

# MICROELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY

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## CAREER AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

You don't have to be tech-savvy to have a well-paid, fulfilling career in high-tech. A degree in Microelectronics Technology (MT) will give you the skills to maintain and repair the advanced process equipment and automation used in the fast-growing semiconductor manufacturing industry.

- Portland is considered to be the "Silicon Forest" of the world, with a large semiconductor manufacturing base.
- Intel Corporation is the Portland region's largest private employer, and there are many others including: Analog Devices, Qorvo, Microchip, Lam Research, Applied Materials, TEL, Siltronic, Biotronik/MSEI, FEI/Thermo Fisher.
- MT graduates starting salary can be over \$60,000 per year, with overtime pay, shift differential pay, extensive benefits including full health coverage, retirement saving plans, tuition reimbursement, Personal Time Off (PTO), paid holidays and more.
- Technicians work a regular fixed schedule: Compressed Work Week (CWW) of 12-hour shifts: 3-days one week (with four days off) followed by the second week working four days (with three days off).
- There is opportunity for advancement and to make this a lifelong career.
- Military veterans have a long history working in this industry; technical military training can often be applied towards the MT credit requirements.
- Most, if not all, industry partners welcome and mention hiring initiatives in their employment materials to encourage veterans and members of protected classes to apply.

What you would do as a Technician:

- Help keep high tech fabrication facilities up and running.
- Work in teams solving problems, managing logistics, and practicing good communication.
- Work in clean room environments to maintain equipment and monitor various manufacturing processes.

What you would experience as an MT student:

- Receive the technical training needed to work in this high-tech environment.
- Most MT courses involve a hands-on laboratory component to develop equipment analysis, maintenance, and troubleshooting skills.
- Develop oral and written communication skills in the English language.
- Students may begin during any term of the academic year, however MT course sequences must start in fall or winter term.
- First year courses must be completed before starting the second year.
- Day classes are scheduled to accommodate the industry standard work CWW schedule enabling those students working CWW schedules to take courses.
- Evening classes are also available for 100 level MT courses.
- MT students who have little or no work experience in the semiconductor field have a chance to an early start in their technical career by applying to one of the paid Internship/Apprenticeship programs available with companies such as: Intel, Lam, Microchip, Jireh, and Qorvo. (Availability and starting pay may vary.)

How long will the MT program take to complete?

- Full-time students can complete the program in six to eight terms.
- Part-time students complete the program over a longer time.
- The core MT classes require two full academic years (six terms) in order to be completed.

Can my MT credits apply towards an advanced degree?

- Yes, up to 58 credits can apply toward a four-year baccalaureate degree.
- Graduates of the MT program may also transfer all of their credits to Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) to pursue a bachelors degree in Electronic Engineering Technology (EET).
- This allows the possibility to complete a bachelor's degree in two additional years.
- Upper division OIT courses are offered at OIT's Wilsonville Campus.

## DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES OFFERED

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

Microelectronics Technology

Microelectronics Technology: Automated Manufacturing Technology Option

Microelectronics Technology: Solar Voltaic Manufacturing Technology Option

### LESS THAN ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE

Mechatronics

### LESS THAN ONE-YEAR: CAREER PATHWAY CERTIFICATE

Solar Voltaic Manufacturing Technology

### Academic Prerequisites

- None

### Academic Requirements

- None

### Non-Academic Prerequisites

- New students are encouraged to meet with a department representative for advising prior to signing up for classes.

### Non-Academic Requirements

- None

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## MICROELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY AAS DEGREE

Minimum 95 credits. Students must also meet Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirements and Associate of Applied Science Requirements. Students must complete a total of four courses of General Education. Some courses specified within the program may be used as General Education. Math/computation competency is met through the courses in the program of study indicated with a § symbol. Students should consult with program advisors for academic planning.

**Course of Study**

The coursework listed below is required. Students should work with an MT advisor regarding proper sequencing and limited offerings.

