

# EMBEDDED SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

**Banner Code:** 1\_CN\_ELES  
**Control Number:** 41436  
**Not Financial Aid Eligible**

The Embedded Systems Technician Certificate is geared towards students who want to take their programming and circuit building skills to the next level. Students will become proficient in programming a variety of microcontrollers to perform tasks in an embedded application in C-based programming languages. Students who have obtained this certificate will be proficient at the use of multimeters and oscilloscopes to analyze circuit design and troubleshoot problems. Students will gain familiarity with digital communication protocols. This certificate is designed to teach students the skills necessary to build a career working with embedded electronics commonly found in consumer devices, IoT-connected devices, and autonomous vehicles.

Students earning this certificate are encouraged to continue their education by completing the additional requirements for the Associate of Science degree. They are also encouraged to pursue a bachelor's degree in an Electrical Engineering or Computer Science discipline. Students must complete the Robotics Technician Certificate of Achievement (12-13 units) as a prerequisite to entry into the Embedded Systems Technician program.

## Program Outcomes

1. Students will acquire skills necessary to program common microcontrollers using C.
2. Students will gain familiarity with different communication protocols to interface between electronic systems.
3. Students will be proficient at using multimeters, oscilloscopes, and spectrum analyzers to analyze circuits.
4. Students will acquire the skills necessary to methodically identify problems in circuits and propose solutions.

Review Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/graduation-requirements/associate-degree/>) and General Education (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/>).

## Required Prerequisite

### Robotics Technician Certificate of Achievement (12-13 Units)

Course	Title	Units
<b>Required Courses</b>		
ELEC A100 or MATH A115 or MATH A120	Electronic Problem Solving College Algebra Trigonometry	3-4
ELEC A111	D.C. Circuits	3
ELEC A121	Robotics 1- Mechanics & Design	3

Course	Title	Units
ELEC A122	Robotics 2- Sensors, Control Theory, and Programming	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>12-13</b>

## Required Courses

Course	Title	Units
ELEC A102	Safety, Maintenance, and Calibration	1
ELEC A103 or ELEC A290	Computer Hardware Configuration & Diagnostics Electronic Troubleshooting	3
ELEC A223	Embedded Control Systems	4
ELEC A224	Digital Communication Systems	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>11</b>

## Program Sequence

These sequences at Orange Coast College are curriculum maps for students to finish all requirements for the certificate. There may be advisories, prerequisites, or time requirements that students need to consider before following these maps. **Students are advised to meet with an Orange Coast College Counselor for alternate sequencing.**

Course	Title	Units
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>		
ELEC A100 or MATH A115 or MATH A120	Electronic Problem Solving or College Algebra or Trigonometry	3-4
ELEC A111	D.C. Circuits	3
ELEC A121	Robotics 1- Mechanics & Design	3
ELEC A122	Robotics 2- Sensors, Control Theory, and Programming	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>12-13</b>

### Semester 2

Spring Semester: Students must complete the Robotics Technician Certificate of Achievement (12-13 units) as a prerequisite to entry into the Embedded Systems Program.		
ELEC A223	Embedded Control Systems	4
ELEC A224	Digital Communication Systems	3
ELEC A102	Safety, Maintenance, and Calibration	1
ELEC A103 or ELEC A290	Computer Hardware Configuration & Diagnostics or Electronic Troubleshooting	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>23-24</b>