ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

Associate of Applied Science Degree

- Environmental and Energy Technologies

Certificates of Completion

- Basic Solar
- Solar Energy Technology
- Energy Conservation
- Energy Evaluation

The Environmental and Energy Technologies Program provides students with a strong foundation in Solar Technology or Energy Technology along with relevant theory and concepts necessary to become successful in these fields. Within each technology emphasis, certificates are designed to be “stackable” and transferable into the associate of applied science degree allowing students to tailor their studies to their own interest and career goals.

This program is designed to provide students with a well-rounded curriculum that encompasses both lecture and hands-on laboratory exercises. Some of the certificates and the degree may assist students in preparation for nationally recognized credentials within those disciplines.

Whether taking classes or working on a job site, students enrolled in this program will be required to perform the same job duties and be able to meet the same physical requirements that they will as graduates in the field. Depending where they find employment, graduates may be required to lift up to 50 pounds from the ground, work safely around hazardous chemicals using appropriate safety equipment, ascend and descend stairs and ladders to reach equipment, work safely around heavy equipment and electricity, work safely and effectively on uneven surfaces, and stand for long periods of time on concrete floors.

Environmental and Energy Technologies - Associate of Applied Science (https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/dona-ana/academic-career-programs/environmental-energy-technologies/environmental-energy-technologies-associate-degree-/)

Basic Solar - Certificate of Completion (https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/dona-ana/academic-career-programs/environmental-energy-technologies/basic-solar-certificate-completion/)

Energy Conservation - Certificate of Completion (https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/dona-ana/academic-career-programs/environmental-energy-technologies/energy-conservation-certificate-completion/)

Energy Evaluation - Certificate of Completion (https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/dona-ana/academic-career-programs/environmental-energy-technologies/energy-evaluation-certificate-completion/)

Solar Energy Technology - Certificate of Completion (https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/dona-ana/academic-career-programs/environmental-energy-technologies/solar-energy-technology-certificate-completion/)

TCEN 101. Energy for the Next Generation
3 Credits (2+2P)
This course will survey a broad range of sources of energy, types of energy, energy storage, and the forms of energy. Students will be exposed to theory in the classroom, laboratory exercises, and field trips to provide them with a solid foundation for all subsequent energy related environmental courses. Crosslisted with: OETS 101.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): OETS 118 or MATH 1215. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.
Learning Outcomes

1. Analyze cost comparisons for different types of energy applications to assess their relative value.
2. Apply energy consumption analysis techniques to accurately evaluate energy usage.
3. Identify safety hazards and demonstrate compliance with relevant safety regulations.
4. Collaborate effectively as a team.
5. Apply course-specific calculations accurately to solve problems and make informed decisions.

TCEN 105. Building Analyst I
3 Credits (2+2P)
This course is designed to provide the foundational knowledge and expertise necessary for the energy auditor and home performance contractor. Crosslisted with: OETS 105. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.
Learning Outcomes

1. Express technical information through oral communication.
2. Explain technical information through written communication.
3. Interpret information and instructions.
4. Work effectively as a team.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of sustainable and alternative building practices (i.e., LEED/Green).
6. Demonstrate how related industry theories apply to real world settings.
7. Evaluate mechanical processes found in building trades.
8. Locate data and information utilizing various sources.
9. Interpret information and instructions. 1
10. Determine the appropriate ethical action that should occur in a given circumstance. 1
11. Differentiate between situational and the other various theories of ethics.

TCEN 106. Building Analyst II
3 Credits (2+2P)
Designed to prepare the student for the BPI Building Analyst Certification. This course will walk the student through the hands-on process of conducting visual building inspections, diagnostic testing, identifying improvement opportunities, documenting a home's performance and preparing a scope of work. Crosslisted with: OETS106.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): TCEN 105 or OETS 105. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.
Learning Outcomes

1. Describe sustainable and alternative building practices (i.e., LEED/Green).
2. Formulate how current changes can create future issues within a structure.
3. Assess environmental problems arising from conventional building practices.
4. Evaluate mechanical processes found in building trades.
5. Work effectively as a team.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of sustainable and alternative building practices (i.e.,LEED/Green).

7. Present technical information through oral communication.
8. Determine the appropriate ethical action that should occur in a given circumstance.
9. Identify appropriate governing bodies and associated regulations.

