

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Program Number: 10-154-4

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Campus: Fond du Lac, West Bend

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

Do you like figuring things out and helping others? Gain hands-on skills and start working in the field in less than two years with an Information Technology - Technical Support Specialist associate degree from Moraine Park!

About the Program

A career as a technical support specialist balances both IT and customer service. Students in the Information Technology – Technical Support Specialist program provide technical assistance either in person, through email or over the phone. Typical work consists of computer setup, troubleshooting, writing procedures or staffing a help desk.

What You'll Learn

Students in the Information Technology - Technical Support Specialist program gain both theoretical and hands-on training.

Students learn to perform a variety of computer functions such as installing hardware and software, troubleshooting, and providing system and computer maintenance. Graduates of this program have a strong knowledge of common software applications. Students in this program must have strong communication and time management skills and pay strong attention to detail. A Technical Support career may require long work hours and mobility. This program leads toward the A+ certification.

Earn Two Information Technology Degrees at Once!

With an additional 12 credits, students can earn both the Information Technology - Technical Support Specialist and Information Technology - Network Specialist Associate of Applied Science degrees in only five terms (less than two and a half years). Those interested should follow the Dual Degree Information Technology - Network Specialist and Information Technology - Technical Support Specialist program guide.

Earn Three Information Technology Degrees at Once (3-in-3)!

With an additional 30 credits, students can earn the Information Technology – Technical Support Specialist, Information Technology - Network Specialist and Information Technology - Cybersecurity Specialist Associate of Applied Science degrees in only six terms (three degrees within three years!). Students should follow the Triple Degree Information Technology - Cybersecurity Specialist, Information Technology - Network Specialist and Information Technology – Technical Support Specialist program guide.

Transfer Opportunities

Your academic journey can continue at a four-year college or university. Earn your associate degree at Moraine Park and then apply those credits toward a bachelor's degree. Starting at MPTC makes completing a bachelor's degree **affordable**, **accessible** and **convenient**. You can go anywhere as MPTC has transfer agreements with colleges and universities both in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

Visit the Transfer to a Four-Year College (<https://www.morainepark.edu/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

Standard Admissions (<http://www.morainepark.edu/admissions/new-student/how-to-apply-for-admissions/>) steps details

Credit for Prior Learning

Transform the skills and abilities developed through previous experience into college credit through MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning process.

- Transfer credit from other colleges/universities
- Earn college credit for your military training and experience
- Earn college credit via Advance Placement, CLEP, DANTES/DSST or MPTC Challenge Exams
- Earn college credit from previous/current work and life experiences

Visit MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/credit-for-prior-learning/>) page for more information.

Approximate Costs

Tuition

Occupational

- \$149.50 per credit (resident)
- \$224.25 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- \$188.90 per credit (resident)
- \$283.35 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.

Student Fees

- \$5.00 minimum per course Material Fee
- \$12.50 per-credit Supplemental Fee for Undergraduate courses
- \$4.50 per term mandatory Student Accident Insurance Fee

Please refer to Tuition & Fee Information (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/admissions-registration/tuition-fee-information/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for associate degree and technical diploma programs (those that are 2 semesters in length and typically with 28 credits or more). Processing can take 4-5 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.

While attending Moraine Park during the 2024-25 school year, your estimated cost of attendance for one full year includes tuition of \$4,462 (15 credits for fall and spring semester), fees of \$338, food and housing of \$3,008 (if living with parents, \$9,147 if living on your own), books and supplies of \$1,465, personal expenses of \$3,608, and transportation of \$4,017 for a total of \$17,002. Your direct costs (those costs paid directly to the college) include tuition & fees. The indirect costs (costs not paid to the college) can vary from individual to individual and your own personal needs.

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Semester 1		
103-159	Computer Literacy - Microsoft Office	1
150-107	IT Fundamentals 1	3
150-108	IT Fundamentals 2	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
890-101	College 101	2
Behavioral Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
Credits		15
Semester 2		
150-120	Microsoft Servers	3
150-143	Linux Network Administration	3
154-113	Help Desk Concepts	3
154-116	Computer Software Support	3
801-197	Technical Reporting	3
Social Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
Credits		18
Semester 3		
150-130	IT Administration and Microsoft 365 Administrator	3
150-145	Active Directory/Group Policy Management	3
154-117	Computer Hardware Support	3
196-188	Project Management	3
Mathematics Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/mathematics/)		3
Credits		15
Semester 4		
150-115	Emerging Innovations in Technology	3
150-141	Computer Network Installation	3
154-128	Scripting	3
154-134	IT Technical Support Specialist Capstone	3
Social Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		63

Program Outcomes

- Manage information technology hardware.
- Manage software.
- Support computer networks.
- Provide end user support.
- Solve information technology problems.
- Demonstrate customer service skills as an IT professional.

Pathways

- Information Technology - Technical Support Specialist Associate Degree (p. 1)
- Information Technology - Help Desk Support Specialist Technical Diploma (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/programs/information-technology-help-desk-support-specialist/>)

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

- Technical Support Specialist
- Help Desk
- Support Technician
- PC Technician

Statewide Median Salary for Recent Graduates

\$39,516