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**Process Technology** - Page 23

You will be responsible for planning, analyzing, and controlling the production of products from the acquisition of raw materials through the production and distribution of products to customers in a variety of process industries. The national median salary is $40,000.

**Industrial Maintenance Technology** - Page 18

Work in large manufacturing companies as industrial machinery and maintenance technicians, keeping plant machinery and equipment up-and-running so that production can continue. The potential salary range is $11-31 per hour.

**Corrosion Technology** - Page 15

Work both indoors and outdoors installing, maintaining, inspecting, and troubleshooting all sorts of facilities such as pipelines, storage tanks and building components. The national median salary is $64,860.

**Automotive Technology** - Page 13

Interested in a career in automotive repair? Our NATEF and ASE certified program is the only one of its kind in East Texas and is designed to teach the basic automotive theories and tasks related to all ASE Certification areas. A lecture/lab format gives students hands-on experience. The national median salary is $34,550.

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As first responders to accidents and disasters, you will keep people alive until they are transported to a hospital. The national median salary is $34,870.

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Become a member of the nursing team in performing basic nursing skills, working in places such as acute care hospitals, nursing homes, extended care facilities, physicians offices, public health agencies, and child-care centers. The national median salary is $42,910.
Welcome!
Welcome to a world of possibilities. Whether you are in high school and thinking about possible careers or maybe you’re working but thinking about changing careers, this career and technical guide is designed to show you the world of possibilities that Kilgore College offers. Not everybody earns an associate’s degree before becoming job-ready. In fact, more and more people are obtaining certificates that give them the credentials to put them right to work, earning great money at a job they love. The important thing is to find a job that makes you happy – something you will truly enjoy. You’ll find an abundance of career choices in this guide, most of which offer an associate’s degree (2-year degree) and certificate programs (length varies). The choice is yours. Take a look at what KC offers and discover the world of possibilities. If you have any questions about the content inside, don’t hesitate to give us a call at (903) 983-8209 or visit www.kilgore.edu. At Kilgore College, your future starts here!

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Martin Gonzalez still remembers the day he graduated from high school. It’s a day he and his family will never forget.

This was quite an achievement for Gonzalez, being the first person in his family to graduate from high school and the first one to go to college.

“When I was walking to get my high school diploma, I told my mom, ‘I did it!’” Gonzalez said. “In high school, I was always thinking about the future and visualizing what I wanted to do in the future. I was so proud to walk across that stage.”

After he graduated from Longview High School in 2007 he took classes at Kilgore College in photography, criminal justice and massage therapy.

“I enjoyed these classes, but I always wanted to do something with the fashion industry, such as hair or even clothing,” Gonzalez said.

He took a brief break from school so he could work more hours, but re-enrolled at KC in 2013 in the cosmetology program. It’s a decision he says changed his life.

“Since KC offered cosmetology, it was easy for me to make the decision. I like doing hair and making people feel good about themselves,” he said.
He was a little hesitant entering the predominantly female field of cosmetology, but says the instructors and fellow students at KC were very welcoming to him.

“Yes, there was a stigma about being a male cosmetology student, especially being a Hispanic male,” Gonzalez said.

“You don’t see many guys taking cosmetology courses, but it was fine. I did feel a little uncomfortable at first, but I knew what my goal was and I was confident that I’d be successful.”

While taking cosmetology courses in 2013, he also worked two jobs – at a restaurant and a hotel.

“I would go to school full-time Mondays through Thursdays. On Fridays I would work at the hotel from early in the morning until 3 p.m., get off work and head straight to the restaurant to work late into the night,” Gonzalez said. “I’d do the same thing on Saturdays and Sundays to make sure I had enough money. I did that for a full year. It was exciting because I was working, paying for myself.”

He said that it was really interesting taking the pre-cosmetology courses because they were business-focused.

“I was excited because I knew those courses would help me out in the long run, especially since I want to own my own shop one day,” he said.

Gonzalez and some of his classmates created a presentation in the class like the ones on the television show “Shark Tank” and his group was the winner of the competition.

“We had to make budgets for rent, advertisements, shop costs and had to make the numbers work. It was a great learning experience,” he said.

By March of 2014, he was able to quit working at the hotel because he had saved enough money to afford only having one job.

“I know everything is going to pay off. I’ve worked hard, and will continue to strive for what I want,” he said.

Gonzalez graduated from KC with his cosmetology certificate in May of 2015.

“I plan on working as a cosmetologist, but in the beginning I wanted to be a travel nurse. I might end up coming back to KC to take nursing courses. I figure if I am a nurse with a cosmetology certificate, I could possibly help people in the hospital feel better about their appearance.”

Gonzalez said he has really enjoyed the program, especially the instructors and his classmates.

“We all support each other and work as a team. Everyone I’ve experienced in the program—from the teachers to the other students—have been very supportive. That’s the same way it has to be in the workplace, as well.”

In the beginning, when he was researching colleges on his own, looking for a school to attend, he said the counselors at KC were amazing in guiding him academically.

“They are very helpful here at the college. I’m thankful for their assistance and guidance,” he said.

Gonzalez tears up when he thinks about being the first person in his family to graduate and the realization that he will be a college graduate soon.

“My whole family is so proud of me and it’s a great feeling,” he said. “My parents were very supportive of me and told me to never give up. Just when you think there’s no way of doing something, there’s always a way.”

He said people shouldn’t care about what other people think, either.

“Find your passion and learn as much as you can. It doesn’t matter what other people think of your choice. What matters is you find something that makes you happy. You’d hate to be working a job that doesn’t fulfill you.”

Gonzalez said he’s excited about graduating soon and still remembers back in 2007 when he walked across the high school stage and told his mom, “I did it.”

“When I walked across the college stage at graduation, earning my cosmetology certificate, I was excited to tell my mom – Hey, Mom, ‘I did it again!’”
Industrial Maintenance

Marilyn Hawkins, 33, Marshall
Industrial Maintenance
When the Dana Corp. manufacturing plant closed in Longview in 2012, Marilyn Hawkins was without a job. She was 30 years old with three children, ages 10, 7 and 3.

“I was making good money with my job. All of a sudden, that income was gone and I was wondering where I would go from here,” Hawkins said.

She had worked as a welder for Dana Corp. for 11 years.

“Once the plant shut down, I was considered as a displaced worker so I had the option to try to get another job or go to school,” Hawkins said.

