



## Diesel & Heavy Equipment Technology- SouthWestern Association Industrial & Farm Equipment Technician Program

### Associate in Applied Science (87 credit hours)

Founded in 1889, the SouthWestern Association was established by a progressive group of independent hardware and farm implement/mercantile dealers to help increase their profitability and solve common problems. While the Association's scope of interest has evolved over time, the basic concept of working together for the common good remains the same.

Ask any group of farm and industrial equipment dealers about the biggest challenges they face, and the lack of qualified service technicians is a frequent answer. Each year, as equipment becomes more technologically advanced, the need for skilled technicians grows. SouthWestern Association is addressing this problem with the new Industrial and Farm Equipment Technician Program at Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee.

An important feature of the program is that each semester a student alternates one half semester on campus and one half semester at the sponsoring SWA member/dealer on paid internship. This intensive method of study and internship prepares a high performance technician that the participating SWA members/dealers demand. After six semesters of on-campus classes and five paid internships, graduates stay with the SWA member/dealer as a full time employee. Technicians maintain, service, diagnose and repair machines and equipment used in all forms of agricultural and industrial activities. For more information on the SWA program, check out the program information at [http://www.osu-okmulgee.edu/academics/diesel\\_and\\_heavy/southwestern\\_association/](http://www.osu-okmulgee.edu/academics/diesel_and_heavy/southwestern_association/).

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## Choose OSU-Okmulgee

OSU-Okmulgee is the choice for ambitious, career-motivated people who want to use their time and money resourcefully to earn a technical education degree – the gateway to high tech, high wage jobs and the path to careers that are in demand by industry leaders in the state and region.

OSU-Okmulgee is known and respected for hands-on technical education, world-class equipment, state-of-the-art technology and dynamic partnerships with business and industry.

Paid internships are an important part of this program. They give students real-world opportunities to apply the knowledge they've learned and get expert feedback. Business and industry leaders know that OSU-Okmulgee graduates come to work ready to make an immediate, high-level contribution and transfer seamlessly from the classroom to their place of employment. In fact, OSU-Okmulgee was the first Oklahoma institution of higher learning to guarantee the performance of its graduates.

OSU-Okmulgee is located 40 miles south of Tulsa, Oklahoma. As the technical branch of Oklahoma State University, OSU-Okmulgee is a public, state-supported technical institution committed to increasing the potential and productivity of the people it serves.



