

JOHN DEERE **TECH**

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

STUDENT APPLICATION

Located at Navarro College – Corsicana Campus



Start Your Dealership Career



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The John Deere TECH Program at Navarro College is a two-year career training program that combines classroom instruction with hands-on learning using the latest John Deere equipment. Students gain real-world experience through paid internships at sponsoring dealerships while earning an Associate of Applied Science degree and industry certifications. Graduates leave prepared for high-demand careers as John Deere service technicians with opportunities for long-term growth in the agriculture and equipment industry.



Welcome to the John Deere TECH Program

Where Education and Industry Meet

Dear John Deere TECH Candidate,

Welcome, and thank you for your interest in the John Deere TECH Program at Navarro College—*where education and industry meet*. We are excited about your future and look forward to helping you explore a career with John Deere.

The John Deere TECH Program is designed to prepare you for a rewarding career as a service technician. Students train on the latest farm equipment through a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on learning. John Deere provides state-of-the-art equipment and specialized training, while sponsoring dealerships offer paid work experience during winter and summer breaks.

Upon completion of this two-year program, you will earn an Associate of Applied Science in Agriculture Mechanization, industry certifications, and John Deere University credits to carry with you into the workforce. This unique partnership between Navarro College and John Deere equips you with the technical expertise, academic foundation, and professional skills needed to thrive in today's high-tech workplace.

Beyond the classroom, Navarro College offers on-campus housing, student activities, and opportunities to build lifelong friendships.

We invite you to visit our Corsicana campus, meet the instructors, and see firsthand how the John Deere TECH Program can help you grow into a successful career. For more information, please call 1-800-NAVARRO (ext. 7622) or visit www.navarrocollege.edu or www.deere.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to the John Deere TECH Program and the Navarro College Bulldog family.

Sincerely,

Alexander Marcantel

John Deere TECH Program

Program Director | Associate Professor





ACCREDITATION

Navarro College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. Navarro College also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Navarro College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org)

NAVARRO COLLEGE MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

Mission

Navarro College provides educational opportunities that empower students to achieve their personal, academic and career goals and that promote life-long learning in the communities served.

Vision

Navarro College will be nationally recognized as a higher education institution committed to providing innovative career pathways and student-centered learning opportunities that result in students capable of succeeding in local and global communities.

Values

- **Integrity:** actively building open relationships with students, employees, local business, and local communities. Serving all people, we touch with a strong sense of ethics and personal and organizational responsibility.
- **Diversity:** fostering acceptance, multi-dimensional thinking, and respect and understanding the different experiences of all people. We know we are stronger for who we are together—as a college, as a community, as a culture as part of a global village.
- **Innovation:** leadership invested in guiding and embracing change, seeking creative ways to tackle educational challenges. We encourage students and employees to be agents for change, championing new ideas informed by personal reflection, trends in education, changes in local and global community.
- **Student Centeredness:** placing students at the heart of all we do, with an emphasis not only on excellence and learning, but, also, with a profound appreciation of personal, familial, economic, and civic responsibilities impacting our students and communities.
- **Accountability:** honoring commitments to students, educational partners, workforce partners, and the communities we serve. We intentionally foster respect, citizenship, civic responsibility, and humanitarianism as both individuals and an institution.

Faculty Contact Information

The faculty of the Navarro College/John Deere TECH Program wishes you the very best in your college experience, and we are delighted that you are considering Navarro College to continue your education. You have the opportunity to excel in a curriculum that is both rewarding and challenging. If at any time our instructors can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Program Introduction and Requirements

The John Deere TECH Program at Navarro College is a two-year program designed to enhance the technical skills and professionalism of new entry-level John Deere service technicians, preparing them for today's high-tech, fast-paced field of agricultural mechanization career path with excellent employment opportunities. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be awarded an **Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Agriculture Mechanization degree**.

Students learn in an environment that balances classroom theory with hands-on lab activities using advanced training aids and the latest agricultural equipment. They also gain valuable, real-world experience by applying what they've learned while working as paid interns at their sponsoring John Deere dealerships, a unique opportunity to *"earn while they learn."*

The TECH curriculum, designed by John Deere in partnership with Navarro College, covers the full range of technological advances in agricultural mechanization while focusing on the entire John Deere agriculture and consumer product lines.

In addition, the program emphasizes communication skills and other essential professional competencies that support long-term career success. Our mission is to prepare tomorrow's service technicians with the technical expertise, academic knowledge, and professional skills necessary to meet the real-world challenges of today's agricultural service industry.

