DIESEL EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY

DIPLOMA – 65 CREDITS

About this program

The diesel equipment technician works in an exciting and rapidly changing industry. Students in this program receive the diagnostic and service training needed to be successful in their chosen field. Entering students should have good mechanical aptitude, good communication skills and the ability to comprehend service literature. The program prepares individuals to diagnose and repair all components, including diesel engines, transmissions, drive lines, differentials, hydraulic and air brake systems, electrical systems, electronically controlled fuel systems and transmissions. Students receive instruction in the use of a wide variety of tools and diagnostic testing equipment. Students are prepared for careers requiring them to inspect, diagnose, repair and maintain trucks, trailers, farming equipment, diesel and construction equipment, stationary diesel engines in electrical generators and related equipment. Instruction includes diagnosing, disassembling, repairing and adjusting systems and parts, vehicle service, air brake systems, brakes, starting and suspension systems, wheel alignment, fuel systems, differentials, electronic fuel control, clutch and transmissions, air conditioning and refrigeration. About two-thirds of the instruction time is spent in the diesel lab working on live work and training models. Students learn to diagnose problems and disassemble, recondition and replace faulty parts, and they get hands-on training on such components as electrical, transmissions, air conditioning, brakes, fuel system hydraulics and engines. This program is an Association of Diesel Specialists TechSmart program participant.

Program outcomes

1. Demonstrate professionalism and related soft skills.
2. Apply theory of vehicle operating systems.
3. Diagnose vehicle operating systems.
4. Repair vehicle operating systems.
5. Interpret service information.
6. Exhibit safety practices and procedures.

Curriculum overview

Crds	Requirement type
62	Required courses
3	Restricted electives in courses
65	**Total**

Developmental courses note: A student may be required to enroll in developmental courses in reading, writing and math. A student's scores on the Accuplacer assessment will determine enrollment in developmental courses. The purpose of developmental courses is to prepare students for the demands of a college-level curriculum. *Credits may vary.*

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Curriculum requirement details

Required courses

Course	Crds
DSET1100 - Diesel Equipment Fundamentals	2
DSET1101 - Software Systems in Transportation	2
DSET1106 - Fuel Systems	2
DSET1110 - Power Train I	3
DSET1112 - Hydraulics I	4
DSET1114 - Vehicle Brakes	3
DSET1130 - Trans Elec/Start/Charge	4
DSET1132 - Introduction to Engine Theory	2
DSET1136 - Introduction to Diesel Engines	2
DSET1144 - Electrical Troubleshooting	3
DSET2200 - Introduction to Electronic Controls	3
DSET2204 - Advanced Electrical and Emission Systems	3
DSET2206 - Electronic Controls	3
DSET2210 - Mobile Hydraulics	4
DSET2238 - Transmissions & Drive Systems	4
DSET2240 - Supervised Occupational Experience II	3
DSET2242 - Advanced Engines and Fuel Systems	6
ENGL1101 - College Writing	3
ENGL1215 - Professional and Technical Writing	3
TRNS1112 - Heating Ventilation A/C	3

Other requirements or restricted electives

3 credits from one or more of these Courses:

Course title	Credits
COMM1120 - Introduction to Public Speaking	3
COMM1130 - Small Group Communication	3
COMM1140 - Interpersonal Communication	3

Course summaries

DSET1100 - Diesel Equipment Fundamentals ..... ***(2 credits)***
This course is designed to give the student an understanding of a diesel shop environment. Personal and shop safety will be emphasized. Hand tool, pneumatic tool, precision measuring tool and hardware identification, usage and safety will also be areas of study.

DSET1101 - Software Systems in Transportation ..... ***(2 credits)***
This course introduces students to proprietary software used in the diesel technology industry. Students will become familiar with various software from industry-leading manufacturers.

DSET1106 - Fuel Systems ..... ***(2 credits)***
This course covers the fundamentals of diesel engine fuel systems identification, minor repair, testing and troubleshooting. Mechanical governor operation, fuel system operation, fuel system/governor adjustments and related engine operation are studied.

DSET1110 - Power Train I ..... ***(3 credits)***
This course covers the operating principles, diagnosis and repair of drive train components. Components included will be clutches, mechanical transmissions, drive lines and drive axles.

