

# AGRICULTURE TECHNICIAN

**Program Number:** 31-006-2

Technical Diploma (1 year)

**Campus:** Shared with Lakeshore Technical College\*

This program is eligible for financial aid (<http://www.morainepark.edu/financial-aid/>)

Experience a top-notch agriculture education by learning the fundamentals of the farming industry through this one-year Agriculture Technician program.

## About the Program

Whether you have always had an interest in agriculture or want to gain employment in an ever-changing industry, Lakeshore's Agriculture Technician program prepares students for a variety of agribusiness career pathways. This one-year program covers a wide range of topics through agriculture classes taught by some of the most experienced professionals in the industry.

This diploma covers the first year of coursework within the Agribusiness Science and Technology (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/programs/agribusiness-science-technology-aas/>) associate degree. This means that Agriculture Technician graduates can build on their education and earn an associate degree with one more year of college.

The Agriculture Technician program is offered at both the Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) and Moraine Park campus via in-person classes at LTC and live interactive television classes at MPTC. \*General studies classes and labs can be taken at Moraine Park. For more information, please see Lakeshore Technical College's Agriculture Technician (<http://gotoltc.edu/academics/programs-of-study/agriculture-technician/>) program page.

## What You'll Learn

Students enrolled in the Agriculture Technician program will learn the basics of industry-specific financial operations, goal-setting and human relations through hands-on agriculture classes. Taught by instructors with years of agriculture industry experience, classes will also educate students on crops, soil management and livestock fundamentals.

## Transfer Opportunities

Earn credits at MPTC and transfer to a four-year college to earn your bachelor's degree.

Visit the Transfer Opportunities (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/transfer-information/transfer-to-a-four-year-college/>) page for more information on credit transfer agreements between Moraine Park and four-year colleges, both public and private.

## Admission Process

The admission process for a shared program should be completed at Lakeshore Technical College.

## Approximate Costs

- \$141.00 per credit (resident)
- \$211.50 per credit (out-of-state resident)
- Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.

- Please refer to the MPTC Student Handbook (<http://www.morainepark.edu/studenthandbook/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

## Financial Aid

Financial Aid is provided to aid eligible associate degree and technical diploma programs with 28 credits or more. Processing can take 6-8 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>)) is received. Visit the Financial Aid (<https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/>) page to learn more.

## Course Requirements

For course requirements, please see Lakeshore Technical College's Agriculture Technician (<https://gotoltc.edu/academics/degree-programs/agriculture-technician/>) program page.

## Program Outcomes

- Apply relevant technologies.
- Investigate opportunities in agribusiness.
- Interact as a professional in agribusiness.

## Pathways

- Agribusiness Science and Technology Associate Degree (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/programs/agribusiness-science-technology/>)
  - Agriculture Technician Technical Diploma (p. 1)

Earn a technical diploma and associate degree along this pathway. Start with some courses for entry-level employment, and continue with additional courses for higher wages and job advancement.

## Career Opportunities

- Agriculture Technician
- Supervisor of Agricultural Crop and Horticultural Workers
- Animal Breeder
- Supervisor of Animal Husbandry and Animal Care Workers