TCEN 110. Photovoltaic Application
4 Credits (3+2P)
This course will provide an introduction to Photovoltaic (PV) installation. The course will provide instruction on site selection, prep, installation, and maintenance for photovoltaic applications. Students that complete the course and have the opportunity to take the entry level exam with the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) en route to becoming Certified Installers. Restricted to: Community Colleges only. May be repeated up to 4 credits.
Prerequisite/Corequisite: TCEN 101.
Learning Outcomes
1. Write a detailed analysis using a 6-step problem solving approach to an equipment or process problem
2. Categorize and document system malfunctions, which will be discussed during the pass-down period in a production environment
3. Organize relevant training material to be discussed during teamwork training sessions
4. Identify safety hazards associated with electro-mechanical industrial production systems
5. Use a systematic approach to troubleshoot, identify, and perform corrective maintenance procedures in a system
6. Identify the subsystems of an industrial system and their function
7. Demonstrate the startup, operation, and power down programming sequences for an automated system
8. Apply automated troubleshooting programs to locate / identify fault in a production system
9. Evaluate real time statistical process control data (SPC) to determine (+ -) control limit corrections in a production environment 1
10. Identify personal areas in which student may be able to strengthen student's professional skills 1
11. Assess personal "development" paths, which will ensure a constant advancement through evolving technology careers 1
12. Demonstrate required skills for changing or creating and evaluating real time statistical process control (SPC) data associated with an industrial production process/program

TCEN 111. Basic Electrical Principles I, DC Circuits
4 Credits (3+2P)
Course begins with the basics of electricity and DC circuits. Includes categorization of material properties within conductors, semiconductors, and insulators. Gradual progression tackles more complex topics like DC circuit analysis of series and parallel circuits, including Kirchhoff's laws, Thevenin's & Norton's theorems, and superposition. Finally DC combination circuits, magnetism and electromagnetism, generators and motors are covered. Emphasis on safety throughout. May be repeated up to 4 credits.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): OETS 104 or MATH 1215. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.

TCEN 112. PV Power Generation Design Fundamentals
3 Credits (2+2P)
A study of photo voltaic design basics, photo voltaic (PV) Cells, modules, and system components; electrical circuits; grid-tied/grid-interactive PV system design and sizing for use on homes; solar electric products and applications; and understanding energy conversion from sunlight to electricity, and working with solar conversion equipment. May be repeated up to 3 credits.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): TCEN 111 and (OETS 104 or MATH 1215). Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.

TCEN 113. OSHA 10 Hour Construction Hazard Identifications
1 Credit
Intended for entry-level participants to provide instruction on a variety of construction safety and health standards. Topics include Introduction to OSHA, Electrical, Ladder, Excavation, Scaffold, and Forklift Hazards, Fall Protection, Materials Handling, Personnel Protective Equipment and Confined Space Entry Hazards. Meets OSHA 10-Hour Requirements.

TCEN 115. Wind Power Generation Design Fundamentals
3 Credits (2+2P)
Course covers wind turbine module descriptions and functions and wind system installation, operation, and troubleshooting. Additional topics include wind energy harvesting and the conversion process from the generator system to electricity. May be repeated up to 3 credits.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): TCEN 111 and (OETS 104 or MATH 1215). Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.

TCEN 121. Basic Electrical Principles II, AC Circuits
4 Credits (3+2P)
Course begins with an overview of the primary components of AC circuits, such as resistors, inductors, rectifiers, transformers and capacitors, and then gradually introduces new, more complicated topics like applying AC principles in power generation and generators, motors, parallel and combination circuits, troubleshooting and evaluation of circuit conditions. May be repeated up to 4 credits.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): TCEN 111 and (OETS 104 or MATH 1215). Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.

TCEN 156. Building Envelope
3 Credits (2+2P)
Designed to prepare the student for the BPI Building Envelope Certification. This course will provide the principles behind building performance testing and the purpose of completing a comprehensive energy audit. Through lecture and subsequent field training, the student will learn how to use building diagnostics to develop a prescriptive plan for enhancing comfort, health & safety, building durability, and energy savings. The student will learn how to outline the follow-up process required after completion of the retrofit. Crosslisted with: OETS156. Restricted to: Community Colleges only. Campus restriction updated to reflect description of community colleges only.
Prerequisite(s): Grade of C- or better in TCEN 106 or OETS 106.
Learning Outcomes
1. Apply oral communication skills to effectively present technical information.
2. Apply written communication skills to effectively present technical information.
3. Demonstrate the correct identification and safe use of hand tools and/or power tools for a specific application.
4. Collaborate effectively as a team.
5. Employ various sources to locate data and information.
6. Analyze and interpret information and instructions.
7. Differentiate between situational ethics and other various theories of ethics.
8. Identify relevant governing bodies and associated regulations.
9. Describe sustainable and alternative building practices (e.g., LEED/ Green). 1
10. Apply related industry theories to real-world settings. 1

11. Evaluate mechanical processes in building trades. 1
12. Assess environmental problems resulting from conventional building practices.