She chose the latter, enrolling in the Industrial Maintenance program at Kilgore College-Longview in 2013 and is set to graduate with an Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Maintenance in August of 2015.

“I knew I wanted to stay in an industrial field,” Hawkins said. “I didn’t know how in-depth I wanted to go with industrial maintenance and was a little hesitant, but once I started the program I knew I was going to school for something I truly love.”

Hawkins found out about the Industrial Maintenance program at KC through Workforce Solutions in Longview. She was intrigued by the curriculum and potential to get a good job from the training.

“I love to fix stuff. I used to tell my mother that I wanted to be a nurse, but she would always remind me that I didn’t like all of the gory stuff that nurses have to experience,” Hawkins said. “I realized she was right. Industrial Maintenance is a perfect field for me because growing up, I was always working with my hands, changing tires, changing oil and fixing things.”

Hawkins said that going back to school in her 30’s wasn’t easy, especially with taking care of three children, but it’s a sacrifice she knows will pay off in the long run.

Her children, now ages 13, 10 and 6, are enrolled in Marshall Independent School District and she is striving to be a role model for them.

“This is going to school in her 30’s. She’s going to school in her 30’s,” Hawkins said. “I want to set the example for my kids that an education is very important,” Hawkins said. “I want my kids to see how hard it is, but at the same time how rewarding hard work can be.”

Hawkins questioned whether she could balance school, working and raising three children. But she said she knew she could do anything she put her mind to.

“It has been a challenge for me because I thought that I really couldn’t do it at first. I went from high school to having kids to working at a restaurant to working at Dana Corp.,” Hawkins said. “I knew coming back to school I had one good shot at it and I wanted to work as hard as I could to make it happen.”

And her hard work has paid off. Most recently she was nominated by Kelly Kaemmerling, KC’s industrial maintenance instructor, for the National Technical Honor Society because of her high Grade Point Average. She has also been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society.

“I’m so proud of those honors. It’s true that hard work pays off,” Hawkins said. “It’s up to you as a person to strive for the best things you can accomplish.”

Hawkins praised the program at Kilgore College–Longview and encourages people who are considering going back to school just to give it a try.

“The program has been great. I knew some of the basic stuff coming in, but the instructors have been great about pushing me to learn as much as I can during class time,” she said. “My advice for someone who is older or who doesn’t fit the mold is you never know until you try.”

Hawkins worked last summer at Alcoa Inc. in Kilgore as part of the co-op program and has been offered co-op with Eastman Chemical Co.

“I’m going to give it my all like I’ve been doing for the last two and a half years,” Hawkins said. “Hopefully the co-ops will end up landing me a good job after I graduate.”

Hawkins is thankful to be studying something she loves and strives every day to better herself.

“You need to have a passion for whatever you do,” she said. “Strive for the top and don’t settle for less. You can do anything you put your mind to. It’s never too late.”

For more information about this program see page 18.
Living in the Ukraine, food was sparse and hope for the future centered on mere survival.

“My daughter would come home from school telling me she was so hungry. I would have to tell her that she would just have to wait because we had no money,” said Luyda Burgess, Kilgore College student.

“We wouldn’t eat two to three times a day as most people do. Sometimes we would just have to wait for someone to invite us to eat or wait for someone to give us food.”

Burgess, 43, who now lives in Gilmer, dreamed of a better life but couldn’t imagine how to escape the emptiness and desperation of her poverty-stricken life in the Ukraine.

Although her journey started in poverty and despondency, she has overcome immense obstacles and will graduate in August of 2015 with a certificate in Licensed Vocational Nursing.

In the Ukraine, Burgess worked 20 years as a teacher, but was barely able to make enough money to buy food and clothing for her and her infant daughter.

“I had to go to work in a bakery at night to make enough money to try to support me and my daughter. I would buy bread and milk and that was our meal. My boss was kind enough to give us shoes and clothes,” Burgess said.

Burgess’ childhood wasn’t any easier. Her parents were divorced and her father was an alcoholic. She was even homeless for a while, begging for food on the streets.

“Sometimes it was 20 below zero in the Ukraine and my daughter and I didn’t have the proper clothing or shoes for the cold weather,” Burgess said.

While Burgess was working at the bakery at night, she missed valuable time with her young daughter, Sasha. Sometimes, she wouldn’t get home until after daybreak and by that time, Sasha had already left for school.

“It was so scary for me being at work because my daughter was away from me and she was only 5 or 6 years old,” Burgess said.

One time, Burgess’ mother was sick and in the hospital. Her mother would share hospital food with Burgess and Sasha simply because they couldn’t afford food on their own.

“I just prayed and truly believed that a change would come that could improve our lives,” she said.

That change began to materialize when her mother took a job in another city and convinced Burgess and her daughter to move there also.

“We lived at a place with a little land so we could plant some food to eat. It was very much a country place rather than living in the city, so it was very different, but it was a little better situation for us,” Burgess said.

Sasha attended the school where her grandmother and mother worked, so Burgess was a little less worrisome, knowing her mother was looking out for her daughter at school.
In 2007, Burgess’ life changed drastically, all because her sister invited her on a vacation. “My sister encouraged me to go with her to the Black Sea for a little trip. Little did I know that the trip would change my life forever,” Burgess said.

It was on that trip that she met her future husband, an American, also on vacation. “I initially saw him at a beach on the Black Sea. He was this dark-skinned man with a mustache,” Burgess said. “It was a gift from God that I met him on that vacation.”

Though they were separated for long periods of time after the vacation, they kept in touch by writing letters and calling each other on the phone. As their relationship developed, she knew they would marry one day.

They eventually married and she moved to America in 2008, becoming a citizen of the United States a year ago.

Used to living in poverty in the Ukraine, she was amazed entering the United States for the first time. She couldn’t get over how happy and hopeful everyone was.

“When I first came to America, I was entering customs and I was shocked because I was greeted by people with smiles on their faces who were very welcoming. My God, I thought, people are actually smiling at me. I just wasn’t used to that living in the Ukraine. I felt immediately as if I had died and gone to heaven,” Burgess said.

Since Burgess was a teacher back in the Ukraine, she wanted to find a job in the states so she could continue helping people. In 2009, she began to take English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at Kilgore College where she struggled immensely with learning English.

“It was so difficult because the language barrier was very difficult to overcome. I would come home crying, but my husband would encourage me. He would remind me that nobody learns another language quickly,” Burgess said.

