# **Quality Technician**

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree

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#### **Program Information**

This program is designed to train student in the tools and processes used to ensure the quality of finished goods and products. Graduates of this degree will have the skills necessary to be employed as a quality assurance technician in a variety of manufacturing sectors. With completion of this degree students will also obtain 15 Minnesota Transferable Credits meeting three different goal areas.

#### **Program Learning Outcomes**

- Demonstrate document control skills.
- Competently utilize tools to inspect finished goods of any kind.
- Ensure quality within the supply chain for consumer safety.
- Analysis of collected data.
- Create and maintain inspection documentation.
- Interact professionally with coworkers.
- Interpret engineering drawing utilizing Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing.
- Understand basic manufacturing practices.
- Knowledgeable in regulatory standards and requirements.
- Able to work in a management team.
- Creating a quality management system.
- Calibration of measurement gauging.
- Creation and requisitioning on measurement fixtures.
- Analysis of Statistical Data for Process control.
- Create metrics of cost of quality.
- Have an ethical foundation of the importance of quality management.
- Able to identify continuous improvement opportunities.

#### **Industry and Career Outlook**

This field is under-represented in higher education and no program has the required skills in statistical analysis. Quality Technicians are the individuals who assure that the quality of manufactured products meet the requirements of the customer and regulatory bodies. Quality technicians work in clean, environmentally controlled areas with regulated temperature and humidity to ensure part consistency. This is a mid-level position in the field with large opportunity for advancement and increased wage growth.

Wage information is available from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

### **Certifications**

Upon completion of this degree, students will be able to competently use tools and processes utilized in industry for the inspection of finished goods. Students completing the AAS degree combined with experience in the field will also be able to test for the American Society of Quality (ASQ) Certification for a Quality Technician.

#### **Program Start Dates**

Fall Semester......August

#### **Course Prerequisites**

Some courses in this program may require a prerequisite. Please see course descriptions for more details.

#### **MnTC General Education Requirements**

This program requires completion of the following fifteen credits of general education from at least three goal areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC). Refer to the MnTC course list for elective courses:

☐ ENGL 2105	Business and Technical Writing (Goal 1&2)4
$\square$ MATH 1550	Introduction to Statistics (Goal 4)4
☐ SPCH 1200	Interpersonal Communications (Goal 1&7)3
☐ MnTC Electi	ve4

#### **Program Sequence**

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□ ADSC 1171	Microsoft Excel2
☐ ENGL 2105	Business & Technical Writing4
☐ MACH 1121	Metrology2
☐ MACH 1132	Blueprint Reading
☐ MATH 1550	Introduction to Statistics4
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	Machine Fundamentals2
☐ MACH 1231	Blueprint Design/ CAD II 1
	Geometric Dimensioning & Tolerancing
□ QUAL 1200	Measurement & Test Equipment4
□ QUAL 1210	Quality Concepts & Assurance2
□ SPCH 1200	Interpersonal Communication
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#### **Graduation Requirements**

Students must earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher to be eligible for graduation from this program.

## **Faculty Contact**

Also see: Quality Inspector certificate

