

INDUSTRIAL PLC TECHNICIAN, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Control Number: 41489

Financial Aid Eligible

The Industrial PLC Technician Associate of Science degree is designed to provide students who have completed the PLC Technician Certificate of Achievement the opportunity to earn an associate's degree. Students will leave with the skills and knowledge required to work on the PLC-based industrial control systems commonly found in advanced manufacturing facilities. Students will gain hands-on experience with Siemens and Allen-Bradley controllers. Upon completion of this certificate, students will be able to troubleshoot PLC based systems, replace faulty electrical components, and program and commission systems.

Students must complete the Industrial Electronics Technician Certificate of Achievement (13-14 units) as a part of the required coursework.

Program Outcomes

1. Students will gain the basic knowledge required to take the CET (Certified Electronics Technician) exam.
2. Students will be able to work safely in accordance with NFPA 70E.
3. Students will acquire the skills necessary to connect to a PLC, diagnose system problems, backup a program, and restore a program to a controller.
4. Students will gain proficiency in reading and creating schematics, wiring diagrams, and ladder logic diagrams for advanced control systems.
5. Students will acquire hands-on skills working with HMIs, SCADA, and industrial communication protocols.

Associate in Science Degree Requirements

1. **UNIT REQUIREMENT** - 60 UNITS, with at least a 2.0 grade point average. At least 12 of the units must be earned at OCC, with a minimum of one course taken for a letter grade. At least 3 units in an advanced course from the program must be completed at OCC. A student must be enrolled at the time of application for graduation. Units earned at an accredited college or university on a credit/no credit basis will be counted toward the degree requirements of the college, to a maximum of 15 units.
2. **MAJOR REQUIREMENT** - Complete the AS major requirements.
3. **MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENT** - Demonstrate competence in mathematics by either obtaining a satisfactory grade (grade of "C" or better or "pass") in a mathematics course at or above the level of Intermediate Algebra as demonstrated by prior coursework, or by demonstrating competency that is comparable through the completion of a college-level math course that has Intermediate Algebra as a prerequisite: Psychology A160 or Math A100 or higher, with the exception of Math A220.
4. **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT** - Students may choose to complete Option 1 (OCC AS GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-science-general-education-option-1/>), Option 2 (CSU GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-2/>), or Option 3 (IGETC) ([\[orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-3/\]\(https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-3/\)\) \(<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-3/>\) to satisfy the general education requirement. See the General Education Patterns section of this catalog for more information.](https://catalog.cccd.edu/

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Required Prerequisites Industrial Electronics Technician Certificate of Achievement (13-14 Units)

Course	Title	Units
Required Courses		
ELEC A100	Electronic Problem Solving	3-4
or MATH A115	College Algebra	
or MATH A120	Trigonometry	
ELEC A111	D.C. Circuits	3
ELEC A112	A.C. Circuits	3
ELEC A131	Automation 1- Industrial Control Systems	4
Total Units		13-14

Required Courses

Course	Title	Units
Required Courses		
ELEC A232	Automation 2 - Programmable Logic Controller	4
ELEC A233	Automation 3 - Industrial Networks, HMI, and SCADA	4
ELEC A102	Safety, Maintenance, and Calibration	1
ELEC A103	Computer Hardware Configuration & Diagnostics	3
or ELEC A290	Electronic Troubleshooting	
Total Units		12

Requirement	Units
Minimum Program Major Units	25-26
AS General Education Option 1, 2, or 3	Varies
Transferable electives to satisfy unit requirement	Varies
Total Minimum Degree Units	60