

**LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
PLACEMENT REPORT**

This report provides data on the employment status, salaries, and employers of LATI students who completed programs between September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007.

The Career Center Coordinator and program instructors gathered the data through student and employer surveys in person, by mail and by telephone. The data reflects the graduates' status approximately six months after graduation.

SUMMARY

Total number of graduates.....	478
Total number of graduates located.....	455
Graduates reporting continuing education.....	92 (20%)
Graduates employed	353 (78%)
— US Armed Forces.....	4
— Employed in training-related careers	312 (88%)
— Employed in training-related career in SD.....	254 (81%)
Graduates not in the labor market	10 (2%)

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WELDING TECHNOLOGY

Number of graduates	29
Number located	26
Continuing education	9 (35%) *
Employed	17 (65%) **
Employed in training-related career	11 (65%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota	10 (91%)
Entry-level wage range.....	\$11.00 – \$13.00
6-month wage range	\$12.00 – \$28.52
Average wage after 6 months	\$15.01 hr.

* 8 of the 9 first year graduates returned to Lake Area Tech for the optional Associate Degree in Welding or another program.

** 4 graduates who returned to work on the family farm are not counted in the "Employed in training-related career" category.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

- Equipment/Shop Worker, City of Pierre, Pierre, SD
- Powerhouse Mechanic, US Army Corps of Engineers, Pierre, SD
- Welder, Angus Palm Industries, Inc., Watertown, SD (3)
- Welder, Dakota Bodies, Watertown, SD
- Welder, JT Construction, Barnesville, MN
- Welder, Nutting Company, Watertown, SD
- Welder, Terex Utilities, Watertown, SD
- Welder, Twin City Fan, Brookings, SD
- Welder, Western Mine Services, Hermosa, SD

PRACTICAL NURSING

Number of graduates	46
Number located	43
Continuing education	33 (77%) *
Employed	9 (21%)
Not in the labor market	1 (2%)
Employed in training-related career	9 (100%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota	8 (89%)
Entry-level wage range.....	\$7.75 – \$13.16
6-month wage range	\$8.50 – \$14.00
Average wage after 6 months	\$12.38 hr.

* Most of these are also continuing their education in the LATI/USD 1+1 Nursing program.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

LPN = Licensed Practical Nurse

- LPN, Brown Clinic, Watertown, SD
- LPN, Golden Living Center, Lake Norden, SD
- LPN, Good Samaritan Center, DeSmet, SD
- LPN, Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD
- LPN, Lennox Nursing Home, Lennox, SD
- LPN, Northland Family Practice, Madison, SD
- LPN, Sanford Clinic, Jackson, MN
- LPN, Sanford Clinic, Vermillion, SD
- LPN, United Clinic, Aberdeen, SD

ROBOTICS

Number of graduates	8
Number located	7
Employed	7 (100%)
Employed in training-related career	6 (86%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota	4 (67%)
Entry-level wage range.....	\$13.00 – \$18.00
6-month wage range	\$13.00 – \$18.72
Average wage after 6 months	\$15.84 hr.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

- Associate Process Engineer, OEM Worldwide, LLC, Watertown, SD
- Estimator/Analysis, Esco, Watertown, SD
- Locator, Elm Locating and Utility Services, Watertown, SD
- Maintenance, Daktronics, Brookings, SD
- Technical Support Specialist, Thief River Falls, MN (2)

The entry-level and 6-month wage ranges vary depending on who responded to the surveys. Some students changed positions between surveys.

AGRI-BUSINESS

Number of graduates	21
Number located	21
Continuing education.....	3 (14%)
Employed.....	18 (86%)
Employed in training-related career.....	18 (100%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota.....	15 (83%)
Entry-level wage range	\$9.50 – \$15.38
6-month wage range	\$8.00 – \$26.44
Average wage after 6 months	\$14.65 hr. *

* Some graduates also receive acre bonuses, housing, vehicles, incentives, etc.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

