

HCC Wind Turbine Technology Admission Criteria

Item	Exceptional Suitability for Wind Turbine Technology	Adequate Suitability for Wind Turbine Technology	Marginal Suitability for Wind Turbine Technology
<i>Grade Point Average</i>	Better than 3.0	Better than 2.5 but less than 3.0	Less than 2.5
<i>Personal Statement</i>	Clear, well written, articulating what makes you a strong candidate in the Wind Turbine Technician program and your potential contribution to the Wind industry	Understandable, written with some grammatical errors as to what makes you a strong candidate in the Wind Turbine Technician program and your potential contribution to the Wind industry	Poorly written, with multiple grammatical errors as to what makes you a strong candidate in the Wind Turbine Technician program and your potential contribution to the Wind industry
<i>Experience in a related field</i>	More than 1 year either part time or full time experience	Less than 1 year either part time or full time experience	No experience in a related field
<i>Service to Others</i>	More than 1 year commitment to volunteer activities	Less than 1 year commitment to volunteer activities	No volunteer activities
<i>Letters of Recommendation</i>	Two letters reflecting qualities desirable in a related field and work environment (timely, hard worker, thought process) with examples of these characteristics	One letter reflecting qualities desirable in a related field and work environment (timely, hard worker, thought process) with examples of these characteristics	No letter or letter(s) reflecting general statements without examples of qualities
<i>Veteran</i>	Documentation of service in a branch of the armed forces.	No service	No service
<i>English and Math placements</i>	Completion of MATH 065 and ENGL 121.	Placement into MATH 065 and ENGL 121.	Placement at a level below MATH 065 and ENGL 121 or no placement test taken.
<i>Completion of other HCC courses listed in program curriculum</i>	1 point received for each course completed (excl. MATH, ENGL, COMM, BUSN) with a possibility of 10 points total.		

* While you may score zero points for these categories, your file will still be considered.

** Score values are tentative and may change.

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Goal: *To admit well rounded students into the HCC Wind Turbine Technology Program who are academically able to meet the class load, who are well suited for Wind Turbine Technology as a profession, and who have exhibited a commitment to serving their communities.*

Getting Started: In order to be considered for our program, begin with completion of the application. The completed application will start your folder.

Measurement Categories:

- *Exceptional Suitability for Wind Turbine Technology* - This represents an exceptional ability to meet the specific criteria requirements. The individual who exhibits exceptional suitability for Wind Turbine Technology would have a very strong potential to be successful in a Wind Turbine Technology career.
- *Adequate Suitability for Wind Turbine Technology* – This represents an average ability to meet specific criteria requirements. The individual who exhibits adequate suitability for Wind Turbine Technology would have a good potential to be successful in a Wind Turbine Technology career.
- *Marginal Suitability for Wind Turbine Technology* – This represents an inadequate ability to meet specific criteria requirements. The individual who exhibits marginal suitability for Wind Turbine Technology would have very limited potential to be successful in a Wind Turbine Technology career.

Items included in the admission assessment:

1. **Academic requirements:** Academic ability is important to success in the HCC Wind Turbine Technology program. The minimum GPA will be set at 2.5; a higher GPA will be considered as exceptional.
2. **Personal statement:** We require a typed, double spaced, essay form, personal statement responding to both of the following questions –
 - a. What makes you a strong candidate for this program?
 - b. What is your overall career goal?

This written statement should be limited to one page. It will be evaluated for writing ability, clarity, and pertinence to Wind Turbine Technology. Statements that are well written, clear, and are pertinent to the Wind Turbine Technology profession will be scored as exceptional, adequate, and marginal. Students must write their own statements.

3. ***Experience in a related field:*** Applicants who have worked in a mechanical field or in another “hands on” occupations are preferred.
No experience in a related field will be considered marginal.
4. ***Service to others:*** In our society today, service to others is of utmost importance. This service may include, but not be limited to volunteer work, community activities, leadership experience with projects that affect others, and other similar activities. This service exemplifies what we are looking for in a professional. If this service is more than 1 year, representing a sustained commitment to the organization or community, it will be considered as exceptional; if the service is less than 1 year, representing an important, but not sustained commitment to the group and organization or community it will be considered adequate. No experience with service to others will be considered marginal. Staying at work after your shift ends does not count as volunteer work.
5. ***Recommendation letters:*** Two letters of recommendation are required for admittance into the Wind Turbine Technology program. These letters will be in written form, rather than checklists. The review committee is looking for substantial comments about the applicant and his/her suitability for the Wind Turbine Technology profession. *Please see page 3 of the application for specific sources of recommendation letters.
6. ***Veterans:*** Provide documentation of your discharge or current status in the armed forces.
7. ***Support Courses:*** Placement into the appropriate level of English and Math are of extreme importance. These courses are not required to be completed for entrance in the Wind Turbine Technology program. However, placement into ENGL 121 and/or MATH 065 is required. It is recommended that candidates complete a few and/or all of these support courses before entering the program. All support courses require a letter grade of C or better for acceptance in the Wind Turbine Technology program.
8. ***Prior Course Completions:*** You will receive one point per course taken that is part of the curricula for the Wind Turbine Technology program. Exclusions include MATH 1065, MATH 111, ENGL 121, COMM 101 and BUSN 141.