Entrance Requirements

To enroll in the John Deere TECH Program, you must:

1. Obtain and maintain sponsorship with an authorized John Deere dealership.
2. Be accepted into the JD TECH Program **AND** Navarro College.
3. Take the TSI Assessment Test and submit all other necessary documents to both the JD TECH Program and Navarro College.

Dealer Acceptance and Sponsorship

As part of the acceptance process, students must contact an authorized John Deere dealership of their choice for sponsorship. During this discussion, the following topics should be addressed:

1. Job expectations at the dealership:
 - Dealer expectations
 - Student expectations
2. Employee ID number.
3. Required uniforms for school and work.

You must have sponsorship from an authorized John Deere dealership to participate in the John Deere TECH Program. It is your responsibility to secure and maintain that sponsorship.

The purpose of sponsorship is to give you the opportunity to gain real-world experience inside a John Deere dealership. This experience is part of your education and training, and upon graduation, it may lead to the possibility of full-time employment if both you and the dealership choose to continue the relationship.

When selecting a sponsoring dealership, it is best to choose a location that interests you and supports your career goals. Because you will complete your summer and winter internships at your sponsoring dealership, we recommend choosing one close to your home so you can live at home during those times. Another option is to select a dealership near relatives, which may allow you to stay with them during your internships.

If you have difficulty finding a sponsor, you may contact those listed for assistance. If the first dealership you approach does not agree to sponsor you, you are encouraged to schedule interviews with other John Deere dealerships. Once a dealership agrees to sponsor you, complete the Student Sponsorship Agreement Form and return it to the John Deere TECH Program Director at Navarro College.

John Deere TECH Program Application Checklist

Navarro College – Corsicana Campus

☐ (Optional) Visit the Campus

- Tour the Corsicana campus, meet faculty, and learn more about the program.
- To schedule a campus tour, contact the program director or Navarro College recruiting office.
<https://www.navarrocollege.edu/campus-tours>

☐ Obtain Sponsorship from a John Deere Dealership

- Secure sponsorship with an authorized John Deere dealership.
- Complete the Student Sponsorship Agreement Form and return it to the TECH Program Director.

☐ Complete the John Deere TECH Application

- Fill out the TECH-specific application and sponsorship forms (from the program packet).
- Submit the completed packet to the program coordinator at Navarro College.

☐ Apply to Navarro College

- Submit the general Navarro College admission application online through ApplyTexas.org.

☐ Submit Official Transcripts and Other Necessary Documents

- Send your official high school transcript (and any college transcripts, if applicable) to Navarro College.

☐ Take Required Placement Tests

- Complete the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment.

☐ Application Review & Notification

- Navarro College and the TECH Program will review your materials.
- You will receive:
 - An acceptance letter from Navarro College.
 - A program acceptance letter from the John Deere TECH Program.



Navarro College Application Process

Step 1: Apply for Admission

- Complete the online application via **ApplyTexas** for domestic students. There's **no application fee**. applytexas.org
- International students must use Navarro College's designated international application—you **cannot** use ApplyTexas. <https://www.navarrocollege.edu/international>

Step 2: Submit Required Documents

- **High School Graduates:** Send an official, sealed transcript (or electronically via secure transmission) that includes the signature and seal of your high school.
- **Transfer Students:** Provide official transcripts from **all** previously attended colleges/universities.
- **Assessment Scores:** Complete the **Texas Success Initiative (TSI)** assessment or submit qualifying SAT/ACT scores. These are used for placement and advising—not for admission decisions.
- **Proof of Residency:** Submit documentation to verify your residency status for tuition purposes.
- **Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination:** First-time, transfer, or non-continuing students must provide proof of vaccination at least **10 days before classes begin**.

Step 3: Admissions Review

- Navarro College maintains an **open-door admission policy**, meaning applicants are accepted regardless of background. However, they reserve the right to verify residency and citizenship, and applicants must comply with **Texas House Bills 449 and 1735**, which concern conduct disclosures (e.g., pending violence or misconduct charges). Admissions may be on hold pending clearance. <https://catalog.navarrocollege.edu/current/admissions-registration/admission-procedures.html>

Step 4: Acceptance and Next Steps

Once admitted, you'll receive:

1. An **acceptance letter** with important instructions.
2. A **checklist** outlining further steps (registration, financial aid, etc.). <https://www.navarrocollege.edu/admissions/admitted-students.html>
3. Account activation details for:
 - **Navarro College Email** (via Office 365)
 - **MyNC Student Portal / Self-Service** for managing enrollment tasks.
4. You should then **meet with an advisor** to register for classes and pay tuition—available options include financial aid, one-time payment, or payment plans.

