



Where the Power of
Wind is Harnessed...

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Wind Energy at
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First wind energy
training efforts 2005

10 kW American
Energy
Wind Tower

Completing installation of controls, rectifier, inverter, and battery bank



Control system designed to power facility lighting and charge a four hour battery reserve



Wind powered lighting with T-5 fluorescent lighting fixtures



3 kW Southwest Power 500 Donation 2006
Updated system, refurbished and
redesigned tower for easy training access



New SW 3.0 kW Turbine purchased in 2008
Implement Wind Energy Technician Program
Resembles a full scale turbine – bolt torques,
yaw motor operation and control systems.
The construction and erection will be completed
by wind energy students.



Turbine Footing



Hydraulic System



Unique design to raise and lower system for service and instruction



Wal-Mart Workforce and Economic Opportunity Initiative Grant-\$100,000 grant

- The objectives are:
 - Develop and implement wind technology curriculum
 - Train and produce wind technology technicians by the spring 2011
 - Expand curriculum to four secondary schools
 - Develop articulated credit opportunities for students who wish to earn advanced degrees

First Semester:

- Basic electricity
- Wind energy fundamentals
- Wind turbine systems
- Blue print reading
- Math
- 50' climb



Rappelling, harness safety, and rigging are all part of the climbing exercises



100' lattice tower climb to simulate a full tower climb while safely tied off 100% of the time



GE turbine blade for training in working safely in a confined space, blade defect inspection and fiberglass repair procedures



Second Semester:

- Mechanical and fluid fundamentals
- Electrical and operations safety
- Motor controls
- Continued 100' lattice tower climb/repair exercise



Required Cooperative Internship

- The employer will have an opportunity to preview candidates for permanent employment
- The employer can train potential employees while they are still at a formative level
- The student will obtain on-the-job experience prior to graduation
- The student will receive exposure to practitioners in his/her field
- The student will have direct contact with potential employers

Pathways Out Of Poverty

- 1.0 Million dollar Community Based Job Training Grant through AACC
- Prepare, place and retain green job workers in rural areas
- Hire full time faculty and program director
- Purchase additional equipment
- Develop Wind Energy Technician AAS degree
- Purchase full size wind turbine

Wind Partners

- Elkhorn Valley Economic Development
- KBR Public Power District
- Kayton Electric IES
- MidAmerican Energy
- NPPD
- Nebraska Renewable Energy Systems
- North Central Public Power District
- Loup Basin RC & D
- North Central RC & D
- Rutjens Construction
- Wind Farm Operations (Missouri)
- Workforce Development
- Vestas American

Wind Partners

- Wind for Schools Program
- Bancroft Rosalie Schools
- Battle Creek High School
- Bloomfield Community Schools
- Burwell High School
- Cedar Rapids High School
- Elkhorn Valley Public Schools
- Loup City Public Schools
- Madison High School
- Norfolk Public Schools
- Pierce High School
- University of Nebraska
- Wayne State College

First Wind Energy Degree Program in Nebraska

- One year diploma with potential for AAS degree
- Provide hands-on training to prepare students for “green jobs”
- Efforts to establish a full sized turbine to provide complete array of experiences from residential to commercial applications



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The wind energy program will provide individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge needed to work in positions in the wind energy field. Students will acquire knowledge and skills through concentrated classroom and hands-on learning. Upon completion of the program, graduates are placed into positions as wind energy technicians.

Required Program of Study for Diploma (1 year)

First Semester		Second Semester	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
ELTR 1010 Basic Electricity	3	ELMC 1155 Mechanical Systems for Wind Energy	3
ELTR 1020 Basic Electricity Lab	2	ELMC 2050 Fluid Fundamentals Theory	2
ELTR 1080 Wind Energy Fundamentals	3	ELMC 2060 Fluid Fundamentals Lab	2
ELTR 1090 Wind Turbine Systems	3	ELTR 1058 Electrical and Operations Safety for Wind Energy	3
ELTR 1255 Blue Print Reading	2	ELTR 1230 Motor Controls Theory	2
MATH 1020 Applied Math I	3	ELTR 1240 Motor Controls Lab	2
	16	BSAD 2050 Business Communication	3
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Summer

Course	Credits
ELTR 1300 Cooperative Internship	8

Total Credit Hours 41

We'll maximize your time & money.

Prepare to enter the growing wind energy industry. You can earn a diploma in just one year and you'll be ready to go to work when you're finished.

Real world experience.

You'll learn the skills needed to work in the wind energy industry. You'll also learn about safety, electricity, wind energy fundamentals, and wind turbines. Internships will also provide you with hands-on learning experiences.

Opportunities await.

Educated workers will find numerous opportunities in the wind energy industry right here in rural Nebraska, but demand is high throughout the state and nation.

Salaries range from \$18 to \$26 per hour depending on experience.