Code	Title	Credits
CH 104	Allied Health Chemistry I *	5
or CH 151	Preparatory Chemistry	
or CH 221	General Chemistry I	
CH 105	Allied Health Chemistry II	5
or CH 222	General Chemistry II	
COMM 130	Business & Professional Communication	4
or COMM 215	Communicating in Teams and Small Groups	
MT 101	Introduction to Semiconductor Manufacturing	1
MT 102	Introduction to Semiconductor Devices	1
MT 103	Introduction to Micro and Nano Processing	1
MT 108	Statistics for Process Control	2
or STAT 243	Elementary Statistics I (MTH/STAT243=STAT243Z)	
MT 111A	DC and AC Electronics Intro <sup>1</sup>	4
MT 112A	DC and AC Electronics <sup>1</sup>	4
MT 113A	Applications of Semiconductor Devices A <sup>2</sup>	2
MT 113B	Applications of Semiconductor Devices B <sup>2</sup>	2
MT 121A	Digital Electronics Intro	2
MT 122A	Digital Electronics	4
MT 151	Intro to Hand Tools and Mechanical Assembly	1
MT 163	Pneumatics	2
MT 173	Sensors, Power Amps and Motors	2
MT 200	Semiconductor Processing	3
MT 222	Quality Control Methods in Manufacturing	3
MT 223	Vacuum Technology	3
MT 224	Process Equipment I <sup>§</sup>	3
MT 227	Process Equipment II	3
MT 228	Process Equipment III	4
MT 240	RF Plasma Systems	3
MT 288	High Tech Employment Strategies	1
PHY 201	General Physics *	4
or PHY 211	General Physics (Calculus)	
PHY 202	General Physics	4
or PHY 212	General Physics (Calculus)	
PHY 203	General Physics	4
or PHY 213	General Physics (Calculus)	
WR 121	Composition I (WR121=WR121Z) <sup>Z</sup>	4
WR 227	Technical Writing (WR227=WR227Z) <sup>Z</sup>	4
Microelectronics Program Communication Elective <sup>*,3</sup>		4
General Education: 2 courses		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>95</b>

\* Could be used as General Education.

§ Course cannot be substituted for another course.

1 Students who have taken MT 111 and MT 112 can substitute both for MT 111A and MT 112A.

2 MT 113 can be substituted for (MT 113A and MT 113B).

3 Take one course from the COMM Elective list not already taken.

Z This course is part of Oregon Common Course Numbering. The following courses are equivalent: MTH 243, STAT 243, and STAT 243Z  
WR 121 and WR 121Z  
WR 227 and WR 227Z

**MICROELECTRONICS PROGRAM COMMUNICATION ELECTIVES**

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 111	Public Speaking (COMM111=COMM111Z) <sup>Z</sup>	4
COMM 130	Business & Professional Communication	4
COMM 140	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	4
COMM 215	Communicating in Teams and Small Groups	4
COMM 218	Interpersonal Communication (COMM214=COMM218=COMM218Z) <sup>Z</sup>	4

Z This course is part of Oregon Common Course Numbering. The following courses are equivalent: COMM 111 and COMM 111Z  
COMM 214, COMM 218, and COMM 218Z

**AUTOMATED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY AAS DEGREE**

Minimum 90 credits. Students must also meet Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirements and Associate of Applied Science Requirements. Students must complete a total of four courses of General Education. Some courses specified within the program may be used as General Education. Math/computation competency is met through the courses in the program of study indicated with a § symbol. Students should consult with program advisors for academic planning.

**Course of Study**

The coursework listed below is required. Students should work with an MT advisor regarding proper sequencing and limited offerings.

Code	Title	Credits
CIS 179	Data Communication Concepts I	4
CIS 278A	Cisco 1: Introduction to Networks	4
or CIS 188	Introduction to Wireless Networking	
COMM 130	Business & Professional Communication	4
or COMM 215	Communicating in Teams and Small Groups	
CS 161A	Programming and Problem Solving I	4
CS 161B	Programming and Problem Solving II	4
MT 101	Introduction to Semiconductor Manufacturing	1
MT 102	Introduction to Semiconductor Devices	1
MT 103	Introduction to Micro and Nano Processing	1
or MT 104	Introduction to Solar Voltaic Processing	

