CAD Online Diploma Program

What is the Online Diploma Program?
This program is designed to provide prospective students with a short path to CAD proficiency. It allows students to develop many fundamental CAD skills they need in half the time required for the Associate’s Degree. All of the courses required for this diploma are offered online, which provides the flexibility needed by students who work or have other obligations during normal school hours.

Who should enroll in the Online Diploma Program?
This program was developed for individuals with prior educational or occupational experience in a related field. Likely candidates may include:

- Students who already have earned a 4-year degree in a closely related field.
- Students who have extensive design experience but need to learn the latest software.
- Students with previous work experience in the construction or manufacturing industry who are seeking jobs that are not exclusively design or drafting work.

How is the Online Diploma Program different from the Associate’s Degree Program?
The Diploma Program does not replace the conventional Associate’s Degree program. Instead, it distills it down to the core curriculum, focusing primarily on the skills needed to operate the software proficiently.

By contrast, the 2-year program is more comprehensive, incorporating a deeper exploration of mechanical, architectural, and civil drafting and focusing on the software as well as theory and documentation.

The majority of CAD jobs require a minimum of a two-year Associates degree for eligibility. It is always advisable to meet with a WDT representative to discuss your specific career goals so that an academic plan can be designed around your individual needs.