“The first teacher I met was Maria Roy who taught ESL. She is just so amazing. She helped me and my daughter so much with learning English.”

As her language developed, she knew she wanted to pursue something in the medical field.

Unfortunately for Burgess, none of her college credits from her post-Soviet Union education in the Ukraine qualified to transfer to the states.

“I had to start completely over with college,” Burgess said. She began taking Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) courses at KC to get a sense of what college coursework was like.

Burgess also worked two years at a local nursing home while taking classes at KC. “It was very intimidating at first because I had never actually been to a nursing home. I adjusted, and it turned out to be a great experience because I was able to help the people that were in great need in the nursing home—help them feel like I was part of their family,” Burgess said.

Burgess also took medical terminology courses at KC while working at the nursing home.

She wanted to enter the LVN program, but had difficulty passing the Accuplacer exam which was a prerequisite.

“It took me three or four tries to pass the test, but eventually I did, and I was so excited. I knew I was finally going to be able to fulfill my dream of studying nursing,” Burgess said.

Not only did Burgess begin studying in the LVN program, but she was highly successful. She is on pace to graduate in August with an LVN certificate so she can pursue a career helping people in need.

“Sometimes you have to try again and again and again, but it’s up to you to put the work in to be successful.”

Burgess tears up when she remembers the strict poverty she came from and how far she has come – how different her life is today. She said for the first time in her life, she feels hopeful.

“But yesterday, my daughter and I were leaving the store and my daughter said to me how thankful she was to be in America because of three things: Hot showers, cars for transportation and the ability to eat what we want without going hungry,” Burgess said.

“The people here in America, most of them, just can’t believe how difficult the life was in the Ukraine that we came from. Every night I pray to God and tell him how thankful I am to be where I am today.”

Burgess’ daughter Sasha, now 25 years old, completed dental assistant courses and now works as an assistant in a local dentist’s office.

“Every morning when I wake up I thank God for how blessed we are. For the first time, I notice the trees, the sky. I never noticed those things in the Ukraine like I do now because I had so many hardships,” Burgess said.

“The only thing I was concerned about in the Ukraine was how to survive. Now with hope and an education, a happy life is possible.” ★
Growing up in Mexico, Leon Cazares-Lopez left school after the eighth grade and began working. In 1986, at age 16, he moved to the United States and began working long hours in construction, electrical, carpeting and plumbing.

Cazares-Lopez, now 47 years old, said he enjoyed the work he did in construction and made decent money, but there was always something missing.

“I got sidetracked with the fact that I could make my own money without an education and I put off school because I was doing really well,” Cazares-Lopez said.

“I learned that with the physical work you can get anything you want – clothes, shoes, cars, motorcycles. My mother and my family were encouraging me to go back to school, but that’s not something I wanted to do at the time.”

After working odd jobs for a number of years, he had everything he wanted except one thing – an education.

“All of the material stuff you can lose as quickly as you get it, but an education will always be with you,” he said.

In 2011, he went back to school to get his General Educational Development (GED) certificate.

“I was denied my GED in 1988. When I went back to school recently to get my GED, I was able to enroll at Panola College and did very well on my grades and succeeded in earning it,” Cazares-Lopez said.
One of his GED teachers encouraged him to enroll in college. He was hesitant, but finally obliged.

With that encouragement, he applied to take the college placement (THEA) test and passed the first try.

“I was so excited to pass that test, especially the first time I took it,” Cazares-Lopez said.

In 2013, he entered the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology program at Kilgore College–Longview, but had to leave the program shortly after due to personal reasons.

He enrolled again last year and is set to graduate in October of 2015 with his HVAC technician certification and wants to eventually become an AC/refrigeration contractor.

“I really love what I’m doing, have gained a lot of confidence and am happy to be here in this program at KC. I’m enjoying it a lot,” Cazares-Lopez said. “I’ve really surprised myself with my good grades. It’s a good feeling knowing that I’m doing well in college and doing something that I’m passionate about.”

Cazares-Lopez said his mother, who is still living in Mexico, is his greatest influence. She went back to college in her 60s and graduated as a nurse at age 75.

“Watching my mother graduate at that age inspired me to go back to school and graduate on my own,” he said.

“She’s so proud of me because I’m the youngest in the family and I was the only one who left school in Mexico. The others have good professional jobs such as teachers or nurses. I was the only one without my education. That won’t be the case much longer.”

Cazares-Lopez, who is married and has a 1-year-old boy, wants to be a good example for his son.

“I want him to watch what I’m doing to motivate him and teach him how to be a man. Education is so important and I want him to learn that at an early age,” he said.

He said he sees many students who take for granted what their parents provide them and just don’t take their education seriously.

“Lots of students will start the program but once they see how much work it takes, they decide to quit. As a student, you first need to do what you love, and second, you need to take your classes seriously. You only get out of it what you put into it.”

He credits instructor Tim Bright as being a great role model and outstanding teacher.

“He’s great working with us, showing us the ins-and-outs of what we need to know,” Cazares-Lopez said. “He motivates me to get here early and do what I’m supposed to do. I don’t want to waste my time so I strive to work as hard as I can. He encourages us all to do that.”

While attending school, Cazares-Lopez also works part-time in Marshall with tile, flooring, plumbing and carpentry.

“I hope people out there, maybe even some older people who think they’re too old to go back to college, can see my story and realize that it’s never too late to get your education,” he said.

“Once I started this program, I realized there are no limits. Limits are only what you put on yourself.” ★
When they were little girls they were always tearing things apart just so they could put them back together. Now they have both discovered a love of engines and fascination with learning the intricacies of mechanical technology.

Dena Mahan and D’Arcy Alderson don’t fit the stereotype of a diesel mechanic, but that’s just what they’re pursuing through the Diesel Technology program at KC-Longview.

From a young age both women, who live in Kilgore, knew that whatever career they chose, it would involve working with their hands. They quickly discovered office work obviously wasn’t for them.

They were hesitant at first to pursue the mostly male career of diesel technology, but quickly realized that they – just like men – could work on engines.

“That’s pretty much the stigma – She’s a chick, she can’t turn any wrenches. She can’t pick up all of the big heavy stuff,” Mahan said. “Then when you actually get out there and do the same thing the guys are, they’re like, wow, she’s good.”

Mahan, 28, said she was excited to learn that companies are actually looking for females trained in diesel technology because they have smaller hands for more “fine-detailed” jobs.

