

### Summer Session

10-070-175 Power Transmissions.....	4	2-4
10-806-139 <u>Survey of Physics</u> .....	3	2-1
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>7</b>	

### SECOND YEAR

#### First Semester

10-070-177 Fuel Systems <sup>2</sup> .....	3	4-4
10-070-182 Accessories and Electronics <sup>2</sup> .....	3	4-5
10-070-184 Hydraulics 2 (elective) <sup>2</sup> .....	3	2-8
10-070-188 Occupational Experience 2 <sup>1</sup> .....	2	0-48
10-531-190 Ag Tech CPR/First Aid <sup>2</sup> .....	1	4-0
10-801-197 <u>Technical Reporting</u> .....	3	3-0
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>15</b>	

#### Second Semester

10-070-191 Engine Repair Theory.....	3	1-4
10-070-195 Engine Repair <sup>2</sup> .....	3	1-4
10-809-195 Economics.....	3	3-0
10-809-197 Contemporary American Society.....	3	3-0
10-809-199 <u>Psychology of Human Relations</u> .....	3	3-0
<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>15</b>	

#### Summer Session

10-070-189 Occupational Experience 3.....	2	0-48
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<sup>1</sup>First half of semester.

<sup>2</sup>Second half of semester.

Note: Proficiency in working with Windows-based computer programs and basic word processing required prior to admission or coursework must be completed by the student by the end of the first year.

**Note: Students are placed in English or mathematics courses based on their scores on the COMPASS or ASSET test or on completion of the appropriate prerequisite/s.**

## Program Courses

**10-070-175 Power Transmission 4 credits**

The course covers the operation, power flow, diagnosis and servicing of collar shift, synchronized and power shift transmissions. The class also discusses the operation and service of wet and dry clutches differentials, planetary drive axles, P.T.O. drives and mechanical front wheel drives.

**10-070-176 Electrical Systems 1 5 credits**

This class begins with a discussion of the laws of electricity as they relate to the operation of the charging, starting and lighting systems. Diagnostic testing and troubleshooting will be demonstrated on alternators, starters and lighting systems. Methods of repair will be demonstrated where methods are currently used at the dealerships.

**10-070-177 Fuel Systems 3 credits**

This course covers the theory of operation, construction and service of diesel engine fuel systems. Also reviewed is diesel engine compression, ignition, theory combustion, chamber design and procedures for installing, timing of fuel quantity for proper combustion. Electronic fuel delivery will be discussed as it relates to engine operation.

**10-070-178 Implements 2 3 credits**

This course provides instruction in the theory of operation and service of the grain combine. Students will learn how the combine processes grain, the basic components, means of service and repair of the machine. Lab work is designed to provide students with hands-on experience on combines, grain platforms and corn heads. Service and adjustment activities include the cylinder, gear boxes and power transmission components. Prerequisite: Implements 1, 10-070-181.

**10-070-181 Implements 1 4 credits**

This course provides instruction in the theory of operation, adjustment and service of planting equipment. Students will learn the operation and service of corn planters and grain drills. Emphasis is given to how the corn planter seed meters work and how the attachments operate. In addition, the course also provides information on the theory, operation, adjustment and service of forage harvesting machines. Machines covered include mower conditioners, square balers, round balers and forage harvesters. Bearings, clutches, U-joints and other power transmission components also are covered.

**10-070-182 Accessories and Electronics 3 credits**

This course will introduce the student to the type and operation temperature, pressure and speed sensors. Students will be introduced to the central control unit (CCU) and the hitch control unit (HCU). Students will be shown the procedure for recalling codes and transmission calibration procedures. This course will provide the electrical certification for John Deere Technicians. Prerequisite: Electrical Systems, 10-070-176.

**10-070-183 Hydraulics 1 4 credits**

This course introduces the student to the hydraulic systems found on 30 through 60 series John Deere Tractors. The component configuration and operational characteristics of these tractors will be introduced. Students will service and rebuild the radial piston pump, S.C.V. and other components of the hydraulic system. Students will follow the technical manual diagnostic procedures to troubleshoot hydraulic system problems found on these tractors.

**10-070-184 Hydraulics 2 3 credits**

This course provides instruction on the 6, 7 and 8000 series John Deere tractors. The component configuration and operational characteristics of these tractors will be introduced. Students will service and rebuild the axial piston pumps, SCV's and other components of the hydraulic system. Students will follow the technical manual diagnostic procedures to check out and troubleshoot the hydraulic system. Prerequisite: Hydraulics 1, 10-070-183.

**10-070-187 Occupational Experience 1 (Spring Session) 2 credits**

Students receive on-the-job experience in the areas of implement repair and service. Areas covered include, but are not limited to, tillage, planting and hay harvesting machines. Students also will be exposed to the operation and function of the dealership service department. Prerequisite: second-semester standing.

**10-070-188 Occupational Experience 2 (Fall Session) 2 credits**

Students receive on-the-job experience in the areas of combines, corn heads and grain platforms. Other areas covered include set-up, tillage and planting equipment. Prerequisite: Occupational Experience 1, 10-070-187.

**10-070-189 Occupational Experience 3 (Summer Session) 2 credits**

Students receive on-the-job experience in tractor engine repair, air conditioning, electrical and hydraulic system troubleshooting. Other areas covered include service department operation, warranty work and customer contacts. Prerequisite: Occupational Experience 2, 10-070-188.

**10-070-191 Engine Repair Theory 3 credits**

Study in this course will allow the student to develop a basic knowledge of combustion engine design and operation with the major emphasis on diesel engines. Experience in the course will provide the student with the skills and knowledge needed to diagnose, overhaul, maintain, adjust and repair engines found in agricultural machines and equipment.

**10-070-195 Engine Repair 3 credits**

Study in this course will allow the student to develop a basic knowledge of combustion engine design and operation with the major emphasis on diesel engines. Experience in the course will provide the student with the skills and knowledge needed to diagnose, overhaul, maintain, adjust and repair engines found in agricultural machines and equipment.

**10-070-193 Air Conditioning 2 credits**

This course covers the theory of operation, service and testing of air conditioning units used to cool and heat the operator's cab. Lab work consists of leak detecting, evacuation, charging component installations, electrical circuits and trouble shooting of systems. Air condition service certification tests are also given to students enrolled in this course.

**10-442-126 Metal Repair Techniques 2 credits**

This course covers safety, layout and measurement, grinding, drill press and lathe operation, filing, threading, properties of metals, oxy-acetylene welding, brazing and cutting, and SMAW, GMAW, GTAW and FCAW.

**10-531-190 Ag Tech CPR/First Aid 1 credit**

A combination of safety, first aid and CPR for emergencies which may occur in the agricultural equipment industry. Prepares students for a standard Red Cross first aid certificate. Presents the instruction and practical content of the American Heart Association's basic life support course.

## Career Potential:

- Service Technician
- Field Service Technician
- Lead Technician
- Shop Foreman
- Service Writer Coordinator
- Customer Support Representative
- Ag Equipment Salesperson
- Consumer Products Salesperson
- Service Manager

With additional education and/or work experience, graduates may find employment as:

- Ag Company
- Service Representative
- Ag Company Sales Representative
- Dealer Sales Manager
- Dealership Manager
- Dealership Owner/Operator

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