# **ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY**

#### Associate of Applied Science Degree

- · General Electronics Technology Concentration
- · Biomedical Electronics Concentration

#### **Certificates of Completion**

- · Electronics Technology
- · Biomedical Electronics

The explosion in the number and diversity of electronic devices used in home and industry settings has greatly intensified the demand for qualified technicians. As orders for high-tech communications equipment and electronic products continue to rise, job opportunities for electronics technicians will expand even more. Salaries in the various branches of electronics are among the highest for all technology areas.

Students in the Electronics Technology program learn using state-ofthe-art equipment and instrumentation. They work and train in spacious, modern laboratories similar to those used in industry. Students have the opportunity to analyze and troubleshoot actual problems while learning from knowledgeable and experienced instructors.

The Electronics Technology program may be completed on a part-time basis by taking classes during the evening or during the day. Those who wish to pursue a bachelor of science degree in Engineering Technology at New Mexico State University may apply up to 36 credit hours from the Electronics Technology program toward the four-year degree.

While pursuing this program, whether they are taking classes or working as apprentices, students will be required to perform the same job duties and be able to meet the same physical requirements that they will as a graduate in the field. Depending where they find employment, graduates may be required to lift up to 50 pounds from the ground, work safely around electrical equipment using the appropriate safety equipment, work safely using hand and power tools, ascend and descend stairs and ladders, and stand, squat, stoop or kneel for long periods of time.

Two program options are available:

### **General Electronics Concentration**

The General Electronics Concentration prepares graduates for entry-level employment as technical assistants and technicians in the fabrication, testing, maintenance, and repair of electrical and electronic equipment. Job opportunities exist in the areas of manufacturing and repair of electronic instruments, audio and video electronics, computers, medical equipment, and industrial and consumer electronic equipment. While positions for electronics technicians are found in all sectors of the economy, many of the jobs in southern New Mexico are in government and defense-related industries. Opportunities for advancement in the electronics field are above average.

## **Biomedical Electronics Concentration**

The Biomedical Electronics Concentration is a specialized program focusing on medical equipment. Career opportunities exist in hospital and clinical settings, engineering departments, and medical equipment manufacturing companies, as well as other organizations serving the rapidly expanding medical equipment service market. This course of study will also help prepare the electronics student for the Biomedical

Equipment Technician Certification Exam of the International Certification Commission for Clinical Engineering and Biomedical Technology.