- Applicator, Farmers Elevator, Humboldt, SD
- Applicator, Watertown Co-op Elevator, Watertown, SD
- Customer Applicator, Domestic Seed and Supply, Madison, SD
- Farmer, Family Farm, Ashton, SD
- Farmer, Family Farm, Dell Rapids, SD
- Farmer, Family Farm, Ivanhoe, MN
- Farmhand, Lower Brule Farms, Lower Brule, SD
- Farmworker, Roscoe, SD
- Feed Manager, Kaylor Grain Company, Kaylor, SD
- Manager, Archer Daniels Midland, Marshall, MN
- Manager, Border States Co-op, Clinton, MN
- Operator, Trucking by S & S, LLC, Onida, SD
- Sales Agronomist, South Dakota Wheat Growers, Redfield, SD
- LPN, Red River Grain, Gettysburg, SD
- Sales/Agronomist, Menno Country Pride, Menno, SD
- Warehouse Operator, South Dakota Wheat Growers, Tulare, SD
- Warehouse Supervisor, South Dakota Wheat Growers, Huron, SD
- Wildlife Research Technician, CRST Game Fish and Parks, Eagle Butte, SD

AGRI-PRODUCTION

Number of graduates	23
Number located	23
Continuing Education	1 (4%)
Employed.....	22 (96%)
Employed in training-related career.....	22 (100%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota.....	20 (91%)

* Wage figures not available as majority of graduates are self-employed farmers.

* Salary may include acre bonuses, housing, vehicles, incentives, etc.

Some graduates returned to their home farms or ranches in these communities:

Bowdle, SD	Erwin, SD	Madison, SD	Reliance, SD
Brandt, SD	Florence, SD	Miller, SD	Roscoe, SD
Canby, MN	Henry, SD	Montevideo, MN	Roslyn, SD
Eden, SD	Hitchcock, SD (3)	Onida, SD	Watertown, SD

- Driveway Assistant, South Dakota Wheat Growers, Carpenter, SD
- Feed Laborer, Watertown Co-op Elevator, Watertown, SD
- Laborer, Castlewood Farmers Elevator, Castlewood, SD
- Sales, Labolt Farmers Grain, Labolt, SD

The entry-level and 6-month wage ranges vary depending on who responded to the surveys. Some students changed positions between surveys.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Number of graduates	22
Number located	22
Continuing education	4 (18%)
Employed	17 (77%)
US Armed Forces.....	1
Not in the labor market	1 (5%)
Employed in training-related career	12 (75%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota	7 (58%)
Entry-level wage range.....	\$8.50 – \$11.00
6-month wage range	\$10.00 – \$24.48
Average wage after 6 months	\$13.73 hr.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

Ag Service Technician, W.W. Tire Service, Watertown, SD
Auto Technician, Billion Nissan, Sioux Falls, SD
Auto Technician, Carlson's Body Shop, Beresford, SD
Auto Technician, Shadetree Auto, Tyler, MN
Mechanic, Antelope Coal Mine, Douglas, WY
Mechanic, Brookings Auto Mall, Brookings, SD
Mechanic, Northland Auto Center, Webster, SD
Mechanic, RZ Motors, Hettinger, ND
Rebuilder, Dakota Clutch and Transmission, Watertown, SD
Technician, Audi of Huntington, Huntington, NY
Technician, Capital Motors, Pierre, SD
Technician, Gremada Industries, Fargo, ND

AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY

Number of graduates	9
Number located	8
Continuing education	1 (13%)
Employed	7 (87%)
Employed in training-related career	7 (100%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota	2 (29%)
Entry-level wage range.....	\$12.00 – \$17.70
6-month wage range	\$12.00 – \$25.00
Average wage after 6 months	\$16.10 hr.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

A & P = Airframe Powerplant
A & P Mechanic, Alpine Aviation, Billings, MT
A & P Mechanic, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc, Palmdale, CA
A & P Mechanic, L & D Aero Service, Rapid City, SD
Aircraft Mechanic, Willmar Air Service, Willmar, MN
Mechanic, Duncan Aviation, Lincoln, NE
Mechanic, Sioux Center Aviation, Sioux Center, IA
Mechanic, Wright Brothers Aviation, Mitchell, SD

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Number of graduates	10
Number responding	10
Employed.....	9 (90%)
Not in the labor market.....	1 (10%)
Employed in training-related career.....	9 (90%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota.....	4 (44%)
Entry-level wage range	\$12.30 – \$14.95
6 month wage range.....	\$12.73 – \$16.60
Average wage after 6 months	\$14.41

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

COTA = Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant
COTA, Manor Care, Aberdeen, SD
COTA, SWWC Service Co-op, Pipestone, MN
Individual Student Assistant, Pierre School District, Pierre, SD
OTA, Big Stone Therapies, Marshall, MN
OTA, Brookings Hospital, Brookings, SD
OTA, Sanford Health, Watertown, SD
OTA, Soliant Health, Bakersfield, CA (2)
OTA, Sports Rehab, Cherokee, IA