Alderson said they’ve had people come in to observe the class and say, “What are those girls doing here?” The guys in the class say, “The same things we are.”
She learned quickly at a young age that she wanted to know how things work and how objects are put together – sometimes to the chagrin of her mother.

“I used to take my mom’s computers apart when she wasn’t home,” Alderson said. “She would come home and I’d put them back together. She would get so mad because parts were everywhere, but I’d always get them put back together.”

Alderson, 22, graduated from Bryan Adams High School in Dallas in 2011. She got a taste of what it was like to be around mechanics at an early age because her step-father was a truck driver and her half-brother is a diesel mechanic.

She also hung out with a group of friends in Dallas who were really into racing and working on cars.

“My friends all worked on cars, so I was really taught a lot by them about what the parts were and how they worked,” Alderson said. “Eventually I moved to East Texas and met a group of friends that were into racing at the local track. I also worked at a shop in East Texas where I learned a lot.”

Alderson said she learned that on the “gas” side of mechanical there are some limitations, but on the “oil side” of the field with diesel, jobs are plentiful.

She is currently working at Longview Transit to earn her internship hours while attending classes at KC.

“Quite the opposite,” Mahan said. “It’s just fun. If you like working with your hands, it’s extremely enjoyable. It’s exciting to know that I’m going to college studying something that I enjoy doing. If you like cars or trucks, it’s an enjoyable field that you can make a profitable career of.”

Mahan said the classes she has taken have given her a better idea of what she truly enjoys working on.

“I love to work on generators, but we’ve been working on transmissions and I really like that, so I might end up specializing in transmissions,” Mahan said.

As a part of the diesel technology program at KC, students are required to have a paid internship while taking classes.

“We go out, fill out applications, and produce resumes. I was working recently at a Kubota Tractor dealership,” Mahan said. “It gives you good on-the-job experience.”

Alderson said she feels that the program is the “golden ticket” for her future, especially being a female in the field.

“It’s probably easier for a guy with diesel technology experience to get a job without a degree, but once I graduate I can show employers that I’m dedicated to the career,” Alderson said. “A lot of people say it’s just a piece of paper, but coming from a female’s perspective, it’s everything.”

She said she has no regrets about entering the program.
Accounting

About the program:
The business department offers a 30-Hour Certificate, a 40-Hour Certificate and an Associate’s of Applied Science degree in Accounting. These programs are designed for students who feel that they will not have the opportunity to pursue a traditional bachelor’s degree at a university. These programs emphasize technical training in the field of accounting. Some of the coursework in these programs is not intended for transfer to a four-year school.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
A 30-Hour Certificate, a 40-Hour Certificate and an Associate’s of Applied Science degree in Accounting.

Who do I contact for more information?
Richard Dugger, instructor: 903-983-8140 or rdugger@kilgore.edu
Mary Martin, professional support assistant: 903-983-8131 or mmartin@kilgore.edu

Program Website:
www.kilgore.edu/business-accounting

Advertising/Graphic Design Technology

About the program:
Advertising & Graphic Design Technology at Kilgore College is an exciting program that will prepare you for staff positions and freelance assignments where you might design commercial packaging, print publications, book covers, annual reports, websites, advertisements, mobile apps, brands and identities and more. Students are trained in industry standard software and in conceptual thinking, ideation and professional practices.

Hard work and personal commitment are expected of visual arts students, but the faculty also recognizes the value of enjoying the creative process. The AGDT faculty sponsors the KC Visual Arts Club which provides students with opportunities to meet and share in creative, social and educational activities outside the classroom. Club field trips are organized to visit design studios and advertising agencies in the region, to glimpse the work of professionals succeeding in the industry.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The Advertising/Graphic Design Technology program offers a 60-Hour Associate of Applied Science degree and a 30-Hour certificate.

What are the prerequisites for the program?
A desire to learn about the industry of graphic design and illustration is the most important. In addition, you need the basic enrollment requirements discussed in the Kilgore College catalog.

Who do I contact for more information?
Coy Lothrop: 903-988-7596 or clothrop@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/agdt
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology

About the program:
This program prepares students as entry-level service technicians in the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration fields. Students who graduate from this program will install, maintain and repair equipment and accessory units for commercial, residential and industrial usage. Students also study the repair of home appliances, such as ice makers, window air conditioners, freezers and refrigerators.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The program consists of three certificates, which the student will complete in 12 months. Students may go immediately into the workplace or continue and earn an Associate of Applied Science degree.

Who do I contact for more information?
Tim Bright, instructor: 903-236-2046 or tbright@kilgore.edu
Or call KC–Longview: 903-753-2642

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/ac-repair

Automotive Body Technology

About the program:
Kilgore College offers a one of only four college level NATEF certified Auto Body Collision Repair programs in the state. This program covers all aspects of auto body collision repair and reconstruction including body-over-frame and unitized-construction. Courses stress on the repair and replacement of damaged sections of automobiles. The facilities are designed with the classroom adjacent to the shop, unifying textbook knowledge with practical experience, resulting in a comprehensively trained student. The program also includes painting and refinishing with an introduction to custom painting basics. The instructor has 30+ years in the field and is an I-CAR trained individual with ASE certification in repair and refinishing. Today’s rapidly changing technology requires much more training and skills than were required of automotive collision repair technicians in the past.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The program offers a 60-Hour Associate of Applied Science degree that takes about two years to compete. It also offers a 40-Hour certificate program for basic auto body repair technology that takes one year to complete. In order to receive the National Automotive Training Education Foundation (NATEF) Certificate a student must successfully complete each ASE Certification area with a “B” or better and pass two ASE automotive collision repair technician exams.

What are the prerequisites for the program?
A burning desire to learn about the industry of auto body repair is the most important. In addition, you need the basic enrollment requirements discussed in the Kilgore College catalog.

Who do I contact for more information?
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Amy Smith, administrative assistant: 903-983-8637 or asmith@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/auto-body

Automotive Technology

About the program:
The program is designed to prepare its graduates to enter the rapidly changing automotive repair industry. The student will study each automobile system where he/she will learn the theory of operation along with the proper diagnostic procedure to repair a system problem. Each course will have a laboratory session where students will have an opportunity to practice the concepts and procedures studied in the classroom. Automotive Technology is a NATEF Certified Program.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
60-Hour Associate’s Degree, a 15-Hour General Service Technician Certificate and a 30-Hour Advanced Technician Certificate.

