

HCC Wind Turbine Technology Admission Criteria

Item	Exceptional Suitability for Wind Turbine Technology	Adequate Suitability for Wind Turbine Technology		Marginal Suitability for Wind Turbine Technology		
<i>Personal Statement</i>	Clear, well written. Articulates what makes you a strong candidate in the Wind Turbine Technician program and your potential contribution to the wind industry	Understandable, written with few grammatical errors. Generally describe what makes you a strong candidate in the Wind Turbine Technician program and your potential contribution to the wind industry		Poorly written, with multiple grammatical errors. Fails to describe what makes you a strong candidate in the Wind Turbine Technician program and your potential contribution to the wind industry		
<i>Experience in a Related Field</i>	1 year or more of full time experience	Less than 1 year full time experience		No experience in a related field		
<i>Service to Others</i>	More than 1 year commitment to volunteer service activities	Less than 1 year commitment to volunteer service activities		No volunteer service activities		
<i>Letters of Recommendation</i>	Two letters	One letter		No letters		
<i>Veteran</i>	Documentation of service in a branch of the armed forces.	No service		No service		
<i>Completion of other HCC courses listed in program curriculum</i>	1 point received for each course completed with a maximum of 10 points total.					
<i>Grade Point Average</i>	4.0 – 3.7	3.6 – 3.3	3.2 – 3.0	2.9 – 2.7	2.6 – 2.4	2.4 - below
	10 points	8 points	6 points	4 points	2 points	0 points

<i>English and Math placements</i>	Placement into MATH 065 and ENGL 121.	Placement at a level below MATH 065 and ENGL 121 or no placement test taken.
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* While you may score zero points in one or more of these categories, your file will still be considered.

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Goal: *To admit well rounded students into the HCC Wind Turbine Technology Program who are academically able to meet the class requirements, who are well suited for Wind Turbine Technology as a profession, and who have exhibited a commitment to serving their communities.*

Getting Started: In order to be considered for our program, begin with completion of the application. The completed application will start your folder.

Measurement Categories:

- *Exceptional Suitability for Wind Turbine Technology* - This represents an exceptional ability to meet the specific criteria requirements. The individual who exhibits exceptional suitability for Wind Turbine Technology would have a very strong potential to be successful in a Wind Turbine Technology career.
- *Adequate Suitability for Wind Turbine Technology* – This represents an average ability to meet specific criteria requirements. The individual who exhibits adequate suitability for Wind Turbine Technology would have a good potential to be successful in a Wind Turbine Technology career.
- *Marginal Suitability for Wind Turbine Technology* – This represents an inadequate ability to meet specific criteria requirements. The individual who exhibits marginal suitability for Wind Turbine Technology would have a very limited potential to be successful in a Wind Turbine Technology career.

Items included in the admission assessment:

1. **Academic requirements:** Academic ability is important to success in the HCC Wind Turbine Technology program.
2. **Personal statement:** We require a typed, double spaced, essay form, personal statement responding to both of the following questions –
 - a. What makes you a strong candidate for this program?
 - b. What is your overall career goal?
 - c. What is your experience working as a team member in a cooperative setting?

This written statement should be limited to one page. It will be evaluated for writing ability, clarity, and pertinence to Wind Turbine Technology. Statements that are well written, clear, and are pertinent to the Wind Turbine Technology profession will be scored as exceptional, adequate, and marginal. Students must write their own statements.

3. **Experience in a related field:** Applicants who have worked in a mechanical field or in other “hands on” occupations that have similar skills to that of a wind turbine technician are preferred. No experience in a related field will be considered marginal.
4. **Service to others:** In our society today, service to others is of utmost importance. This service may include, but not be limited to volunteer work, community activities, leadership experience with projects that affect others, and other similar activities. This service exemplifies what we are looking for in a professional. If this service is more than 1 year, representing a sustained commitment to the organization or community, it will be considered as exceptional; if the service is less than 1 year, representing an important, but not sustained commitment to the group and organization or community it will be considered adequate. No experience with service to others will be considered marginal. Staying at work after your shift ends does not count as volunteer work.
5. **Recommendation letters:** Two letters of recommendation are required for admittance into the Wind Turbine Technology program. These letters will be in narrative form, rather than checklists. The review committee is looking for substantial comments about the applicant and his/her suitability for the Wind Turbine Technology profession. *Please see page 3 of the application for specific sources of recommendation letters.
6. **Veterans:** Provide documentation of your discharge or current status in the armed forces.
7. **Support Courses:** Placement into the appropriate level of English and Math are of extreme importance. These courses are not required to be completed for entrance in the Wind Turbine Technology program. However, placement into COMM 090 and/or MATH 065 is required. It is recommended that candidates complete a few and/or all of these support courses before entering the program. All support courses require a letter grade of C or better for acceptance in the Wind Turbine Technology program.
8. **Prior Course Completions:** You will receive one point per course taken that is part of the curricula listed in the college’s catalog as required courses for the Wind Turbine Technology program. (Transfer courses from another college and reasonable substitutions may be considered)