

POST- SECONDARY ACCREDITATION

WHAT IS THE AED FOUNDATION?

The AED Foundation (AEDF) is the non-profit foundation for the equipment industry and is the sister organization to Associated Equipment Distributors (AED), the international trade association for equipment distributors, manufacturers, and service providers. The AED Foundation is actively addressing the serious shortage of skilled professionals in the equipment distribution industry through expansion of our "community-based, school-to-work" school partnership strategy. We're putting dealers, manufacturers, and educators together, working toward the common goal of growing a new generation of highly in demand, highly skilled, and high rewarding technical positions in the equipment industry.

WHAT IS AN AED FOUNDATION ACCREDITED PROGRAM?

The AED Foundation Accredited School program is designed to commend the post-secondary programs that teach students the skills needed to jump start their career in the equipment industry. These programs ensure that students are taught all the Foundation's six core competencies, as outlined in the Standards for Equipment Technology.

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POST-SECONDARY ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

Six Core Competencies

Safe Operations

Electrical / Electronics

Hydraulics / Hydrostatics

Power Trains

Engines & Fuel Systems

AC / Heating

BENEFITS OF BEING AN AED FOUNDATION ACCREDITED PROGRAM

- **Industry Validation:** To become an accredited college program, a program must comply with the AED Foundation's Standards for Equipment Technology. These standards are recognized through the industry and certify the program meets industry demands and needs, allowing students to be trained to become top-tier technicians, while industry benefits from the opportunity to hire qualified technicians.
- **Access To Industry Experts:** Through accredited college programs and the accreditation process, relationships are built between schools, industry partners and the foundation. This relationship allows for a mutually beneficial program to be created that benefits local industry partners and qualifies students to become an AED Foundation Certified Technician.
- **Professional Development:** The AED Foundation offers ongoing professional development opportunities for instructors, ensuring that you stay abreast of the latest advancements in the field.
- **Industry Participation:** To become an accredited program, schools must obtain the necessary equipment for students to utilize during training. This is often donated by local industry partners that are involved in the accreditation process. Through this donation, schools can receive the required equipment, while local industry partners ensure students become familiar with the equipment that is already utilized in their operations.



The AED Foundation Post-Secondary Accreditation Process:



Review The Standards For Equipment Technology

Scan the QR code to review



Submit The Application

Scan the QR code to fill out the application and gather supporting documents