Aligning with Governor Markell’s Goals

Delaware Technical Community College aligns its academic and short-term training programs with Governor Markell’s economic goals for the state and partners with business leaders statewide to meet their workforce needs.

Delaware Tech’s responsiveness to state and industry needs is demonstrated in many ways. The College’s FAA certified Airframe Maintenance Technology program, created in 2009, was developed in direct response to the need for certified, job-ready airframe technicians necessary to support the growth of Delaware’s aviation industry. The Food Safety Program – only the second of its kind in the nation as an associate degree program –was created to support the agricultural industry, which is critical to our local economy.

When Governor Markell’s Administration attracted two major employers to relocate in Delaware, Fisker Automotive and PBF Energy, Delaware Tech was quick to respond with customized training for both companies. The College also worked with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to retrain the existing workforce in performing energy audits and weatherization that enable the State of Delaware to reach its energy goals.

“WHAT STARTED AS A DISCUSSION ON HOW DELAWARE TECH COULD BETTER SERVE WORKFORCE NEEDS EVOLVED INTO A FIRST CLASS AIRFRAME MAINTENANCE PROGRAM OFFERING A VALUABLE POOL OF FAA CERTIFIED MECHANICS.”

– John Martin, President & CEO, PATS Aircraft Systems
Meeting the Needs of Local Businesses

Delaware Tech develops responsive and relevant programs by working with government agencies, business and industry, and advisory committees.

Academic programs are developed and kept current through the use of advisory committees comprised of business and industry experts in related fields. These committees meet regularly with College department chairpersons, instructors, and deans to review curricula, arrange internships for students, and ensure that Delaware Tech graduates have the knowledge and skills necessary for immediate entry into their chosen careers.

Recently developed programs in renewable energy technology, health information management, surgical technology, and information security are just a few examples of the College’s efforts to continually align its programs with current and future workforce needs expressed by our advisory committees. By being responsive to these needs and developing relevant programs, Delaware Tech serves as a lynchpin in the state’s workforce and economic development.

“WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE ACCESS TO AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY SUCH AS DELAWARE TECH. THEIR EDUCATORS DEVELOPED A CURRICULUM SPECIFIC TO OUR NEEDS.”

– Marc Schomerus, Operations Manager for Delaware City Refinery, PBF Energy
Delaware Tech’s Corporate and Community Programs (CCP) Division provides short-term and customized training programs designed to expand opportunities for businesses throughout the state and improve the performance and productivity of their employees. CCP is staffed with highly diversified professionals, each with many years of experience in his or her respective field. Businesses take advantage of the variety of training programs offered each semester at campuses statewide or the College creates customized training to meet an organization’s specific needs.

Delaware Technical Community College offers over 120 programs leading to an associate degree, diploma, or certificate. Graduate placement survey results indicated that 92% of recent graduates are either employed or continuing their education. In fact, Delaware Tech graduates were hired by more than 450 different Delaware businesses and organizations around the state.

“I have been hiring Delaware Tech graduates since I first visited the amazing Visual Communications Department. THEIR SKILL LEVELS CONSISTENTLY EXCEED MY EXPECTATIONS. AS AN ARTIST MYSELF, I FIND THAT I LEARN NEW TIPS AND TECHNIQUES FROM THEM!”

– Michele Stevens Keen, Owner & Operator, My Bambino
Delaware Tech Supports
Building Delaware’s Future Now

COLLEGE INITIATIVES BY INDUSTRY

Healthcare

» Expanding facilities to provide for more science and nursing labs and a larger Dental Health Center

» New programs in Surgical Technology and Health Information Technology to meet Delaware’s workforce needs

» Nursing expansion led to awarding of 3,412 nursing degrees and diplomas from 2003-2011, a 94% increase in healthcare professionals entering workforce

» Combined first time pass rate on national licensure exam for Delaware Tech nurses and allied health professionals is 90%

» Seven of top ten Delaware businesses who hired our graduates are healthcare providers: Christiana, Bayhealth, Beebe, A.I. DuPont, Nanticoke, Atlantic Shores and St. Francis

Manufacturing

» Delaware Manufacturing Extension Partnership (DEMEP) helped clients create over $7 million in sales; 250 jobs created or retained; clients include Analtech, Crystal Steel Fabricators, Eastern Industrial Services, Evraz Steel, FMC Biopolymer, New Process Fibre, and SPI Pharma PLUS Division of Motor Vehicles and State Library System

» Provided customized training for approximately 300 PBF employees

» Provided customized training for Fisker including pre-employment assessments and OSHA safety training. Expanding manufacturing efficiency lab at the Stanton Campus to accommodate future training needs.

Agricultural

» New Food Safety Degree

Energy & Environment


» Retrained 165 individuals through partnership with DNREC in Weatherization and Energy Auditing

Aviation

» Graduated first class of Airframe Maintenance Technicians

» Power Plant Maintenance Program in development

» Avionics Program on the horizon

» Programs support workforce needs of PATS Aircraft, Dassault Falcon, Summit Aviation and Hawker Beechcraft

Gaming

» Trained 662 individuals for state’s three casinos: Delaware Park, Dover Downs, and Harrington Raceway

“DELAWARE TECH IS THE TYPE OF ORGANIZATION THAT HAS A VISION AND THE ABILITY TO DELIVER. ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER IS DAYDREAMING.”

– Governor Jack Markell

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