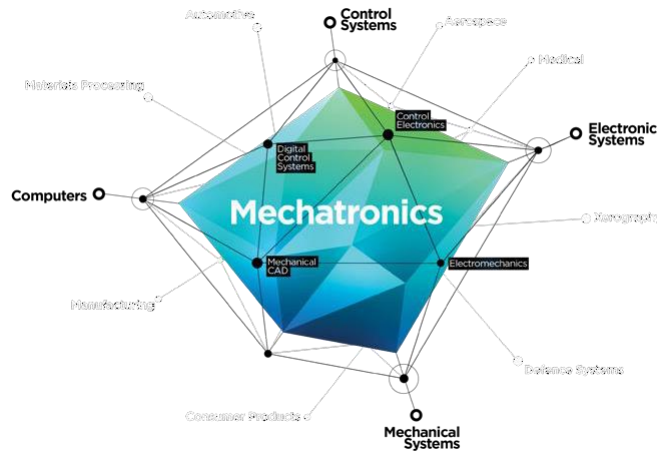


# MECHATRONICS TECHNOLOGY

## MASTER PLAN OF INSTRUCTION

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The purpose of this program is to provide students the opportunity for employment in a variety of electronic/mechanical related occupations. After completing the 1550-hour program, students are prepared to assemble, install, maintain, troubleshoot and repair electrical/electronic/mechanical equipment in the industry.

Materials used are self-paced which allow students to progress at their own pace. Competencies in each area are completed after both written and performance testing.

### **PROGRAM MISSION**

The mission of the Mechatronics Program is to prepare students for employment as an Industrial Electronics Technician in the local community. With a broad knowledge base, many areas of employment are possible. Students are encouraged to obtain Industry certification as Certified Electronics Technician associate (CETa) and Industrial Technician in Electronics Technicians Association, International (ETA)

### **PROGRAM STANDARDS**

After successfully completing this program, the student will be able to perform the following:

- Demonstrate Proficiency in Soldering and Basic Laboratory Practices
- Demonstrate Proficiency in Basic Direct Current (DC) Circuits
- Demonstrate Mathematics Knowledge and Skills
- Demonstrate Science Knowledge and Skills
- Use Oral and Written Skills in Creating, Expressing, and Interpreting Information and Ideas
- Demonstrate Proficiency in Advanced Direct Current (DC) Circuits
- Demonstrate Proficiency in Alternating Current (AC) Circuits
- Demonstrate Proficiency in Solid State Devices
- Demonstrate proficiency in industrial 3 phase electricity, motors and motor control circuits.
- Demonstrate Proficiency in hydraulic and pneumatic systems.
- Demonstrate Proficiency in mechanical power transmission systems.
- Demonstrate Proficiency in mechanisms, linkages and levers.
- Demonstrate Proficiency in automatic controls and robotics.
- Solve Problems Using Critical Thinking Skills
- Demonstrate Importance of Health, Safety and Environmental Management
- Use Information Technology Tools
- Describe the Importance of Professional Ethics and Legal Responsibilities
- Demonstrate Skills in Technical Recording
- Describe the Roles within Teams, Work Units, Departments, and Organizations Inter- Organizational Systems, and Larger Environments
- Demonstrate Leadership and Teamwork Skills Needed to Accomplish Team Goals and Objective
- Explain the Importance of Employability and Entrepreneurship Skills

### **ESSENTIAL TRAINING TASKS**

#### **Physical Requirements**

Student must have the following: good hand-eye coordination, able to grasp small objects, good manual dexterity, able to see colors, assemble objects and parts, and move freely to observe and evaluate projects.

#### **Cognitive Requirements**

Students must be able to follow written and oral instructions; interpret electrical schematics and mechanical drawings; have excellent communication and troubleshooting skills; be able to interpret test results to determine circuit faults; be a team player; and work well with others.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Federal and state legislation requires the provision of accommodations for students with disabilities as identified on the secondary student's IEP or 504 plan or post-secondary student's accommodations plan to meet individual needs to ensure equal access. Post-secondary students with disabilities must self-identify, present documentation, required accommodations if needed, and develop a plan with their post-secondary service provider. Accommodations received in post-secondary

education may differ from those received in secondary education. Accommodations change the way the student is instructed. Students with disabilities may need accommodations in such areas as instructional methods and materials, assignments and assessments, time demands and schedules, learning environment, assistive technology, and special communication systems. Documentation of the accommodations requested and services provided are maintained in a confidential file.

### **TUITION**

Tuition is charged for adult students at a rate established by the Florida legislature; tuition is waived for eligible high school dual-enrolled students. Current tuition and fee information is available from Student Services and is due prior to the first day of each payment period. Failure to pay all fees due at the time class begins will result in the student not being able to attend class and/or clinical.

### **CLASS SCHEDULE**

Classes meet Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. Lunch breaks are 30 minutes in length. This amounts to 30 hours of classroom instruction per week.

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

In an effort to develop appropriate employability skills, FMTC students are expected to attend all class sessions. As is expected in the workplace, when it is necessary to be absent due to illness or emergency situations, all students are to notify the instructor on or before the date of the absence. The student attendance policy for each post-secondary program is consistent with industry standards.

Campus attendance is kept via a computerized system. It is the responsibility of the student to **log in and out** in order to receive credit for class time. This allows the school to keep accurate attendance records for the actual number of hours and minutes attended.

All students are expected to be in attendance at least 90% of their scheduled hours during each payment period. Students failing to maintain the 90% attendance standard may not be permitted to continue in their program and may be withdrawn.

#### **Absences and Tardies**

A student who is absent for 6 consecutive class sessions, without prior approval and without contacting the instructor, will be withdrawn from enrollment in his/her program.

