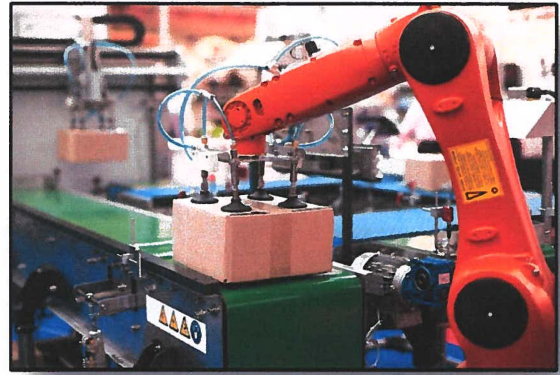


# AUTOMATION & ROBOTICS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

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## COURSE OBJECTIVE

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Students will obtain education and skills in the field of Automation & Robotics Engineering Technology that will prepare them to enter the workforce or go on to post-secondary education.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

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This three-year course focuses on all aspects of industrial and commercial machines and robotics, and is designed to prepare students for work in industry or continued education in engineering-related fields. The program includes design activities and instruction in the operation, set-up, maintenance, troubleshooting and repair of machines and systems found in commercial, packaging, medical and food production facilities where high tech equipment is used. Curriculum and instruction include the areas of Electricity, Electronics, Sensor Technology, Machine Operations and Maintenance, Industrial Electronics, Computer Machine Controls, Machine Repair, Motors and Controls, Fluid Power, Mechanical Components, Schematic Interpretation and Quality Control. Students are trained on a wide variety of tools for preventative maintenance and construction of equipment.

## COURSE TOPICS

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Computer Machine Controls | Control Systems | Electricity | Electronics | Hydraulics | Industrial Motor Controls  
Industrial Safety | Machine Operations and Maintenance | Mechanical Drive Systems | Pneumatics  
Programmable Logic Controllers | Robotics | Schematic Interpretation | Sensor Technology

## REQUIRED SUPPLIES

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Leather Work Boots reinforced toe | Safety Glasses | Shop Shirt  
Workwear Pants | Highlighter marker | Pen/pencil | calculator.

## TEXTBOOKS

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*AC/DC Principles*  
*Industrial Mechanics*  
*Introduction to Programmable Logic Controllers*  
*NCCER Core and IEEE Texts*  
*NFPA-70E*

## COOPERATING COMPANIES

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AUMA  
Ensinger, Inc.–Meadowlands, PA  
Hennecke, Inc.–Bridgeville, PA  
MSA–Cranberry Township  
Perryman Company–Houston, PA

Rose Plastic–Coal Center, PA  
Rockwell Automation  
United Electric  
VEKA, Inc.

## **SPECIALIZED SHOP EQUIPMENT**

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Allen Bradley Programmable Logic Trainers | Hydraulics Systems Trainer  
Industrial Maintenance Cell | Siemens Programmable Logic Controller Trainers

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

~~CareerSafe OSHA~~  
NCCER Credentials  
PA Skills Certificate

## **ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS**

Community College of Allegheny County—Mechatronics Technology  
~~Pennsylvania College of Technology—Automated Manufacturing & Machining~~  
West Virginia Northern Community College—Mechatronics Technology

## **POST-SECONDARY TRAINING OPTIONS**

California University of Pennsylvania—Mechatronics Engineering Technology; Robotics Engineering Technology  
~~Community College of Allegheny County—Mechatronics Technology~~  
Pennsylvania College of Technology—Automated Manufacturing  
Pennsylvania Technical College (PTC)

Numerous Engineering Programs—(Mechatronics, Industrial, Mechanical, Electrical)

## **POTENTIAL CAREERS**

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Automated Manufacturing Technician | Electrical Engineer | Industrial Engineer | Machine Set-Up Operator |  
Maintenance Technician | Mechanic | Mechanical Engineer  
Mechatronics Engineer | Packaging/PLA Technician | Parts Repair and Sales  
Power Generation Plant Technician | Preventative Maintenance | Repair Technician

## **MECHANICAL & AUTOMATION SKILLS**

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**Critical Thinking**—Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

**Operation and Control** — Controlling operations of equipment or systems.

**Operation Monitoring** — Observing and recording gauges, dials, or other indicators to make sure a machine is working properly.

**Mathematics** — Using mathematics to solve problems.

**Equipment Selection** — Determining the kind of tools and equipment needed to do a job.

**Troubleshooting** — Determining causes of operating errors and deciding what to do about it.

**Reading Comprehension** — Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work-related documents.

**Quality Control Analysis** — Conducting tests and inspections of products, services, or processes to evaluate quality or performance.

**Equipment Maintenance** — Performing routine maintenance on equipment and determining when and what kind of maintenance is needed.

**Active Learning** — Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making.

**Active Listening** — Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate and not interrupting at inappropriate times.

## **WAGES AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR ELECTRO-MECHANICAL TECHNICIANS**

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Median Wages (2020)	\$28.75 Hourly, \$59,800 Annually
Number of Jobs (2019)	14,600 Employees
Job Outlook (2019-2029)	3% (As Fast as Average)
Employment Change (2019-2029)	400

Source: *Occupational Outlook Handbook*