Prerequisites:

- TRNS1102

OR

- DSET1100

DSET1112 - Hydraulics I ..... ***(4 credits)***
This course covers the fundamentals of hydraulic systems. It is an introduction to hydraulic component operation, maintenance, repair and testing. These systems may be used in agricultural, industrial heavy equipment and trucks.

DSET1114 - Vehicle Brakes ..... ***(3 credits)***
This course covers hydraulic and air brake system operation, service and diagnosis. Anti-lock braking systems will also be covered.

DSET1130 - Trans Elec/Start/Charge ..... ***(4 credits)***
This course is an introduction to electrical systems. Students will learn how to use DVOMs and their applications. Students will study electrical theory including Ohm's law and its application to electrical systems. The course also introduces service procedures necessary to repair charging and starting system components. Electrical principles are applied to test and troubleshoot complete circuits as well as components of each. Fundamental rebuilding principles and system analysis are emphasized. Safe battery testing and service are performed.

DSET1132 - Introduction to Engine Theory ..... ***(2 credits)***
This course introduces the theory of today's diesel engines, including operation, repair and maintenance. Students will learn the proper industry procedures for removing, replacing, diagnosing, troubleshooting, rebuilding and assembling diesel engines.

DSET1136 - Introduction to Diesel Engines ..... ***(2 credits)***
This course introduces students to the four-cycle diesel engine. Coursework includes disassembly, inspection, measurement, assembly and adjustment of diesel engines and their components.

DSET1144 - Electrical Troubleshooting ..... ***(3 credits)***
This course is a hands-on troubleshooting course that allows students to apply knowledge of DSET 1130. Students will be required to troubleshoot and repair a variety of equipment and vehicles.

Prerequisites:

- DSET1130

DSET2200 - Introduction to Electronic Controls ..... ***(3 credits)***
Students in this course are exposed to various original equipment manufacturer (OEM) software used to diagnose computer control systems in the transportation, construction and agricultural industries. Coursework includes the operation, diagnosis and repair of sensors and actuators used on engines, transmissions, brakes and hydraulic systems.

Prerequisites:

- DSET2204

DSET2204 - Advanced Electrical and Emission Systems ..... ***(3 credits)***
This course covers failure analysis of electrical systems, the recognition of causes of failures and how to interpret a wiring diagram. Lab activities include the troubleshooting of heavy-duty electrical and emission components, testing, inspecting and repair. Electrical meters will be used to diagnose, locate and repair failures. Lab work may include diagnosis, disassembly, inspection, repair, assembly and testing of program and customer-owned equipment.

Prerequisites:

- DSET1100
- DSET1130

DSET2206 - Electronic Controls ..... ***(3 credits)***
This course covers electronic components used to control engines, transmissions, brakes and hydraulics used in modern equipment. The coursework will include system analysis, testing, troubleshooting and replacement of components used in electronic control systems.

Prerequisites:

- DSET1130
- TRNS1102

OR

- DSET1100
- DSET1130

DSET2210 - Mobile Hydraulics ..... ***(4 credits)***
This course covers the hydraulic components used in farm and heavy equipment and trucks. This will include hydrostatic transmission, electric over hydraulic control valves and electronic control components. It will also include troubleshooting of live units with proper testing equipment used in up-to-date service centers.

Prerequisites:

- DSET1100
- DSET1112

DSET2238 - Transmissions & Drive Systems ..... ***(4 credits)***
This course covers procedures to test, troubleshoot and rebuild power shift and other specialized transmissions used on agricultural, industrial and diesel trucks. This course also includes final drives and related components including removal, repair, installation and adjustment of major units and components.

Prerequisites:

- DSET1110

DSET2240 - Supervised Occupational Experience II ..... ***(3 credits)***
Students will apply skill sets previously learned related to truck and/or other diesel-powered equipment. Skill sets will be identified in a training plan developed by industry and instructor.

DSET2242 - Advanced Engines and Fuel Systems ..... ***(6 credits)***
This course is designed to give students an understanding of medium- and heavy-duty diesel engines manufactured by, but not limited to, Caterpillar, Cummins, Detroit Diesel, Navistar, Volvo and Mercedes Benz. Areas of study include base engine components, intake and exhaust systems, emission control devices, lubrication systems, cooling systems and fuel systems.