Who do I contact for more information?
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Amy Smith, administrative assistant: 903-983-8637 or asmith@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/auto-tech
Business (General)

About the program:
The program focuses on the practical application of current theory and knowledge in the field of early childhood research and education. Students learn through the college classroom as well as field experiences in both the public school classroom and the nationally accredited Kilgore College Early Childhood Center under the supervision of model early childhood teachers. All courses are based on specific competencies that have been identified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, employers, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
60-Hour Associate’s Degree in General Business, a 30-Hour Certificate and a 39-Hour Certificate.

Who do I contact for more information?
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Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/business-general

Child Development and Education

About the program:
The program focuses on the practical application of current theory and knowledge in the field of early childhood research and education. Students learn through the college classroom as well as field experiences in both the public school classroom and the nationally accredited Kilgore College Early Childhood Center under the supervision of model early childhood teachers. All courses are based on specific competencies that have been identified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, employers, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The department offers an Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education, three certificates (18-22 hrs.) and an Associate of Arts in Teaching degree.

Who do I contact for more information?
Lara Pauley, Program Coordinator and Instructor: 903-983-8292 or lpauley@kilgore.edu
Janet Baxter, support specialist: 903-983-8293 or jbaxter@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/child-development
Computer Security/Networking

About the program:
Courses of study are designed to train the student in all aspects of computer science. Upon completion of the computer science program, a student will be prepared to take the exam -- an industry-recognized, vendor-neutral certification for technicians who work in this field.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
Degrees and/or certificates are offered in Computer Networking, Cisco Specialty, Cyber Security Specialty and PC Support Specialty.

Who do I contact for more information?
Chris Marshall, instructor: 903-983-8158 or cmarshall@kilgore.edu
Mary Martin, administrative assistant: 903-983-8131 or mmartin@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/computer-science

Corrosion Technology

About the program:
Corrosion costs the U.S. over $300 billion per year and also produces significant safety, environmental and financial consequences. Corrosion control is therefore important to company profits and is required by government regulatory agencies such as the EPA, DOT and OPS. Corrosion technology utilizes chemistry, electricity, physics, metallurgy and other sciences to prevent or control corrosion damage. Careers in Corrosion Control therefore apply these sciences to control the chemical and mechanical aspects that are involved in the deterioration of properties which we call “Corrosion.” Students who major in Corrosion Technology may also qualify for Department Scholarships provided by several companies and individuals.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The program offers a 60-Hour Associate of Applied Science degree and a 31-Hour Corrosion Technology Certificate. A full-time student who has graduated from high school and requires no remedial coursework can complete the Associate Degree in four semesters which is normally two years. This includes a summer internship, which is accomplished between the second and third semester. The certificate requires only two semesters which can be completed in one year plus any remedial courses, if needed.

Who do I contact for more information?
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Amy Smith, administrative assistant: 903-983-8637 or asmith@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/corrosion

Cosmetology

About the program:
Cosmetology is the art and science of beautifying hair, skin and nails. The main goal of the Cosmetology program is to prepare students to pass the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation examination. This program at KC-Longview prepares students to pass both the Texas written and practical examinations. Students receive this preparation through classes and also by actual salon experience through the program’s salon facilities and its clientele.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The Cosmetology Program contains three certificates of completion.

All certificates prepare students to take the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation licensure examinations. The Cosmetology Operator certificate takes three semesters or 12 months with classes starting in August and January. For Nail Technology, the student can complete the curriculum in one semester, with classes starting in August and January. For Facial/Esthetician, classes begin in August. The student will finish in two semesters.

Who do I contact for more information?
Joyce Sperlich, instructor: 903-236-2014 or jsperlich@kilgore.edu

Or call KC–Longview: 903-753-2642

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/cosmetology
About the program:
The Culinary Arts Program prepares students for careers in the nation’s second largest private sector business—food service. The program consists of two certificates and an associate of applied science degree. Classes begin each August. Classes are offered in the state-of-the-art kitchen facility at the Longview High School Career and Technology Education Center. Jobs include the following: chef, baker, recipe developer, menu planner, food & beverage director, training director, catering manager, and banquet manager.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The Culinary Arts program offers a 60-Hour Associate of Applied Science degree and an Associate of Arts degree. The Associate of Arts degree typically takes two years to complete. This is based on a course load of 16-18 semester credit hours over four long (fall/spring) semesters.

Who do I contact for more information?
Michael Ferguson, instructor: 903-983-8670 or mferguson@kilgore.edu
Mary Martin, administrative assistant: 903-983-8131 or mmartin@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/culinary

Culinary Arts

About the program:
The Criminal Justice degree program is designed to provide a broad-based liberal arts education incorporating the Core Curriculum along with the core criminal justice courses. In addition to criminal justice courses, this program provides students with a basis in science, English, math, history, government and technology.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The Criminal Justice program offers a 60-Hour Associate of Applied Science degree and an Associate of Arts degree. The Associate of Arts degree typically takes two years to complete. This is based on a course load of 16-18 semester credit hours over four long (fall/spring) semesters.

Who do I contact for more information?
Michael Ferguson, instructor: 903-983-8670 or mferguson@kilgore.edu
Mary Martin, administrative assistant: 903-983-8131 or mmartin@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/criminal-justice

Diesel Technology

About the program:
The Diesel Technology Program prepares students for positions in the exciting world of diesel truck repair, heavy equipment repair and natural gas compression. Upon enrolling in the program, students are assisted in finding jobs with local companies that allow them to work part-time as a mechanic-in-training while attending KC. Students who graduate from this program can work as a truck technicians, heavy equipment technicians, and natural gas compression technicians. Students may elect to specialize in areas such as building engines or transmissions. The opportunities in this field are limited only by a person’s desire and work ethic.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
Program emphasis is placed on theory and actual hands-on work experience. Start with the 42-Hour certificate that will take one year to complete. After that, an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Diesel Technology is just six courses away. Classes begin each August.

