



Case New Holland and John Deere Agricultural Equipment Technician Program FAQ Sheet

Q: How long is the entire apprenticeship program?

A: The full program requires 4 years to complete, including a total of 7,200 hours of combined technical training and on-the-job experience.

Q: How many hours of on-the-job experience are needed each year?

A: Apprentices must accumulate at least 1,800 hours of on-the-job experience annually.

Q: What is the CNH Top Tech stream?

A: The CNH Top Tech stream integrates standard 8 weeks of AET training with specialized CNH equipment instruction. Levels One and Three include an additional 4 weeks of CNH-specific training focused on diagnostics, repair, maintenance, and technology. This program is recommended by employers and represents additional training provided collaboratively by Saskatchewan Polytechnic and CNH employer groups for Apprentices in Saskatchewan.

Q: What is the John Deere stream?

A: The John Deere stream includes manufacturer-specific training integrated into the standard 8 weeks of AET curriculum. Levels One and Three feature an additional 4 weeks of JD-specific instruction focused on diagnostics, repair, maintenance, and technology related to John Deere equipment. This program is recommended by employers and represents additional training provided collaboratively by Saskatchewan Polytechnic and JD employer groups for Apprentices in Saskatchewan.

Q: How is the technical training structured?

A: The program includes four levels of technical training delivered by Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Saskatoon:

- **Level One:** 12 weeks (360 hours)
- **Level Two:** 8 weeks (240 hours)
- **Level Three:** 12 weeks (360 hours)
- **Level Four:** 8 weeks (240 hours)

Q: Where is the training delivered?

A: All technical training is provided by Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Saskatoon.

Q: What are the entrance requirements for the program?

A: You must have:

- Grade 12 transcripts (no modified classes) or GED 12
- Grade 11 Math (Workplace & Apprenticeship, Foundations, or Pre-calculus)
- Grade 10 Science
- CLB6 if English is not your first language

Q: What if I don't meet the entrance requirements?

A: You'll need to complete an entrance assessment and any required upgrading as prescribed by the SATCC.

Q: Can the program content change?

A: Yes, technical training content is subject to change without notice to reflect industry standards and needs. For the most current information regarding specific training topics, we recommend contacting your employer or Saskatchewan Polytechnic directly.

Q: I've completed Sask Polytech's AET pre-employment certificate program, have advanced standing and need dealer specific training. What are my next steps?

A: Great work completing the AET certificate! You're on a direct path to Level 3. Here's what to do next:

1. Log your required Level 3 work hours at a dealership and submit them onto MyATC. While you're gaining experience, your dealership will support you by providing access to dealer specific online training, which they cover at their cost.
2. Once your hours are complete, you'll return to Saskatchewan Polytechnic to complete Level 3 technical training.

Important: This pathway is exclusive to AET certificate graduates. Other programs like HETT or AST do not include the agricultural-specific training required for this stream. For apprentices in related trades, Level 1 registration for AET specific classes are available.

Q: Is there an extra tuition fee for the additional CNH or JD TECH training weeks?

A: No, there is no additional tuition charge for the extra weeks of CNH or JD TECH-specific training. You can find current tuition fees for standard apprenticeship training on the SATCC website: [SATCC Tuition Fees](#)

Q: Who pays for the CNH or JD-specific training?

A: The employer covers the cost of the additional CNH or JD-specific training, including any online modules or dealership-based instruction.

Q: Who can I contact for more information?

A: For Registration

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