

AGRICULTURE TECHNICIAN

Program Number 31-006-2 Technical Diploma • Two Terms

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

If a career in agriculture is in your future, this program will help you to prepare to manage a successful agribusiness operation. You will gain experience in agricultural production management and technology, as well as management principles, finance, sales, economics, crop production, and animal fundamentals.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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

CAREER AND EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lakeshore credits transfer to over 30 universities. For more information visit gotoltc. edu/future-students/transfer

ADMISSIONS AND FIRST SEMESTER ENROLLMENT STEPS

- Submit online application.
- Complete the online Student Success Questionnaire.
- Complete Student Success Tutorial prior to meeting with your program counselor.
- Schedule your 1st Time Program Counseling/Registration Session with your assigned program counselor to plan your first semester schedule, review your entire plan of study and discuss the results of the Student Success Questionnaire.
- *Submit transcripts and test scores (optional, highly recommended): College transcripts, along with high school transcripts and test scores from within the last five years, used for course registration. Official transcripts needed for transferring college credit(s) and for financial aid purposes.

APPROXIMATE COSTS

\$149.50 per credit tuition (WI resident) plus \$8.97 per credit student activity fee. Material fee varies depending on course. Other fees vary by program. Visit gotoltc.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-fees for details.

FINANCIAL AID

This program is eligible for financial aid. Visit gotoltc.edu/Financial-Aid or talk with your Admissions Advisor about how to apply for aid.

SPECIAL NOTES

- To experience technology and demonstrations in the industry and classroom, students should have transportation and participate in-person. Through PAS (Professional Agriculture Students), students participate in competitions and activities.
- The program schedule is provided in the iFlex format, which allows you to take courses
 online, face-to-face, or flex between the two. To participate synchronously in class
 using videoconferencing software, a minimum of 5Mb as well as audio and visual
 capabilities on your computer is required.
- Out-of-district students and working adults are able to take the program online, which
 also includes the expectation to complete assigned labs, technology exploration, and
 demonstrations.
- Agriculture Technician graduates have the opportunity to complete Agribusiness Science and Technology Associate degree with one additional year of college.

CONTACT

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Catalog No.	Class Title	Credit(s)
10006112 10006114 10006116 10006134 10801196 10804123	Term 1 Farm Business Management Intro to Animal Science Intro to Soil Science Animal Records Oral/Interpersonal Communications Math with Business Applications	3 3 1 3 3 1
10006110 10006122 10006124 10809144 10006128	Term 2 Ag Finance & Accounting Principles of Crop Production Principles of Animal Breeding Macroeconomics Agribusiness Internship*	3 3 3 3 2 14

TOTAL 30

*All students (online and in-person) work with instructor to select an appropriate internship based on their career goals.

Curriculum and program acceptance requirements are subject to change. Program start dates vary; check with your program counselor for details. The tuition and fees are approximate based on 2024-2025 rates and are subject to change prior to the start of the academic year. AGRIBUSINESS INTERNSHIP...provides the student the opportunity to choose from a broad variety of occupational experiences in the agribusiness industry. Student will work with faculty to develop a plan and to identify, coordinate, and evaluate work-associated learning experiences as they relate to the major career focus of the student. PREREQUISITE: 10006112 Farm Business Management and COREQUISITES: 10006122 Principles of Crop Production, 10006124 Principles of Animal Breeding or 10091103 Dairy Reproductive Management

AGRICULTURAL FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING...introduces the learner to the basics of agricultural financial management including securing credit, working with financial statements (balance sheet, income statement, cash flows, owner equity) and investment analysis. Additionally, students willperform basic financial analysis, calculate depreciation, and prepare amortization schedules. Students will learn the basics of agricultural accounting and will practice using basic accounting software programs. PREREQUISITE: 10006112 Farm Business Management

ANIMAL RECORDS...introduces learner to records management through handson applications including the setup and use of computerized record-keeping software, completion of a sample farm record problem utilizing computerized records, a review of various record-keeping systems, as well as the selection and implementation of various computerized record programs. Software tools, such as PCDART, CowManager, and DairyCOMP 305, will be utilized.

FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT...provides learner with basic business management practices including the development of a business plan, establishment of short- and long-range goals, identification and implementation of alternatives for reaching goals, and development of strategies to monitor progress. The importance of designing a business mission statement based on goals is emphasized.

INTRO TO ANIMAL SCIENCE...provides animal science fundamentals including animal health, animal environments, anatomy and physiology, genetics and reproduction, animal feedstuffs, and animal-related safety.

INTRO TO SOIL SCIENCE...provides fundamentals of soil's physical properties, chemical properties, biological properties, soil formation, classification, essential nutrients and soil survey. There will be emphasis on soil and water conservation practices that can be used to reduce soil erosion.

MACROECONOMICS...is an introductory course. Basic social choices regarding economic systems, basic economic aggregates, fiscal policy, the banking system, monetary policy, and international trade are the principle topics discussed in the course. Balance is drawn between theory, analysis, and a critique of the institutions that characterize modern mixed-capitalist economies. Conflicting social goals, economic constraints, and environmental concerns provide the framework through which the macroeconomy is analyzed. COREQUISITE: Reading placement assessment or equivalent

MATH WITH BUSINESS APPLICATIONS...covers real numbers, basic operations, linear equations, proportions with one variable, percents, simple interest, compound interest, annuity, apply math concepts to the purchasing/buying process, apply math concepts to the selling process, and basic statistics with business/consumer applications. COREQUISITE: Math placement assessment or equivalent AND Reading placement assessment or equivalent

ORAL/INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION...provides students with the skills to develop speaking, verbal and nonverbal communication, and listening skills through individual speeches, group activities, and other projects. COREQUISITE: Reading placement assessment or equivalent

PRINCIPLES OF ANIMAL BREEDING...applies genetic principles and reproduction physiology to livestock improvement including elementary population genetics, phenotypic and genotypic effects of selection, selection methods, and systems of mating. PREREQUISITE: 10006114 Intro to Animal Science or 10091102 Dairy Cattle Management

PRINCIPLES OF CROP PRODUCTION...provides knowledge of crop and soil nutrient management, including use of both commercial fertilizers and manure. Course topics include purchase or lease options for land, agronomy consulting programs, tillage and conservation plans, soil nutrient plans, cropping plans, managing nutrient waste, crop harvest and storage and production records. PREREQUISITE: 10006116 Intro to Soil Science or 10091105 Dairy Feeding Management