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Number of graduates	14
Number responding	14
Continuing education.....	1 (7%)
Employed.....	13 (93%)
Employed in training-related career.....	13 (100%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota.....	4 (31%)
Entry-level wage range	\$13.67 – \$16.00
6 month wage range.....	\$13.67 – \$19.50
Average wage after 6 months	\$15.61

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training related only):

PTA = Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA, Aberdeen Physical Therapy, Aberdeen, SD
PTA, Aegis Therapies, Rochester, MN
PTA, Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen, SD
PTA, Big Stone Therapies, Graceville, MN
PTA, Big Stone Therapies, Madison, MN
PTA, Big Stone Therapies, Marshall, MN
PTA, Innovis Health, Fargo, ND
PTA, Prairie Rehab, Luverne, MN
PTA, Prairie Rehab, Windom, MN
PTA, Pro PT, Inc., Huron, SD (2)
PTA, Sanford Health, Luverne, MN
PTA, Welsey Rehab, Wichita, KS

MEDICAL ASSISTING

Number of graduates	18
Number responding	17
Employed	17 (100%)
Employed in training-related career	17 (100%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota	15 (88%)
Entry-level wage range	\$8.50 – \$10.16
6 month wage range	\$8.50 – \$13.45
Average wage after 6 months	\$10.05

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

CMA = Certified Medical Assistant

Biller/Coder, Physicians Claims Company, Watertown, SD
 Care Technician, Prairie Lakes Health Care, Watertown, SD
 CMA, Aberdeen Dermatology Clinic, Aberdeen, SD
 CMA, Brown Clinic, Watertown, SD (3)
 CMA, Sanford Clinic, Watertown, SD (3)
 Float Medical Assistant, Huron Clinic, Huron, SD
 Home Health Aide, Prairie Lakes Home Connections, Watertown, SD
 Medical Assistant, Avera Milbank Medical Center, Milbank, SD
 Medical Assistant, France Avenue Family Physicians, Edina, MN
 Nurse Assistant, Merritt Care, Fargo, ND
 Receptionist, Weiss EyeCare Clinic, Watertown, SD
 Registration and Scheduling Clerk, Deuel Clinic, Clear Lake, SD
 Veterinarian Assistant, Howard Vet Clinic, Watertown, SD

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

Number of graduates	9
Number responding	8
Employed	8 (100%)
Employed in training-related career	8 (100%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota	6 (75%)
Entry-level wage range	\$12.00 – \$16.52
6 month wage range	\$10.50 – \$17.02
Average wage after 6 months	\$13.67

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

MLT=Medical Lab Technician

Lab Technician, Milbank Area Hospital, Milbank, SD
 Medical Aide, Serenity Hills, Human Service Agency, Watertown, SD
 MLT, Brown Clinic, Watertown, SD
 MLT, Chippewa County Medical Center, Montevideo, MN
 MLT, Paynesville Area Healthcare, Paynesville, MN
 MLT, Prairie Lakes Health Care, Watertown, SD
 MLT, Queen City Medical Center, Spearfish, SD
 MLT, Sanford Hospital, Webster, SD

The entry-level and 6-month wage ranges vary depending on who responded to the surveys. Some students changed positions between surveys.

BUILDING TRADES TECHNOLOGY

Number of graduates	27
Number located	25
Continuing education	2 (8%)
US Armed Forces	1
Employed	23 (92%)
Employed in training-related career	17 (77%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota	14 (82%)
Entry-level wage range	\$9.00 – \$20.00
6-month wage range	\$10.03 – \$23.00
Average wage after 6 months	\$14.58 hr.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

Builder, Reichel Construction, Madison Lake, MN
 Carpenter, Arnold Construction, Watertown, SD
 Carpenter, Clement Construction, Sioux Falls, SD
 Carpenter, Gray Construction, Watertown, SD
 Carpenter, Houtman Construction, Brookings, SD
 Carpenter, Jarrod Smart Construction, Sioux Falls, SD
 Carpenter, Jeppesen Construction, Hendricks, MN (2)
 Carpenter, Johnson Construction, Bristol, SD
 Carpenter, Quest Construction, Aberdeen, SD
 Carpenter, Supervisor, Larson Construction, Webster, SD
 Crew Member, Morton Buildings, Watertown, SD
 Laborer, Stewart Construction, Watertown, SD (2)
 Owner, Dell Construction, Watertown, SD
 Owner, J & B Builders, Webster, SD
 Self-employed Carpenter, Watertown, SD