Who do I contact for more information?
Charles Childers, instructor: 903-236-2075 or cchilders@kilgore.edu
Or call KC–Longview: 903-753-2642

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/diesel-tech
Drafting Design Technology

About the program:
The Kilgore College offers an outstanding Drafting Design Program. As a public-supported community college, tuition is a fraction of the cost of a nationally advertised private technical school. Industrial growth and increasingly complex design problems associated with new products and manufacturing processes will increase the demand for drafting services. Also, computer-aided drafting (CAD) technicians are beginning to break out of the traditional drafting role and doing more work traditionally performed by engineers and architects. A lecture/lab format gives the student hands-on experience guided by experienced instructors.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
- 60-Hour Associate of Applied Science degree
- 24-Hour Basic Certificate
- 24-Hour Advanced Certificate

Who do I contact for more information?
- Eddie Bernaldez, instructor: 903-236-2012 or ebernaldez@kilgore.edu
- Amy Smith, administrative assistant: 903-983-8637 or asmith@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/drafting

East Texas Police Academy

About the program:
The East Texas Police Academy is dedicated to serving the pre-service and in-service training needs of the officers, agencies, and communities of Northeast Texas. ETPA has provided law enforcement training since the academy's inception in 1966. We strive to provide the most progressive, professional, and effective law enforcement training possible.

The East Texas Police Academy is licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement as a Law Enforcement Academy and is contracted by the Commission to provide training courses. Law Enforcement Academies licensed by the Commission on Law Enforcement provide basic licensing and continuing education training courses which may be submitted for TCOLE credit.

What classes are offered?
The ETPA offers a 720-Hour Basic Peace Officer Course, the 96-Hour Basic County Corrections Course, the 40-Hour Basic Telecommunicator Certification Course, all required intermediate-level core courses, mandated recurrent courses, and a host of other basic and advanced courses.

Who do I contact for more information?
- Brian Ruthven, director: 903-983-8172 or bruthven@kilgore.edu
- Lou Ann Procell, professional support assistant: 903-983-8173 or lprocell@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/etpa

Emergency Medical Services Professions

About the program:
Be on the front lines of saving lives with an Emergency Medical Services Professions Certificate or degree from Kilgore College. As first responders to accidents and disasters, EMTs and paramedics keep people alive until they are transported to a hospital. Kilgore’s Emergency Medical Services Professions Program prepares students for diverse careers in the medical field. The program teaches many life-saving skills, required for the fast-advancing world of EMS (Emergency Medical Services). The graduates work at numerous fire departments, private EMS services and hospitals. The student has the choice of completing a certificate or a degree.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The EMT Certificate can be completed in one semester, with start dates in August, January, and May. The Paramedic Certificate takes four semesters to complete. With another six classes, students receive an Associate of Applied Science degree in EMS to become a licensed paramedic.

Who do I contact for more information?
- Eddie Bernaldez, instructor: 903-236-2012 or ebernaldez@kilgore.edu
- Karen Dilday, instructor: 903-983-8169 or kdilday@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/ems
**Fire Academy**

**About the program:**
The Kilgore College Fire Academy is certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and the State Firemen and Fire Marshal’s Association and approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). It offers certification schools for NFPA 1001 Basic Structural Firefighter I and II certification, the Texas Volunteer certification, Fire Inspector and Fire and Arson Investigation courses.

**What courses are offered?**
Individuals completing a combined Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II Commission approved Basic Structure Fire Suppression program; passing the applicable State examination; and holding, as a minimum, current certification by the Texas Department of Health as an Emergency Care Attendant or successful completion of the American Red Cross Emergency Response course with optional endorsements may be granted IFSAC certifications as a Firefighter I, Firefighter II, First Responder Awareness and First Responder Operations by making application to the Commission for the IFSAC seals and paying applicable fees. Students will also receive eight (8) hours certification in Wildland Firefighter Techniques from the Texas Forest Service and twenty-five (25) hours certification in Hazardous Materials Response from the City of Kilgore Fire Department.

**Who do I contact for more information?**
Nelda Ferguson, professional support assistant: 903-983-8662 or nferguson@kilgore.edu

**Program Website:** www.kilgore.edu/fire-academy

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**Fire Protection**

**About the program:**
The Kilgore College Fire Academy offers an online program, one that current certified firefighters might have a burning interest in. Tuition and lab fees are free to current employed paid Texas firefighters. It’s great because you can complete the online coursework while maintaining full-time jobs. Firefighters who complete the program will have better promotional opportunities and will be more marketable in the field.

**What degrees/certificates are offered?**
The online program provides a curriculum that, when completed, will award graduates with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Fire Protection. The course is a total of 60 hours which includes the Basic Fire Academy training. Students who have completed a certified commissioned academy can receive 23 hours credit toward their degree and take the remaining 37 hours online.

**Who do I contact for more information?**
Rhonda Forsythe, manager: 903-983-8177 or rforsythe@kilgore.edu

**Program Website:** www.kilgore.edu/fire-protection

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**Industrial Maintenance Technology**

**About the program:**
The Industrial Maintenance Technology Program prepares students for careers in large manufacturing companies as industrial machinery and maintenance technicians. Industrial maintenance technicians keep plant machinery and equipment up-and-running so that production can continue. The program consists of two certificates and an Associate of Applied Science degree. The first certificate and the associate’s degree have a cooperative course, in which students will receive actual on-the-job training.

**What degrees/certificates are offered?**
The program consists of an Associate of Applied Science degree and two certificates: Entry Industrial Maintenance Technician Certificate (one year) and Industrial Maintenance Technician Certificate (7 months).

**Who do I contact for more information?**
Kelly Kaemmerling, instructor: 903-236-2049 or kkaemmerling@kilgore.edu

Or call KC–Longview: 903-753-2642

**Program Website:** www.kilgore.edu/industrial-maintenance
Instrumentation & Electrical Technology

About the program:
Many industrial firms now use automated processes which require highly programmed electronic equipment to do work that used to be performed by people. Due to their complicated nature, automated devices frequently run into problems which electrical instrumentation technicians must solve. Electrical instrumentation technicians troubleshoot, repair and maintain the various parts needed to keep automated process systems running smoothly and effectively. A degree or certificate is usually necessary to land work as an electrical instrumentation technician.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
60-Hour Associate’s Degree and a 30-Hour Certificate.

Who do I contact for more information?
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Amy Smith, administrative assistant: 903-983-8637 or asmith@kilgore.edu

Program Website:
www.kilgore.edu/instrumentation

Legal Assisting/Paralegal

About the program:
The Legal Assisting Program at Kilgore College is fully accredited by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Legal Assistant curriculum is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills required to work under the general direction of attorneys to assist them in the completion of legal tasks and courts, utility companies, title companies, banks and in government agencies.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
60-Hour Associate’s Degree and a 30-Hour Certificate.