MT 108	Statistics for Process Control	2
or STAT 243	Elementary Statistics I (MTH/STAT243=STAT243Z)	
MT 111A	DC and AC Electronics Intro <sup>1</sup>	4
MT 112A	DC and AC Electronics <sup>1</sup>	4
MT 113A	Applications of Semiconductor Devices A <sup>2</sup>	2
MT 113B	Applications of Semiconductor Devices B <sup>2</sup>	2
MT 121A	Digital Electronics Intro	2
MT 122A	Digital Electronics	4
MT 131	Introduction to Programmable Logic Controllers	2
or ELT 125	Basic Programmable Logic Controllers	
MT 151	Intro to Hand Tools and Mechanical Assembly	1
MT 163	Pneumatics	2
MT 173	Sensors, Power Amps and Motors	2
MT 222	Quality Control Methods in Manufacturing	3
MT 224	Process Equipment I <sup>§</sup>	3
MT 227	Process Equipment II	3
MT 228	Process Equipment III	4
MT 288	High Tech Employment Strategies	1
PHY 201	General Physics	4
or PHY 211	General Physics (Calculus)	
WR 121	Composition I (WR121=WR121Z) <sup>Z</sup>	4
WR 227	Technical Writing (WR227=WR227Z) <sup>Z</sup>	4
Automation Elective (PLC track ONLY) <sup>3</sup>		(4)
Automation Elective (Microcomputer track ONLY) <sup>3</sup>		4
Microelectronics Program Communication Electives <sup>*,4</sup>		4
General Education: 2 courses		
<hr/> Total Credits		90

\*  
Could be used as General Education.

§  
Course cannot be substituted for another course.

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Students who have taken MT 111 and MT 112 can substitute both for MT 111A and MT 112A.

2  
MT 113 can be substituted for (MT 113A and MT 113B).

3  
All students must earn 4 credits from the Automation Elective list. Students choosing the PLC track within this list should take a 2-credit course from this track in the 5th term and a 2-credit course from this track in the 6th term. Students choosing the Microcomputer track should take a 4-credit course from this track in the 6th term.

4  
Take one COMM course from the elective list not already taken.

Z  
This course is part of Oregon Common Course Numbering. The following courses are equivalent:  
MTH 243, STAT 243, and STAT 243Z  
WR 121 and WR 121Z  
WR 227 and WR 227Z

**AUTOMATION ELECTIVES**

Code	Title	Credits
Microcomputer Track		
CIS 145	Microcomputer Hardware and Troubleshooting	4
or EET 178	Computing Environments for Technicians	
PLC Track		
ELT 126	Intermediate Programmable Logic Controllers (PC Based)	2
ELT 225	Advanced Programmable Controllers, PC Based	2

**MICROELECTRONICS PROGRAM COMMUNICATION ELECTIVES**

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 111	Public Speaking (COMM111=COMM111Z) <sup>Z</sup>	4
COMM 130	Business & Professional Communication	4
COMM 140	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	4
COMM 215	Communicating in Teams and Small Groups	4
COMM 218	Interpersonal Communication (COMM214=COMM218=COMM218Z) <sup>Z</sup>	4

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This course is part of Oregon Common Course Numbering. The following courses are equivalent:  
COMM 111 and COMM 111Z  
COMM 214, COMM 218, and COMM 218Z

**SOLAR VOLTAIC MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY AAS DEGREE**

Minimum 91 credits. Students must also meet Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirements and Associate of Applied Science Requirements. Students must complete a total of four courses of General Education. Some courses specified within the program may be used as General Education. Math/computation competency is met through the courses in the program of study indicated with a § symbol. Students should consult with program advisors for academic planning.

**Course of Study**

The coursework listed below is required. Students should work with an MT advisor regarding proper sequencing and limited offerings.

Code	Title	Credits
CH 100	Everyday Chemistry with Lab (or higher) <sup>*</sup>	4
COMM 130	Business & Professional Communication	4
or COMM 215	Communicating in Teams and Small Groups	
MT 101	Introduction to Semiconductor Manufacturing	1
MT 102	Introduction to Semiconductor Devices	1
MT 104	Introduction to Solar Voltaic Processing	1
MT 108	Statistics for Process Control	2
or STAT 243	Elementary Statistics I (MTH/STAT243=STAT243Z)	
MT 111A	DC and AC Electronics Intro <sup>1</sup>	4
MT 112A	DC and AC Electronics <sup>1</sup>	4
MT 113A	Applications of Semiconductor Devices A <sup>2</sup>	2
MT 113B	Applications of Semiconductor Devices B <sup>2</sup>	2