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Number of graduates	16
Number located	13
Continuing education	1 (8%)
Employed	12 (92%)
Employed in training-related career	10 (83%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota	10 (100%)
Entry-level wage range	No data disclosed
6-month wage range	\$14.42 – \$16.60
Average wage after 6 months	\$15.19 hr.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

Computer Applications Programmer, Angus Palm Industries, Watertown, SD
 Computer Teacher, St. Lawrence School, Milbank, SD
 Dispatcher, Daktronics, Brookings, SD
 Help-Desk Technician, Daktronics, Brookings, SD
 IT Support Technician, Anza, Incorporated, Watertown, SD
 IT Technician, Terex Utilities, Watertown, SD
 PC/LAN Specialist, Verifications, Watertown, SD
 Reconditioning Manager/Designer, Watertown Ford Chrysler, Watertown, SD
 Supervisor, Twin City Die Casting, Watertown, SD
 Web Developer, Angus Palm Industries, Watertown, SD

COSMETOLOGY

Number of graduates	41
Number located	38
Continuing education	1 (3%)
Employed	31 (82%)
Not in the labor market	6 (15%)
Employed in training-related career	27 (87%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota	24 (89%)
Entry-level wage range.....	\$5.85 – \$8.35 *
6-month wage range	\$6.60 – \$12.00 *
Average wage after 6 months	\$9.26 hr. *

* Includes tips and/or commission. Some work on commission only, some on wage plus commission. Commission varies from 45 – 60%. Average is 55%.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

- Co-owner, Prestige Salon, Watertown, SD
- Cosmetologist, 2nd Glance Salon, Brookings, SD
- Cosmetologist, Adam and Eve Beauty Salon, Aberdeen, SD
- Cosmetologist, Clipz & More, Watertown, SD
- Cosmetologist, Great Clips, Sioux Falls, SD (2)
- Cosmetologist, Hair & Beyond, LLC, Huron, SD
- Cosmetologist, Hair Unlimited, Sioux Falls, SD
- Cosmetologist, Hair, Etc, Mitchell, SD
- Cosmetologist, Planet Hair, Aberdeen, SD
- Cosmetologist, R & D Cutters, Sioux Falls, SD
- Cosmetologist, Regis, Aberdeen, SD
- Cosmetologist, Regis, Brookings, SD
- Cosmetologist, Regis, Pierre, SD
- Cosmetologist, The Rage, Watertown, SD
- Cosmetologist, The Spa at Lady Wellness, Sioux Falls, SD
- Cosmetologist, Vintage Hair Parlor, DeSmet, SD
- Receptionist, Main Looks, Rock Valley, IA
- Stylist, Great Clips, Watertown, SD
- Stylist, Hair by Stewarts, Aberdeen, SD (3)
- Stylist, JcPenney Salon, Sioux Falls, SD
- Stylist, JcPenney Salon, Watertown, SD
- Stylist, Main Looks, Rock Valley, IA
- Stylist, MJ Capelli, Fargo, ND
- Stylist, Regis, Watertown, SD

The entry-level and 6-month wage ranges vary depending on who responded to the surveys. Some students changed positions between surveys.

MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY

Number of graduates	11
Number located	11
Employed.....	11 (100%)
Employed in training-related career.....	10 (91%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota.....	10 (100%)
Entry-level wage range	\$9.00 – \$18.20
6-month wage range	\$10.00 – \$22.00
Average wage after 6 months	\$15.65 hr.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

- CNC Programmer, Octaflex Environmental, Timber Lake, SD
- Machinist, Army Corps of Engineers, Pierre, SD
- Machinist, B & G Welding, Watertown, SD
- Machinist, Dynamic Engineering, Watertown, SD (3)
- Machinist, Industrial Machine and Engineering, Brookings, SD
- Machinist, JMS Precision, Watertown, SD
- Machinist/Welder, White Lake Welding, White Lake, SD
- Maintenance Technician, 3M, Aberdeen, SD

MARKETING/MANAGEMENT/SALES

Number of graduates	23
Number responding	20
Continuing education.....	4 (20%)
Employed.....	16 (80%)
Employed in training-related career.....	14 (88%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota.....	12 (86%)
Entry-level wage range	\$6.00 – \$12.50
6 month wage range.....	\$9.00 – \$21.63
Average wage after 6 months.....	\$12.23