Prerequisites:

- DSET1132
- DSET1136

ENGL1101 - College Writing ..... ***(3 credits)***
Meets MnTC Goal Area 1. This is an introductory writing course designed to prepare students for later college and career writing. The course focuses on developing fluency through a process approach, with particular emphasis on revision. Students will consider purpose and audience, read and discuss writing and further develop their own writing processes through successive revisions to produce polished drafts. Course work will include an introduction to argumentative writing, writing from academic sources and a short research project.

Prerequisites:

- Completion of ELL1080, ENGL0096, or ENGL0097 with a grade of C or higher OR placement into college-level English.

ENGL1215 - Professional and Technical Writing ..... ***(3 credits)***
Meets MnTC Goal Area 1. This course provides instruction in writing and designing professional and technical documents, including print and non-print correspondence, descriptions, instructions, reports and proposals, along with promotional material. Analysis, critical thinking and synthesis of sources will be covered, along with the development of presentation skills. Coursework also includes a formally documented, multi-source professional project.

Prerequisites:

- ENGL 1101 College Writing

TRNS1112 - Heating Ventilation A/C ..... ***(3 credits)***
This course teaches the principles of air conditioning and its relationship to the heating system. The various types and the diagnosis of malfunctions, testing and repair are studied in the classroom. Practical experience is performed on live systems: recovering, evacuating, component replacement, charging and performance testing of the systems.

Prerequisites:

- DSET1100

OR

- TRNS1102

COMM1120 - Introduction to Public Speaking ..... ***(3 credits)***
Meets MnTC Goal Area 1. This course clarifies the process of oral communication, clarifies the basic principles of public speaking and allows the student to increase the application of these principles while both speaking and listening.

COMM1130 - Small Group Communication ..... ***(3 credits)***
Meets MnTC Goal Areas 1 and 2. This course focuses on communication issues in small groups and the importance of small group work in business today. An emphasis will be placed on improving communication skills for successful teamwork, group cohesiveness and the responsibility to group goals and tasks. Students will be provided with opportunities to build their group communication skills through practice.

COMM1140 - Interpersonal Communication ..... ***(3 credits)***
Meets MnTC Goal Area 1. This course will focus on improving students' abilities to communicate effectively in one-to-one dyadic encounters by providing experience-based instruction. Extensive in-class and out-of-class analyses allow the student to examine his/her own and others' informal social interactions. The long-term goal is for the student to apply interpersonal communication theories to daily interactions and draw his/her own conclusions about the effectiveness of interpersonal communication.

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Program Plan — "Primary"

Locations: Moorhead

1st Fall Term (17 credits)

Courses

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DSET1100 - Diesel Equipment Fundamentals	2
DSET1101 - Software Systems in Transportation	2
DSET1106 - Fuel Systems	2
DSET1112 - Hydraulics I	4
DSET1114 - Vehicle Brakes	3
DSET1130 - Trans Elec/Start/Charge	4

1st Spring Term (16 credits)

Courses

Course	Crds
DSET1110 - Power Train I	3
DSET1132 - Introduction to Engine Theory	2
DSET1136 - Introduction to Diesel Engines	2
DSET1144 - Electrical Troubleshooting	3
ENGL1101 - College Writing	3
TRNS1112 - Heating Ventilation A/C	3

2nd Fall Term (18 credits)

Courses

Course	Crds
DSET2200 - Introduction to Electronic Controls	3
DSET2204 - Advanced Electrical and Emission Systems	3
DSET2242 - Advanced Engines and Fuel Systems	6
ENGL1215 - Professional and Technical Writing	3

3 credits in one or more of the following:

COMM1120 - Introduction to Public Speaking 3
COMM1130 - Small Group Communication 3
COMM1140 - Interpersonal Communication 3

2nd Spring Term (14 credits)

Courses

Course	Crds
DSET2206 - Electronic Controls	3
DSET2210 - Mobile Hydraulics	4
DSET2238 - Transmissions & Drive Systems	4
DSET2240 - Supervised Occupational Experience II	3