MT 121A	Digital Electronics Intro	2
MT 122A	Digital Electronics	4
MT 131	Introduction to Programmable Logic Controllers	2
or ELT 125	Basic Programmable Logic Controllers	
MT 151	Intro to Hand Tools and Mechanical Assembly	1
MT 163	Pneumatics	2
MT 173	Sensors, Power Amps and Motors	2
MT 200	Semiconductor Processing	3
MT 222	Quality Control Methods in Manufacturing	3
MT 223	Vacuum Technology	3
MT 224	Process Equipment I §	3
MT 227	Process Equipment II	3
MT 228	Process Equipment III	4
MT 240	RF Plasma Systems	3
MT 288	High Tech Employment Strategies	1
PHY 201	General Physics *	4
or PHY 211	General Physics (Calculus)	
PHY 202	General Physics	4
or PHY 212	General Physics (Calculus)	
PHY 203	General Physics	4
or PHY 213	General Physics (Calculus)	
WR 121	Composition I (WR121=WR121Z) Z	4
WR 227	Technical Writing (WR227=WR227Z) Z	4
Microelectronics Program Communication Electives * <sup>3</sup>		4
General Education: 2 courses		
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Total Credits		91

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Could be used as General Education.

§  
Course cannot be substituted for another course.

1  
Students who have taken MT 111 and MT 112 can substitute both for MT 111A and MT 112A.

2  
MT 113 can be substituted for (MT 113A and MT 113B).

3  
Take one course from the COMM Elective list not already taken.

Z  
This course is part of Oregon Common Course Numbering. The following courses are equivalent:  
MTH 243, STAT 243, and STAT 243Z  
WR 121 and WR 121Z  
WR 227 and WR 227Z

**MICROELECTRONICS PROGRAM COMMUNICATION ELECTIVES**

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 111	Public Speaking (COMM111=COMM111Z) Z	4
COMM 130	Business & Professional Communication	4
COMM 140	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	4
COMM 215	Communicating in Teams and Small Groups	4

COMM 218	Interpersonal Communication (COMM214=COMM218=COMM218Z) Z	4
Z	This course is part of Oregon Common Course Numbering. The following courses are equivalent: COMM 111 and COMM 111Z COMM 214, COMM 218, and COMM 218Z	

**LESS THAN ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE**

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**LESS THAN ONE-YEAR: CAREER PATHWAY CERTIFICATE**

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**MECHATRONICS LESS THAN ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE**

Minimum 36 credits. Students must meet all certificate requirements.

**Mechatronics Less than One-Year Certificate Courses**

Code	Title	Credits
MT 111A	DC and AC Electronics Intro	4
MT 113A	Applications of Semiconductor Devices A	2
MT 121A	Digital Electronics Intro	2
MT 131	Introduction to Programmable Logic Controllers	3
MT 132	Programmable Logic Controller Application in Mechatronics	3
MT 151	Intro to Hand Tools and Mechanical Assembly	1
MT 153	Assembly of Mechanical Systems II	3
MT 155	Mechanical Systems	5
MT 163	Pneumatics	2
MT 165	Hydraulics	2
MT 173	Sensors, Power Amps and Motors	2
MT 175	AC Motors - Control, Maintenance, and Troubleshooting	2
MT 177	Industrial Robots I	3
MT 178	Mechatronics Capstone-Industrial Robots II	2
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Total Credits		36

**SOLAR VOLTAIC MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CAREER PATHWAY CERTIFICATE**

Minimum 15 credits. Students must meet all certificate requirements. The Solar Voltaic Manufacturing certificate is a Career Pathway. All courses are contained in the Solar Voltaic Manufacturing Technology AAS Degree.

**Solar Voltaic Manufacturing Technology Certificate Courses**

Code	Title	Credits
CH 100	Everyday Chemistry with Lab (or higher)	4
MT 101	Introduction to Semiconductor Manufacturing	1
MT 102	Introduction to Semiconductor Devices	1
MT 104	Introduction to Solar Voltaic Processing	1
MT 111A	DC and AC Electronics Intro	4
MT 121A	Digital Electronics Intro	2

MT 151	Intro to Hand Tools and Mechanical Assembly	1
MT 288	High Tech Employment Strategies	1
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Total Credits		15