

Process Technology

Technical/Industrial Education

Thank you for your interest in our Process Technology Program at College of the Mainland.

When a student completes the PTEC program, they will graduate with a two-year degree (Associate of Applied Science in Petrochemical Process Technology). The student will have completed the coursework to become an entry-level operator in the process industry.

The program consists of morning, afternoon and evening classes, offered Monday through Thursday. Each class will meet one or two days or nights per week. We offer each of our classes every semester – Fall (16 weeks), Spring (16 weeks), Summer (10 weeks). Academic courses (English, Math, Physics, Chemistry, etc.) offer two, five-week sessions in the summer. There are a few Internet courses available.

Scholarships and grants are available to help you through the program if you qualify. Contact the Financial Aid Department at 409-933-8274 and the College Foundation Office at 409-933-8508. The program (all two years' tuition, fees and books/supplies) will cost approximately \$6,000 for in-district students. This is paid depending on how many credit hours you take per semester. If you take 15 credit hours per semester, you are looking at approximately \$800 for tuition and fees – plus books and supplies – each semester. A good rule to estimate books and supplies cost each semester is to budget the same amount as tuition.

The Process Technology degree can be used in a variety of fields, including but not limited to:

- Refinery Operations
- Chemical Plant Operations
- Food Processing
- Power Generation
- Pulp and Paper
- Offshore Work
- Pharmaceuticals
- Mining
- Nuclear
- Cosmetics
- and many more!

An entry level process operator's average annual starting salary is \$55,000 – \$65,000 per year or approximately \$30 per hour. An operator can easily make \$120,000 – \$130,000 per year with overtime and holiday pay. College of the Mainland's Process Technology Program has the highest placement rate among PTEC programs in the nation.

The process/qualifications for entering the program are as follows:

1. You must have completed either your high school diploma or GED.
2. You must apply to the college at www.com.edu or in our Admissions Office. It takes approximately 7-10 business days to download your information into our system.
3. Transfer any credits from other institutions or take the Accuplacer placement exam (costs approx. \$25).
4. Visit with an adviser. If this is your first semester on campus, you will meet with an adviser in the Counseling Center. If you are a returning COM student, you will meet with one of our PTEC advisers to set up a schedule of classes. (Mike Cobb, ext. 8494, Jerry Duncan, ext. 8607, Steve Wethington, ext. 8196, Al Jivan, ext. 8542).
5. Finally, register for your classes in the Admissions Office.

If you have any questions or need more information, you may contact one of the advisers or the administrative assistant at 409-933-8536 or ptec@com.edu. Visit us for more information at www.com.edu/ptec and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ptecatcom.

We look forward to seeing you in our classes!