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

- Admissions Representative, National American University, Watertown, SD
- Billback Specialist, Schwan’s, Marshall, MN
- Manager, Snap Fitness, Watertown, SD
- Manager, Trugreen Chemlawn, Watertown, SD
- Media Consultant, Yellow Book Sales, Rapid City, SD
- NDC Shipping Clerk, EMPI, Inc., Clear Lake, SD
- Owner, Cement Business, Watertown, SD
- Owner, Jamie Vincent Construction, Badger, SD
- Property Manager, Mivijenic Properties, Watertown, SD
- Retail Operations Coordinator, Yocum Oil, Minneapolis, MN
- Sales Associate, Great Western Bank, Watertown SD (2)
- Sales Associate, Wal-Mart, Watertown, SD
- Verifications Specialist, Verifications, Watertown, SD

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Number of graduates	21
Number located	21
Continuing education	3 (14%)
Employed	17 (81%)
Not in the labor market	1 (5%)
Employed in training-related career	16 (94%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota	15 (94%)
Entry-level wage range.....	\$8.00 – \$13.00
6-month wage range	\$8.50 – \$14.01
Average wage after 6 months	\$10.97 hr.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

Accounting Assistant, Ledgers, Inc, Watertown, SD
 Accounts Receivable Clerk, Esco Manufacturing, Watertown, SD
 Administrative Assistant, Watertown Ford, Chrysler, Watertown, SD
 Agent, New York Life Insurance, Watertown, SD
 Bookkeeper, Endorf, Lurken, Olson and Co., Mitchell, SD
 Collection Representative, Premier Bank Card, Watertown, SD (3)
 Farm Bookkeeper, Family Farm, Henry, SD
 Kelly Services Liaison, Verifications, Watertown, SD
 Loan Processor, M O Federal Credit Union, Huron, SD
 Quote Technician, OEM Worldwide, Watertown, SD
 Sales Associate/Teller, Dakota Bank, Watertown, SD
 Secretary, City of Garden City, Garden City, KS
 Self-employed Bookkeeper, Watertown, SD
 Staff Accountant, Larry Jerde, CPA, Watertown, SD

HUMAN SERVICES TECHNOLOGY

Number of graduates	25
Number located	25
Continuing education	11 (44%) *
Employed	14 (56%)
Employed in training-related career	9 (64%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota	8 (89%)
Entry-level wage range.....	\$6.25 - \$9.37
6-month wage range	\$6.25 - \$10.87
Average wage after 6 months	\$8.07

* 11 of the 25 first year graduates returned to Lake Area Tech for the optional Associate Degree in Human Services Technology.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

Certified Nurses Aide, Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD
 Daycare Provider, Home daycare, Gettysburg, SD
 Daycare Provider, Kidshift, Watertown, SD (2)
 Job Support Specialist, Human Service Agency, Watertown, SD
 Lead Teacher, Volunteers of America, Sioux Falls, SD
 Nanny, South Salem, NY
 Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Tea Tots Childcare Center, Tea, SD
 Teacher, Little Blessings Daycare, Watertown, SD

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DENTAL ASSISTING

Number of graduates	33
Number located	32
Continuing education.....	5 (16%) *
Employed.....	26 (81%)
Not in the labor market.....	1 (3%)
Employed in training-related career.....	23 (88%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota.....	21 (91%)
Entry-level wage range	\$7.00 – \$13.00
6-month wage range	\$9.00 – \$14.00
Average wage after 6 months.....	\$11.84 hr.

* 4 of the 5 first year graduates returned to Lake Area Tech for the optional Associate Degree in Dental Assisting.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

Dental Assistant, Aberdeen Dental Association, Aberdeen, SD
 Dental Assistant, Arnold Orthodontics, Watertown, SD
 Dental Assistant, Bach Family Dentistry, Watertown, SD
 Dental Assistant, Ben Knutzen, DDS, Brookings, SD
 Dental Assistant, Carrels Family Dentistry, Aberdeen, SD
 Dental Assistant, Charles Hoffman, Huron, SD
 Dental Assistant, Dental Center, Aberdeen, SD
 Dental Assistant, Dental Designs, Mitchell, SD
 Dental Assistant, Fuchs Orthodontics, Huron, SD
 Dental Assistant, Jon Baumann, DDS, Yankton, SD
 Dental Assistant, Kapla Dental, Bismarck, ND
 Dental Assistant, Kevin Horner, DDS, Sioux Falls, SD
 Dental Assistant, Lake Area Pediatric, Watertown, SD
 Dental Assistant, Michael Homer, DMD, PC, Sioux Falls, SD
 Dental Assistant, Missouri River Dentistry, Ft. Pierre, SD
 Dental Assistant, Northeastern Dental Center, Aberdeen, SD
 Dental Assistant, Pediatric Dentistry, Inc, Sioux Falls, SD
 Dental Assistant, Siouxland Oral Surgery, Sioux Falls, SD (2)
 Dental Assistant, Stephan Gullings, DDS, Mitchell, SD
 Dental Assistant, The Smile Center, Bismarck, ND
 Lab Technician, Lake Area Dental Lab, Watertown, SD
 Receptionist, Family Dental Care, Watertown, SD

