

WESTERN DAKOTA TECH

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Associate of Applied Science, 61 Credit Hours, 18-Month Program

The Environmental Engineering Technician program is designed to prepare students for work in an exciting and growing field. As our population grows, society puts an ever-increasing demand on our natural resources. Program graduates primarily work outdoors in the field, collecting information used to assess how increased demand affects the quality and quantity of our nation's natural resources. Program graduates work in a broad range of jobs such as collecting and analyzing water and soil samples, measuring stream flow and groundwater levels, and conducting soils testing. The work can be physically demanding, requiring technicians to climb or hike long distances, carrying equipment to remote locations. Field work often entails working under varying climatic conditions such as hot summers or cold winters. Technicians may be required to drive off-road vehicles such as 4-wheelers and snowmobiles, or even ride on horses, boats or helicopters, to access some remote sampling sites.

Upon graduation, students can be employed with federal, state, county, and city environmental departments; water treatment facilities; or with private businesses such as consulting engineers, mining companies, and testing labs.

Students will gain experience in environmental sampling and monitoring throughout the program. Field Engineering courses provide students with an excellent balance of theory and hands-on experience that will enable them, upon graduation, to conduct environmental investigations under the supervision of professional Geologists, Engineers, or Hydrologists.

Course	No.	Course Title	Credits
General Education Requirements			
BIOL	101	BIOLOGY SURVEY I	3
BIOL	101L	BIOLOGY SURVEY I LAB	1
CHEM	106	CHEMISTRY SURVEY	3
CHEM	106L	CHEMISTRY SURVEY LAB	1
ENGL	101	COMPOSITION I* <i>or</i>	3
ENGL	106	WORKPLACE COMMUNICATIONS I*	
MATH	114	COLLEGE ALGEBRA **	3
MICR	231	GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	3
MICR	231L	GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY LAB	1
PSYC	103	HUMAN RELATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE	3
		Total	21
Technical Requirements			
AE	250	INTRODUCTION TO MAPPING/GPS	2
AE	251	INTRODUCTION TO GIS	3
AE	252	INTRODUCTION TO SURVEYING	3
AG	110	FUNDAMENTALS IN SOIL SCIENCE	2
EET	102	INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES	4
EET	140	LABORATORY METHODS IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	3
EET	210	ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS & HAZMAT AWARENESS	2
EET	215	HYDROLOGY & STREAM FIELD METHODS	4
EET	220	WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION	3
EET	225	AIR QUALITY	2
EET	251	ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY	3
		Total	31
Technical Electives- Choose minimum of 9 credits			
EET	202	WATER QUALITY	3
EET	235	CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS SAMPLING & TESTING	3
EET	260	WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT	3
EET	299	FIELD INTERNSHIP	3
		Total	12

*Prerequisite: Acceptable ACCUPLACER score or Basic Writing.

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Semester breakdown on next page

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Semester Breakdown AAS- Fall Start

First Semester			Second Semester		
		CR			CR
AE 250	Introduction to Mapping/GPS	2	EET 140	Laboratory Methods in Environmental Science	3
BIOL 101	Biology Survey I	3	EET 225	Air Quality	2
BIOL 101L	Biology Survey I Lab	1	EET 251	Environmental Geology	3
CHEM 106	Chemistry Survey	3	ENGL 101	Composition I <i>or</i>	3
CHEM 106L	Chemistry Survey Lab	1	ENGL 106	Workplace Communication	3
EET 102	Introduction to Environmental Sciences	4	PSYC 103	Human Relations in the Workplace	3
MATH 114	College Algebra	3			
Total Credit Hours		17	Total Credit Hours		14

Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
		CR			CR
AE 252	Introduction to Surveying	3	AE 251	Introduction to GIS	3
AG 110	Fundamentals in Soil Science	2	EET 210	Environmental Regulations & Hazmat Awareness	2
EET 215	Hydrology & Stream Field Methods	4		Technical Electives	9
EET 220	Water Treatment and Distribution	3			
MICR 231	General Microbiology	3			
MICR 231L	General Microbiology Lab	1			
Total Credit Hours		16	Total Credit Hours		14

Semester Breakdown AAS- Spring Start

First Semester			Second Semester		
		CR			CR
CHEM 106	Chemistry Survey	3	CAD 250	Introduction to Mapping/GPS	2
CHEM 106L	Chemistry Survey Lab	1	BIOL 101	Biology Survey I	3
EET 140	Laboratory Methods in Environmental Science	3	BIOL 101L	Biology Survey I Lab	1
EET 225	Air Quality	2	EET 102	Introduction to Environmental Sciences	4
EET 251	Environmental Geology	3	ENGL 101	Composition I <i>or</i>	3
PSYC 103	Human Relations in the Workplace	3	ENGL 106	Workplace Communications I	3
			MATH 114	College Algebra	3
Total Credit Hours		15	Total Credit Hours		16

Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
		CR			CR
AE 251	Introduction to GIS	3	CAD 252	Introduction to Surveying	3
EET 210	Environmental Regulations & Hazmat Awareness	2	AG 110	Fundamentals in Soil Science	2
	Technical Electives	9	EET 215	Hydrology & Stream Field Methods	4
			EET 220	Water Treatment and Distribution	3
			MICR 231	General Microbiology	3
			MICR 231L	General Microbiology Lab	1
Total Credit Hours		14	Total Credit Hours		16

If you are or have been convicted, pleaded guilty or no contest to, or received a suspended imposition of sentence for a felony or certain misdemeanors, you are advised that you may not be able to complete all course requirements for your chosen program, you may be prevented from taking required certification/licensure examinations in your chosen program field, and you may be prevented from gaining employment in your program field.

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