TCEN 205. NEC for Alternative Energy
4 Credits (2+4P)
This hands-on course will cover the National Electrical Code specifics concerning photovoltaic installation. Also code compliant wiring of basic electrical systems will be covered. Existing installations will be visited and studied. Restricted to Community College campuses only. May be repeated up to 4 credits.
Prerequisite: TCEN 101 and ELT 105.
Learning Outcomes
1. Identify all code sections relevant to the different types of Alternative energy systems.
2. Locate problems in alternative energy sources and provide solutions to correct them.
3. Student will have a basic understanding of different types of renewable energy and how to apply the NEC to each type of renewable energy source.
4. Explain what types of renewable energies work best for different geographical locations.
5. Students will also gain hands on experience working with solar photovoltaics, wind turbines and solar thermal panels.
6. Effectively present technical information through written communication
7. Accurately perform course specific calculations
8. Work effectively as a team
9. Locate data and information utilizing the NEC and other various sources 1
10. Interpret information and instructions 1
11. Identify appropriate governing bodies and associated regulations 1
12. Assess cost comparisons for different types of energy applications 1
13. Accurately perform energy production analysis

TCEN 220. Cooperative Experience
1-3 Credits (1-3)
Supervised cooperative work program. Student is employed in an approved occupation and supervised and rated by the employer and instructor. May be repeated up to 6 credits. Consent of Instructor required.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): MAT 235. Prerequisite(s): TCEN 180. Restricted to: TCEN majors. Graded: S/U Grading (S/U, Audit). Restricted to: Community Colleges only.

TCEN 221. Roofing Materials and Methods
3 Credits (2+2P)
Covers application techniques and estimation of asphalt and wood roofing products and accesories including gutters and flashing. Presents roof penetration, roof loading issues, and energy system installation requirements for mounting photo voltaic or solar thermal systems.
Prerequisite(s): TCEN 112.

TCEN 222. Photo Voltaic Grid Tie Installation
4 Credits (3+2P)
This is a more advanced course culminating in a PV system-to-grid connection. This course includes gathering site specific data, design, wire type and sizing specific to project, installation of all solar modules and balance of system (BOS)components, and grounding and bonding of system components, all in accordance with the latest NEC. Upon project design approval a system will be commissioned for the grid. Decommissioning will commence after measurements and troubleshooting as directed by the instructor. May be repeated up to 4 credits.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): TCEN 121 and TCEN 223. Prerequisite(s): TCEN 111 and TCEN 112. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.

TCEN 223. National Electric Code Principles in Relation to Photo Voltaic
2 Credits (2+1P)
Focuses on all sections of the National Electrical Code and local code requirements applicable to photo voltaic electrical installation. A partial list of areas covered is chapters one through four and section 690, "Solar Photovoltaic Systems" of the National Electrical Code.
Prerequisite: TCEN 112.
Prerequisite/Corequisite: TCEN 222.
Learning Outcomes
1. Identify the requirements for safe and practical solar PV installations.
2. Accurately reference, read, and interpret NEC code as it relates to PV installations (Code 690).
3. Present a compelling case of when the PV electricity market will reach "grid¬ parity."

TCEN 224. Field Experience
1-3 Credits (1-3)
Student will collaborate with instructor in proposing, defining, implementing, and analyzing outcomes of a project in the Environmental and Energy fields of study. May be repeated up to 6 credits. Consent of Instructor required. Restricted to: TCEN majors. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.

TCEN 246. Building Weatherization & Auditor Fundamentals
3 Credits (3)
Course provides information on how to locate air leaks and identify heat losses or gains through specific testing. Students will learn how to inspect and evaluate building envelopes, mechanical systems, and ventilation systems to determine the safety and energy consumption for each system. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.
Prerequisite(s): TCEN 113 and OETS 104.
Corequisite(s): TCEN 221.

TCEN 251. Advanced Photo Voltaic On/Off Grid Installation
3 Credits (2+2P)
Photo Voltaic advanced topics to include panel racking and installation, battery storage, charge controllers, mechanical integration of arrays on buildings, and key elements involved in choosing a mounting system. May be repeated up to 3 credits.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): TCEN 222. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.

TCEN 252. NABCEP Entry-Level Exam Review
2 Credits (2)
Course presents knowledge, key terms, and concepts of photovoltaic systems and solar hot water systems as related to the NABCEP Entry-level exam. This exam is for those wanting to enter the workforce in either solar thermal or solar PV. Scheduling and taking the exam is the responsibility of the student. Consent of Instructor required. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses
Prerequisite(s): TCEN 222.
Learning Outcomes
1. Analyze photovoltaic markets and application trends
2. Complete practice questions for the NABCEP PV Associate Exam

3. Develop a practice of safe work environment as it relates to the installation and maintenance of photovoltaic systems according to OSHA standards
4. Apply electrical concepts to the operation and maintenance of photovoltaic systems and related equipment
5. Apply solar energy fundamentals, i.e. photovoltaic module essentials, system components, system sizing principles, system electrical design, system mechanical design, performance analysis, maintenance, and troubleshooting
6. Pass the NABCEP PV Associate exam with at least 70 percentile.

TCEN 254. Renewable Energy Internship
2 Credits (2)
Student will receive industry-related renewable energy experiences at an approved industry location. Typical areas of hands-on practices will be installing solar PV, solar hot-water systems, or wind energy systems. May be repeated up to 6 credits. Consent of Instructor required. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.
Prerequisite(s): TCEN 112 and 113 and 222.

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