DIESEL TECHNOLOGY

Number of graduates	44
Number located	44
Continuing education	5 (11%)
Employed	39 (89%)
US Armed Forces.....	1
Employed in training-related career	38 (100%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota	32 (84%)
Entry-level wage range.....	\$10.00 – \$15.23
6-month wage range	\$8.46 – \$26.86
Average wage after 6 months	\$14.18 hr.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

Diesel Mechanic, Butler Machinery, Aberdeen, SD (3)
Diesel Mechanic, Dan's Shop, Montevideo, MN
Diesel Technician, All-Tech, Centerville, SD
Diesel Technician, Butler Machinery, Gillette, WY
Diesel Technician, Butler Machinery, Rapid City, SD
Diesel Technician, Butler Machinery, Sioux Falls, SD (4)
Diesel Technician, Gesswein Motors, Milbank, SD
Diesel Technician, Hersrud Company, Sturgis, SD
Diesel Technician, Interstate Detroit Diesel, Sioux Falls, SD
Diesel Technician, James River Equipment, Huron, SD (2)
Diesel Technician, Mattern Diesel, Aberdeen, SD
Diesel Technician, O Keefe Implement, DeSmet, SD
Farm Mechanic, Family Farm, Akaska, SD
Mechanic, Family Business, Linton, ND
Mechanic, Family Farm, Huron, SD
Mechanic, Family Farm, Redfield, SD
Mechanic, Family Farm, Ree Heights, SD
Mechanic, Family Farm, Watertown, SD
Mechanic, Scott Supply, Mitchell, SD (2)
Mechanic, Tony's Diesel Service, Sioux Falls, SD
Mechanic, Upper Plains Contracting, Aberdeen, SD
Mechanic, VanDerwerff Implement, Platte, SD
Service Manager, Polluck Equipment, Polluck, SD
Service Technician, Titan Machinery, Pipestone, MN
Service Technician, Town and Country Implement, Rock Valley, IA
Technician, Brookings Equipment, Brookings, SD
Technician, Eddie's Truck Center, Ft. Pierre, SD
Technician, RDO, Aberdeen, SD (3)
Truck Driver, Sykora Harvesting, Beardslly, MN

ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

See Robotics.

ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING

Number of graduates	19
Number located	18
Continuing education.....	2 (11%)
Employed.....	16 (89%)
US Armed Forces	1
Employed in training-related career.....	13 (87%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota.....	11 (85%)
Entry-level wage range	\$10.00 – \$14.50
6-month wage range	\$10.50 – \$18.75
Average wage after 6 months.....	\$14.54 hr.

Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

Architectural Drafter, Superior Structures, Bismarck, ND
Civil Engineering Technician, Larson Engineering, Milbank, SD
Drafter, Daktronics, Brookings, SD
Drafter, Terex Telelect, Watertown, SD
Drafter/Designer, Dakota Bodies, Watertown, SD (3)
Engineering/Sales, Dueco, Inc, Watertown, SD
Journey Technician, SD Department of Transportation, Aberdeen, SD
Journey Technician, SD Department of Transportation, Watertown, SD
Mechanical Drafter, Redlinger Brothers, Watertown, SD
Quality Assurance Engineer, Angus-Palm Industries, Watertown, SD
Surveyor, Northern Plains Tiling, Madison, MN

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY

Number of graduates	9
Number located	9
Continuing education.....	6 (67%) *
Employed.....	3 (33%)
Employed in training-related career.....	2 (67%)
Employed in training-related career in South Dakota.....	2 (100%)
Entry-level wage range	No data disclosed
6-month wage range	No data disclosed
Average wage after 6 months.....	No data disclosed

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Job Titles and Places of Employment (training-related only):

Operator, Glacial Lakes Energy, Watertown, SD
Zoo Keeper, Watertown Bramble Park Zoo, Watertown, SD

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