



AED Foundation Accreditation – “An Excellent Choice” Benefits to Technical College Diesel/Equipment Programs

- **AED Foundation Accreditation** sets technical college equipment/diesel programs apart from the rest. It is the only industry-based national academic program credential with specific focus on equipment/diesel technology. AED Foundation Accredited colleges are “the cutting edge” in equipment industry technical education.
- **AED Foundation Accreditation** represents high-quality education from technical colleges that are recognized within the equipment industry for excellence. Students completing programs in equipment technology at AED Accredited colleges are well-prepared with relevant broad knowledge and skills on which to build a successful career, not just have a job.
- **AED Foundation Accreditation** aids in college recruiting by signifying to prospective students, their parents, peers, and other career decision influencers, that their investment in technical education will result in a high-quality learning experience and a degree that really means something.
- **AED Foundation Accreditation** helps facilitate college relationships with AED member dealers and the broader equipment industry. Working together, dealers and colleges can more effectively support each other to address common challenges and meet mutual needs.
- **AED Foundation Accreditation** establishes networking relationships with AED, The AED Foundation, AED dealer members, and other technical colleges that are affiliated with AED.
- **AED Foundation Accreditation** is based on comprehensive equipment/diesel program national technical standards developed by the industry with representation from equipment dealers, equipment manufacturers and technical colleges. Updated regularly, they specify what the industry expects students to know upon graduation. This in turn provides program development direction and great benefit to colleges as to curriculum development, outcomes assessment and overall program review.
- **AED Foundation Accreditation** provides equipment dealers an incentive to hire from colleges with that credential. Dealers better know what the students have learned, “who” they are hiring, and that those graduating had the initiative and drive to successfully complete a rigorous technical curriculum.
- **AED Foundation Accreditation** may assist in obtaining Federal Perkins Act, state and/or other types of funding. Requirements continue to move toward “linkages” that better connect technical colleges’ programs and curriculums with industry-defined needs and technical standards, and verification of student learning.
- **AED Foundation Accreditation** means that the technical college has provided the student with solid basic safety training, an important concern for all.
- **AED Foundation Accreditation** offers dealers and colleges not only a foundation for local industry relationship building focused on mutual needs, but also a variety of workforce development tools at no charge.
- **AED Foundation Accreditation** and nationally recognized technical standards, with curriculum and course outcomes based on those standards, help instructors validate their programs as to internal college administration and standards, and state agencies. Industry linkages with college programs and a nationally recognized organization like AED carry a lot of weight. AED Foundation Accreditation reinforces the case for developing or maintaining distinct equipment/diesel technical college programs; rather than diluting them through merger with other technical programs. Solid relationships with and demand from dealers hiring graduating students help make the case for a technical program’s continued presence.
- **AED Foundation Accreditation** means that colleges’ technical program standards are updated on a regular basis to ensure that they are reflecting current and up-to-date technology.