

Precision Agriculture Technician

Degree Type

Associate in Applied Science

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Delivery Methods

Face-to-Face: Wahpeton

Students who enroll in Precision Agriculture Technician degree will seek employment in the agriculture equipment industry. Students will find many challenging courses. Course work includes: agronomic fundamentals, data collection, data management, sales and hands-on practical application of GPS, electrical and hydraulics.

Students will have the opportunity to apply concepts learned through hands-on activities at the NDSCS Kosel Family Agriculture Land Lab and other classroom and laboratory activities. The Land Lab is a 90-acre demonstration farm operated by the Agriculture Department, students, and industry partners.

Spring semester concludes mid-April each year to allow students to begin their internship experience. Students enrolled in this option will complete a 400-hour paid internship at a career related training facility during the summer between their first and second year of instruction.

Our philosophy statement is: "The Agriculture Department provides education for the present and future by incorporating leadership and career development, best management practices in crop and livestock production, technology, natural resources, problem solving, internships, and communication through a diverse program."

NOTE: This program requires either an HP EliteBook or ZBOOK laptop or equivalent. Please refer to the NDSCS website for specifications. For further information, contact Craig Zimprich, department chair, at 701-671-2249.

Admission Requirements*

The applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent. Helpful courses to prepare for this program are mathematics, physical science, biology, agricultural education, computer science, and English. Courses that develop communication skills are important.

Please Note: Students are placed into English, math and reading courses based on ACT, ACCUPLACER or other nationally recognized tests. Please see www.ndscs.edu/current-students/student-success/test-center for the NDSCS Course Placement Policy and testing information. Students may be on an extended plan of study pending their course placement.

**Program Admission Requirements are subject to revision. Please check the department or program website under Program Admission Requirements for current information.*

Award

Upon successful completion of the required courses, students will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science degree in Precision Agriculture Technician.

Required Courses

Course Code	Title	Credits
AGEC 142	Agribusiness Internship Orientation I	1
AGEC 143	Agribusiness Internship Orientation II	1
AGEC 242	Introduction to Agricultural Management	3
AGEC 250	Agribusiness Sales	3
AGRI 197	Internship (Agriculture Department)	3
PAG 115	Introduction to Precision Agriculture	3
PAG 276	Data Collection and Management	3
PAG 215	Mapping of Precision Ag Data	3
PAG 286	Advanced Mapping	3
PLSC 110	World Food Crops	3
PLSC 138	Agronomic Technologies	3
PLSC 215	Weed Identification	1
PLSC 225	Principles of Crop Production	3
SOIL 210	Introduction to Soil Science	3
SOIL 222	Soil Fertility and Fertilizers	3
DTEC 155	Electricity for Diesel Technology	4
DTEC 164	Introduction to Mobile Hydraulics	4
MFGT 110	Industrial Shop Practices	2
	Any Agriculture Electives (6 credits)	6

Related/General Education Courses

Course Code	Title	Credits
AGRI 135	Applied Mathematics	2
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
FYE 101	Science of Success	1
HPER 210	First Aid & CPR (Professional/Community)	2
	Social and Behavioral Sciences, Humanities, History and/or Computer Electives (4 credits)	4
	Total Required Credits	70