Students who are late for class, including returning late from lunch, must notify their instructor and clock in upon arrival. Students who leave school early must notify their instructor and clock out. This time out of class is recorded as time absent and is counted against the required 90% attendance.

Adult students who know they will be out of school for an extended period of time may apply for a Leave of Absence. Students who exercise a Leave of Absence may have to extend their time in their program and pay additional fees.

#### **Leaving Campus During School Hours**

Students must notify their instructor when leaving campus early. This is for the safety of students, to accurately track time, and to allow the instructor to best utilize instructional resources. Students may leave campus for lunch provided they return in the time allotted.

### **PLAN OF INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES**

#### **Teaching Methods**

Teaching methods include lectures, demonstrations, hands-on training activities, online video training and presentations, virtual simulations, outside speakers from job-related businesses and industries, field trips, projects, co-op assignments with local businesses and manufacturing facilities.

#### **Safety**

Follow established electrical safety procedures and standards. Horseplay or unsafe conduct is unacceptable.

#### **Work-Based Activities**

Work-based learning activities play an integral part of the curriculum of FMTC's career-technical training programs. These

activities are planned with two objectives in mind. First, the activity provides students with the opportunity to develop and apply ‘real world’ experience using the knowledge and skills attained in the program. Second, the activity provides the instructor with objective input from potential employers or customers of program graduates. Each work-based activity has a written instructional plan outlining objectives, experiences, competencies, and evaluation required during the activity.

Work-based activities are program specific and may include:

- Unpaid in-school shop activities to provide customer service opportunities under the direct supervision of the program instructor.
- Unpaid job shadowing experiences that may include in-school or off-campus employer-based experiences under the supervision of a qualified employer representative who is working closely with the program instructor.
- Paid or unpaid cooperative training experiences conducted at the employer’s work location under the supervision of a qualified employer representative and under the direction of the program instructor.

### **Cooperative Education (Co-Op)**

Cooperative training is coordinated by the instructor and career specialist. Co-Op is for students who have shown competence in program training that indicates readiness for placement in an on-the-job program. To be eligible for a Co-Op experience, students must have completed at least 75% of the required program hours. Requirements may differ for those receiving VA Benefits. Veterans will be accepted into the program in accordance with the Department of Veterans Affairs’ approved program.

Students may be returned to the program for additional training if they do not function satisfactorily on the job or when the cooperative agreement is terminated at the request of the student, parent, employer, or program instructor.

Additional information regarding cooperative training opportunities may be obtained from the program instructor or career specialist. The lack of a valid driver’s license may be a barrier to obtaining a Co-Op placement.

## **GRADING POLICIES**

### **Grading Categories:**

Assessments	35%
Career Application	35%
Employability Skills	30%

**Grading Scale:** Students must maintain a minimum of a 75% grade average to progress in the program (80% is health science programs). A record of the student’s progress is kept by the instructor and available to the student in the FOCUS Student Portal. High school grades for dual enrolled students are reported to the assigned high school.

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
75 – 79	C
< 75	Failing

Each program has an employability skills rubric based on employee expectations in the industry.

### **Program Progress**

Students are required to complete the program of training within the hours allotted by the state of Florida for completion. The student’s rate of progress will be closely monitored by the instructor to ensure program completion in a timely manner.

## **SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS**

In order to receive and continue to receive financial assistance of any type, a student must maintain satisfactory academic progress. The Financial Aid department will require a progress report to be completed and submitted to the Financial Aid Office prior to each disbursement. Students are considered to be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) if they successfully complete their scheduled clock hours, achieve a specific cumulative grade average (CGA), and do not exceed the maximum time limits to complete their course of study. Each student’s academic progress will be checked at 450 clock

hours for students enrolled in programs one academic year or greater. Progress will be checked at the half-way point for programs less than one academic year. No SAP is required prior to the first disbursement.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATE**

Students meeting the following requirements are awarded a full program certificate:

- 1) Mastery of 85% of program competencies as determined by the instructor
- 2) A final grade of 75% or better (80% Health Sciences) in each course
- 3) Proof of state-mandated basic skills levels
- 4) Attendance of a minimum of 90% of scheduled hours each payment period (95% of scheduled hours for some Health Science programs). Under unique circumstances, instructors in our competency-based programs have the discretion to graduate students who fall short of 90% as long as #1-3 above are met.

### **DRESS CODE**

**Required Uniform:** FMTC Green uniform polo shirt (ordered at orientation), slacks or jeans (no sweatpants), appropriate length skirts, closed toe shoes (no crocs), and visible FMTC student ID badge.

### **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

Below is a summary of the Mechatronics Technology program structure. For more detailed information for each course, visit the FLDOE Curriculum Framework website: <https://www.fl DOE.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/curriculum-frameworks/2026-27-frameworks/manufacturing.stml>

#### **OCP A                    Electronics Assembler**

Students completing OCP A will be able to obtain employers as assemblers/disassemblers for firms in the electronics industry.

#### **OCP B                    Electronics Tester**

Students working as electronic testers would be able to follow established test procedures ensuring that both incoming purchased parts and manufactured parts meet engineering specifications. They will be able to maintain quality control performance charts and write detailed reports for managements review.

#### **OCP C                    Electromechanical Assembler**

A completer of Electromechanical Assembler would be able to perform the tasks of an electronics assembler or an electronics tester plus be able to troubleshoot and repair electronic/mechanical equipment. They would also be able to meet with customers and vendors to discuss repairs or necessary circuit revisions.

#### **OCP D                    Mechatronic Technician**

A completer of Mechatronics Technician would be able to design, build, troubleshoot and repair complex electronic/mechanical circuits. They would have excellent organizational skills, be able to train team members and possess leadership capabilities.

### **TEXTBOOKS**

Required textbooks for the Mechatronics Technology program are ordered by the instructor.