

John Deere Tech Program



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EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

John Deere technicians have the opportunity to become certified as John Deere Technicians. The traditional apprenticeship training for the John Deere Technician is supplemented by specialty training on John Deere equipment. Olds College and John Deere Limited have teamed up to offer this unique program.

Program Description

Apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job and technical training in an earning while-learning arrangement that leads to certification as a journeyman certificate in a recognized trade. The apprenticeship programs at Olds College are under the administration of Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training.

Apprentices work under a qualified tradesman becoming familiar with the principles, skills, tools and materials of a trade. Depending on the trade, the term of apprenticeship varies from two to four years. Olds College provides technical training for four year trades.

During this time, apprentices are indentured (under contract) to an employer(s) who agree to provide opportunities for apprentices to work and gain experience in the trade, and to attend in-school technical training.

Apprentices are usually paid an hourly wage, which increases according to their time and experience in the

trade. Rate of pay is based on a specific percentage of the prevailing journeyman's wage in their shop.

Registered apprentices receive notification listing the dates for technical training sessions at Olds College, which provides training for their specific trade from Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training. Olds College typically has two intakes of apprentices in any academic year: fall and winter. Apprentices are encouraged to register by calling Olds College as soon as they receive their notification in early May to ensure a seat, as spaces are allocated on first come, first serve basis.

Applicants must be indentured as Agricultural Equipment Technician or Heavy Equipment Technician Apprentice or already have Journeyman status(es) and be employed by a

What people say about us...

"I feel that one of the biggest advantages of hiring mechanics who have taken their training at Olds College is that they come into the dealership with knowledge of current agricultural products."

— Darryl Gilbert



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sponsoring John Deere Dealer before entering the John Deere Tech Program.

The John Deere Tech program is designed to enhance the training obtained in the Agricultural Equipment Technician or Heavy Equipment Technician apprentice program with topics that relate specifically to John Deere Equipment.

Candidates are required to be employed at a sponsoring John Deere dealership. Graduates of the John Deere Tech training program are awarded recognition through Olds College and John Deere upon completion.

John Deere Tech program at Olds College is structured as follows:

First Period

Agricultural Equipment Technician or Heavy Equipment Technician, training of eight week at Olds College. Two weeks of training include specific John Deere electrical, hydraulics, tech fundamentals computerized resources, and basic "Service Advisor". Each work experience period is a minimum 1,500 hours and one year working in the trade.

Second Period

Agricultural Equipment Technician or Heavy Equipment Technician, training of eight weeks at Olds College, followed by two weeks of specific John Deere training including engines, AMS components, tractor performance and customer relations. Required work experience at a sponsoring John Deere dealer.

Third Period

Agricultural Equipment Technician or Heavy Equipment Technician, training of eight weeks at Olds College, followed by two weeks of specific John Deere training including seeding equipment, harvesting equipment, AMS operations and diagnostics, and personal finance. Required work experience at a sponsoring John Deere dealer.

Fourth Period

Agricultural Equipment Technician or Heavy Equipment Technician, training of eight weeks at Olds College. Two weeks of specific John Deere training including air conditioning, transmission diagnostics, field service technician training, personal finance and "Advanced Service Advisor". Required work experience at a sponsoring John Deere dealer.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have:

Applicants must be indentured as Agricultural Equipment or or Heavy Equipment Technician apprentices or already have Journeyman status(es) and be employed by a sponsoring John Deere Dealer before entering the John Deere Tech Program. Then, after consultation with their employer, prospective students may apply for admission to the John Deere Tech program. This program can also be a stand-alone program for journeymen already employed at John Deere dealerships.

Application Procedure

Dealer consent and applicant registration forms must be completed, signed and faxed into the Olds College John Deere Tech. representative at 403-556-4711.

Forms and further information may be found in the John Deere Tech booklet located on the John Deere program page: www.oldscollege.ca/programs/JohnDeere

Career Opportunities

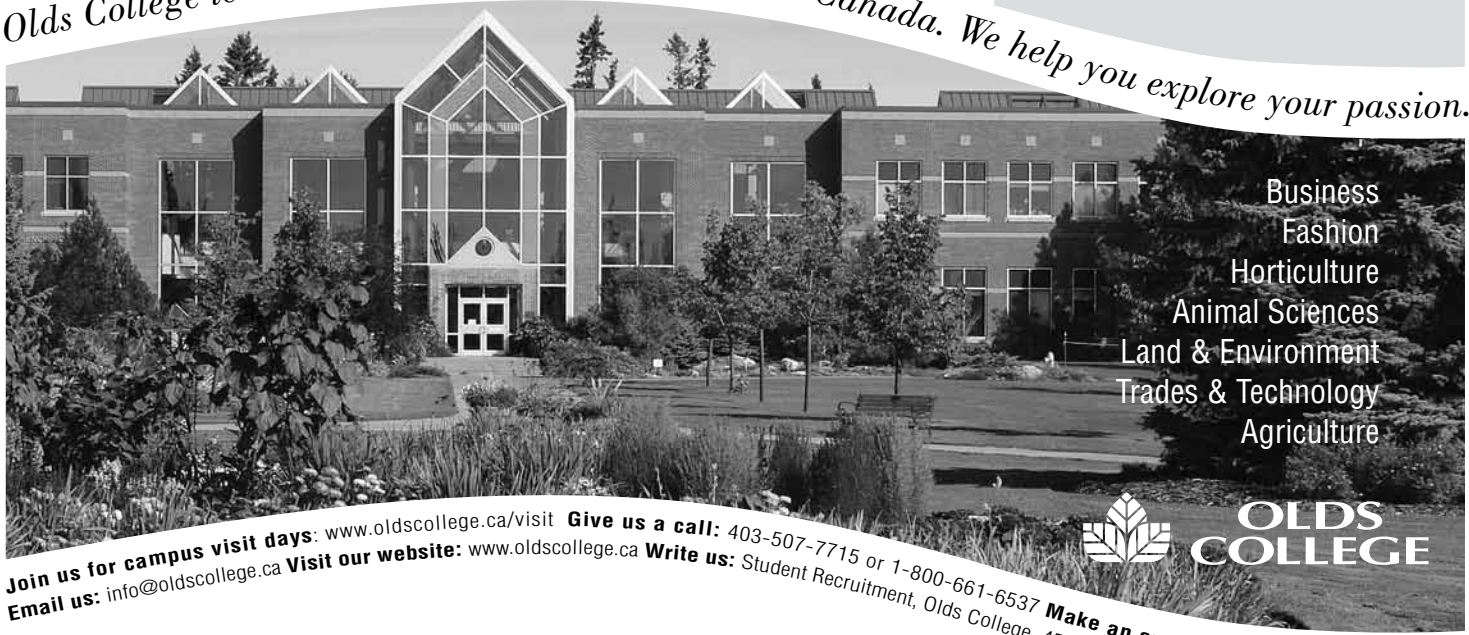
Apprentice or Journeyman Technicians working at a John Deere Dealership have the opportunity to further their career goals by participating in this unique program. The John Deere Tech program gives you the extra skills and education to help you move upward within the dealership. Also this program is an economical path for technicians to hone their diagnostics skills, making them more effective on the job.

What people say about us...

"All our service people have been through the Agricultural Mechanics Apprenticeship program at Olds College and we are real happy with them."

John Spencer

Olds College leads real-life, hands-on education in Canada. We help you explore your passion.



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