Who do I contact for more information?
John Whitehead, instructor: 903-988-7436 or jwhitehead@kilgore.edu
Mary Martin, professional support assistant: 903-983-8131 or mmartin@kilgore.edu

Program Website:
www.kilgore.edu/legal-assisting

Management – General

About the program:
The Management Program is designed to train students for entry into supervisory and management positions. Choose an Associate of Applied Science Degree majoring in management, or a shorter certificate program in management, retail management, industrial management or the management core courses.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
60-Hour Associate’s Degree and a 39-Hour Certificate.

Who do I contact for more information?
Julian Redfearn, instructor: 903-983-8135 or jredfearn@kilgore.edu
Mary Martin, professional support assistant: 903-983-8131 or mmartin@kilgore.edu

Program Website:
www.kilgore.edu/management-general
Management – Industrial

About the program:
This program prepares you for a career in the Industrial Management field. Topics such as supervision, manufacturing methods, warehousing, distribution channels, purchasing procedures, suppliers relations, cost analysis, performance analysis, total quality management, environmental regulations, occupational safety and health regulations and the Department of Transportation regulations all are covered in this program.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The Industrial Management Specialist Certificate (36 total credit hours) can be completed in one year or complete the Industrial Management degree (60 total credit hours) in two years. You can earn your certificate in one year and if you decide you want to complete the degree, all your certificate courses count toward your degree.

Who do I contact for more information?
Chris Reed, instructor: 903-983-8141 or creed@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/industrial-management

Management – Retail

About the program:
The Kilgore College Retail Management Program prepares students for a career in the profitable, growing field of retail management. The student may choose a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree majoring in retail management or a shorter certificate program.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
60-Hour Associate’s Degree and a 39-Hour Certificate

Who do I contact for more information?
Julian Redfearn, instructor: 903-983-8135 or jredfearn@kilgore.edu
Mary Martin, professional support assistant: 903-983-8131 or mmartin@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/management-retail

Nursing – Associate Degree Nursing (RN)

About the program:
This Nursing Program (ADN) has been providing quality nursing education to this community for many years. A large percentage of the nurses in practice are graduates of the KC ADN program. The program is accredited by the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON), 333 Guadalupe #3-460, Austin TX, (512) 305-7400 and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, as well as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
60-Hour Associate’s Degree

Who do I contact for more information?
Kathy Stone, administrative assistant: 903-983-8168 or kstone@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/adn
About the program:
Vocational nursing prepares the graduate to function as a member of the nursing team in performing basic nursing skills. Kilgore College’s program is accredited by the Board of Nursing for the State of Texas. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the state examination for licensure. The 12-month program is taught in three semesters for a total of 47 credit hours. A certificate of completion is issued upon successful completion of the program.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
This program consists of a combination of classroom instruction at KC–Longview, and clinical training at local hospitals and medical facilities. Two classes are admitted annually. One in August and one in January. A Certificate of Completion is awarded upon successful completion of course requirements. Students will then be eligible to take the state board examination to receive their vocational nursing license.

Who do I contact for more information?
Adrienne Jackson, administrative assistant: 903-236-2036 or adjackson@kilgore.edu
Or call KC–Longview: 903-753-2642

Program Website:
www.kilgore.edu/lvn

Office Professional

About the program:
This program prepares students to work in an office environment. Emphasis is placed on computer applications. In the first two semesters, students will study Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Word, Outlook, resume’ writing, interviewing, accounting, document formatting, telephone techniques, and data entry. In the third semester, students will have an opportunity to prepare to work in a medical environment or to enhance their computer skills.

All third semester students will train on WorkKeys, transcription, Advanced Word and Business Communications. Medical students will learn office procedures for a medical environment, Medisoft and medical terminology. Students that are planning to go into a general business setting will study QuickBooks and Desktop Publishing.

The courses taken in both of these certificates can be applied to an Associate of Applied Science in Office Professional. Classes are held at KC–Longview.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
60-Hour Associate’s Degree, 30-Hour General Certificate and a 15-Hour Specialist Certificate. First-semester classes begin in August and January.

Who do I contact for more information?
Molly Reavis, Program Director: 903-236-2010 or mreavis@kilgore.edu

Program Website:
www.kilgore.edu/office-professional
Occupational Safety and Health Technology

About the program:
This program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills required to work in the safety and environmental technology field. The student may choose a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree or a shorter one-year certificate. Both the degree and certificate program include a practical internship experience. KC Occupational Safety and Health Technology is affiliated with the American Society of Safety Engineers, the world’s oldest and largest professional safety organization.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
60-Hour Associate’s Degree, 36-Hour Certificate

Who do I contact for more information?
Chris Reed, instructor: 903-983-8141 or creed@kilgore.edu

Program Website:
www.kilgore.edu/osht

Photography/Commercial

About the program:
The Photography Program prepares students for university transfer as well as for entry-level positions as studio assistants, photographers and photographic lab technicians. It includes photojournalism, portraiture, commercial illustration and expressive photography-utilizing black and white, color technology as well as digital imaging and computer illustrations.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The department offers a 60-Hour Associate of Applied Science degree and 22-24 hour certificates.

Who do I contact for more information?
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Program Website:
www.kilgore.edu/photography

Physical Therapist Assistant

About the program:
Physical therapy is a health profession with the primary purpose of restoring, maintaining and improving the quality of life of the healthy and those with injury or dysfunction. Through the use of such tools as physical agents (i.e., heat, cold, ultrasound, traction and electrical stimulation), gait training, massage and various forms of exercise, physical therapy professionals work in a variety of settings with a variety of patients.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The PTA Program at KC is a two-year associate degree program combining academic and clinical course work and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. The PTA Program admits one class per year to begin each fall. Class size is currently limited to 16 students per year and there are usually between 80-100 applicants each year.

Who do I contact for more information?
Carla Gleaton, instructor: 903-988-8148 or cgleaton@kilgore.edu

Program Website:
www.kilgore.edu/pta
Process Technology

About the program:
Kilgore College Process Technology Program has met the prescribed requirements of the high standards and goals for excellence and recognized as an “Endorsed College” by the North American Process Technology Alliance (NAPTA). It has also been recognized as having a “Validated Partnership” with Eastman Chemical Company, Texas Operations. Kilgore College is the region’s leading provider of technical education, and works closely with business and industry to develop state-of-the-art educational programs. This program is recognized by the Texas Skill Standards Board (TSSB).

What degrees/certificates are offered?
60-Hour Associate’s Degree

Who do I contact for more information?
Dewey Greer, instructor: 903-988-7414 or dgreer@kilgore.edu
Amy Smith, administrative assistant: 903-983-8637 or asmith@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/process-tech

Process Technology – Petroleum Specialty

About the program:
The Process Technology Petroleum Specialty degree, the only of its kind in Texas, prepares students to operate plants and associated piping systems for the petroleum industry. Petroleum process technicians are key to the production, operation, and distribution of petroleum products in East Texas and in other petroleum-producing parts of the U.S. This program includes the opportunity for practical experiences and is recognized by the Texas Skill Standards Board (TSSB).

What degrees/certificates are offered?
60-Hour Associate’s Degree

Who do I contact for more information?
Dewey Greer, instructor: 903-988-7414 or dgreer@kilgore.edu
Amy Smith, administrative assistant: 903-983-8637 or asmith@kilgore.edu

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/process-tech-petro

Radiologic Science

About the program:
Radiologic Science is both an art and a science. It is the largest of the allied health professions. Radiologic Technologists, also known as Radiographers and Medical Imaging Technologists, are trained in the specialized technical area of medical radiography. Radiologic Technologists use their skills and knowledge of human anatomy and physiology, X-ray equipment and physics of X-ray production to create diagnostic radiographic images in a wide variety of settings. The program prepares students to enter the profession of radiography through classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences. An energized lab allows students to simulate real life experiences on our campus before entering the clinical environment. Students are prepared to assume a professional role in the field of Radiologic Science upon successful program completion.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The program is a two-year associate degree program. There is an admission process and some prerequisite courses are required prior to applying to the program. There is also a 15-Hour Computed Tomography (CT) program that is designed to provide professional training opportunities in Computed Tomography for ARRT-certified imaging technologists. The Nelson Denny Test is part of the Radiologic Science Program admissions process.

Who do I contact for more information?
Ursula Dyer, instructor: 903-988-8636 or udyer@kilgore.edu
Catherine Vega, Administrative Assistant 903-983-8204 or cvega@kilgore.edu.

Program Website: www.kilgore.edu/rad-science
About the program:
The Computed Tomography Program offers an educational opportunity for ARRT Registered Radiologic Technologists to gain enhanced skills in the advanced imaging modality of Computed Tomography. The program is designed to be attainable for the working imaging technologist. Computed Tomography Program students are graduates of an accredited Radiologic Science or Radiologic Technology program and hold current registration in Radiography with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). Application to the program is required.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
A three-semester (30-Hour) program. Successful completion of the program satisfies the educational and exam performance requirements for eligibility to sit for the national certification examination in Computed Tomography offered by the ARRT.

Who do I contact for more information?
Ursula Dyer, instructor: 903-988-8636 or udyer@kilgore.edu

Program Website:
www.kilgore.edu/ct

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About the program:
Surgical technologists are allied health professionals who are an integral part of the team of medical practitioners who provide surgical care to patients in a variety of settings. The surgical technologist works under medical supervision to facilitate safe and effective surgical procedures by ensuring that the operating room or environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety. The Kilgore College Surgical Technology Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP, 1361 Park St., Clearwater, FL 33756. Phone: (727) 210-2350.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The Surgical Technology Program is a two-year associate degree with 60 total semester hours. There is also a Surgical Technology Certificate Program of 50 hours. All application requirements for Kilgore College and the Surgical Technology Program must be met.

Who do I contact for more information?
Paula Carter, instructor: 903-983-8163 or pcarter@kilgore.edu
Catherine Vega, administrative assistant: 903-983-8204 or cvega@kilgore.edu

Program Website:
www.kilgore.edu/surg-tech

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About the program:
Welding is the most common way of permanently joining metal parts. Heat is applied to the pieces to be joined, melting and fusing them to form a permanent bond. Because of its strength, welding is used to construct and repair ships, automobiles, spacecraft, and thousands of other manufactured products. Pipelines, bridges, buildings and other structures are also common jobs done by highly trained and skilled welders. This program is endorsed by Eastman Chemical. Starting pay for graduates is up to $24 per hour in the East Texas area.

What degrees/certificates are offered?
The welding program offers certificates in basic welding, structural welding and pipe welding. A 60-Hour Associate of Applied Science degree is also available.

Who do I contact for more information?
Cody Edwards, instructor: 903-983-8162 or cedwards@kilgore.edu
Amy Smith, administrative assistant: 903-983-8637 or asmith@kilgore.edu

Program Website:
www.kilgore.edu/welding
HOW TO GET STARTED
Follow these simple steps to start your future at Kilgore College.

STEP 1 – APPLY FOR ADMISSION
______ Apply for admission online at www.applytexas.org. It is required before you apply for financial aid, testing, orientation, and housing.
______ Request your high school and/or previous college(s) to have official transcripts sent to KC.
______ Send official ACT/SAT scores (if taken).
______ Provide your bacterial meningitis vaccination record.

STEP 2 – APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID
______ Apply for financial aid. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
The Financial Aid priority date is July 1.

STEP 3 – MEET PLACEMENT REQUIREMENT (IF NEEDED)
______ Meet the placement requirement by taking the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Assessment if you are not exempt.
______ Complete the online KC TSI pre-assessment activity prior to taking the TSI Assessment and show proof to testing upon arrival. www.kilgore.edu/testing

STEP 4 – ATTEND ORIENTATION
______ Once accepted, you can register online to attend New Student Orientation where you can register for classes. Orientation is mandatory for all first-time college students and recommended for anyone new to Kilgore College. www.kilgore.edu/orientation

STEP 5 – APPLY FOR HOUSING (IF NEEDED)
______ Apply for on-campus housing (optional). A $210 deposit is required. Proof of your bacterial meningitis vaccination must be on file 10 days prior to move-in.

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SAT: 6341    ACT: 4112    AP: 6341    FAFSA: 003580

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Financial Aid Office (903) 983-8211
Office of Admissions & Registrar (903) 983-8606
Testing Center: Kilgore Campus (903) 983-8215
Testing Center: Longview Campus (903) 236-2050
New Student Orientation (903) 988-7491
Residential Life (903) 983-8191

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