Student Code of Expectations

Welcome to the John Deere TECH Program at Navarro College! As a student in this program, you're preparing for a professional career, and the habits you build here will help you succeed in the workplace. To get the most out of your time in the program, you'll need to follow these expectations:

Sponsorship

- Keep an active sponsorship with an authorized John Deere dealership. This is an important part of your training and future career.

Academics and Conduct

- Stay on top of your grades and attendance.
- Follow Navarro College policies and the Student Code of Conduct.
- Use the Navarro College Student Handbook as your guide for rules and requirements.
<https://www.navarrocollege.edu/handbook/index.html>

Professional Appearance and Safety

- Wear your sponsorship provided uniform while on campus and during work experiences.
- Always wear your safety gear (PPE) in the shop and during lab activities.

Participation

- Be on time and actively involved in all classes, labs, and program activities.

Curriculum

- Complete all your coursework on campus and apply what you've learned during your dealership work experiences.

Tools

- Freshman students will receive some starter tools.
- You'll need to purchase a multimeter and begin building your own toolbox.
- By your sophomore year, you're expected to bring your own tools to practicums and internships.

Conduct and Discipline

- Treat this program like your job—conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times.
- Misconduct will lead to disciplinary action and could result in removal from the program.
- Navarro College will notify your sponsoring dealership during the semesters concerning your progress, including academic grades in the John Deere TECH Program and any student conduct information that would result in disciplinary probation or higher penalty from the Office of Student Development.

Student Financial Planning

Tuition and Fees

Please refer to the Navarro College website for the most up-to-date tuition and fee information. Current tuition rates can be found at: <https://www.navarrocollege.edu/costs-aid/tuition-rates>.

Housing

Housing is the responsibility and choice of the student. Options may include commuting from home, living in Navarro College residence halls, renting an apartment, or bringing a travel home to place in a local mobile home park. Students and their families are encouraged to carefully review all available housing options in and around Corsicana to determine what works best for their situation.

For details on residence hall costs, visit the Navarro College housing page:

<https://www.navarrocollege.edu/residence/residence-halls-rates>.

Ultimately, the decision depends on the student, their parents, and their personal circumstances. Choosing the right housing option is an important step in preparing for success in the program.

Tools

Navarro College provides a limited set of tools for freshman students to use while working and learning in the lab during their first year of study. However, during the **first semester**, students are required to purchase a small starter set of tools as well as a **Fluke 179 multimeter** for use in their electrical course.

As students progress through the program, they are encouraged to continue building their personal tool collection. Students are required to provide their own tools for use both in the lab and during practicum experiences. By the sophomore year, students are expected to have a complete set of tools in order to successfully meet program requirements.

The John Deere TECH program instructors provide a prescribed **tool list** to help guide purchases. Tool vendors also visit campus to present their tool programs and financing options. Students are encouraged to review the instructor-prescribed tool list, ask instructors for recommendations, and explore potential **John Deere student programs**, which may offer discounts or packages on John Deere tools, tool sets, and toolboxes.

Students are also encouraged to ask their instructors about **Empeople Credit Union**, a financial institution that partners with John Deere employees, dealers, and students. Empeople offers financial services such as checking and savings accounts, loans, and special student financing programs that may help with purchasing tools and equipment needed for the program.

<https://empeople.com/>

Degree and Certifications Earned

Graduates of the John Deere TECH Program at Navarro College leave with both academic credentials and industry-recognized certifications that prepare them for immediate employment and long-term career growth.

Upon successful completion of the two-year program, students will earn:

- An Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Agriculture Mechanization Technology.
- Diesel Maintenance I and II Certificates (included within the AAS degree).
- An Enhanced (Agriculture) Technical Skills Certificate (included within the AAS degree).
- A Level 2 or Level 3 Certified Technician status through John Deere University, reflecting advanced technical training and skill development.
- A MACS Section 609 Certification, qualifying graduates to safely handle mobile refrigerants in compliance with federal regulations.

These combined achievements demonstrate mastery of both academic knowledge and technical skills, ensuring graduates are well-prepared to begin their careers as John Deere service technicians and advance within the industry.



Curriculum Outline

Fall – Freshman Year

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
DEMR 1405	Basic Electrical Systems	4
DEMR 1406	Diesel Engines I	4
DEMR 1301	Shop Safety and Procedures	3
DEMR 2339	Advanced Electrical Systems	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
Total		17

Spring – Freshman Year

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
DEMR 1225	Small Air-Cooled Engines	2
DEMR 1229	Preventative Maintenance	2
DEMR 1449	Diesel Engines II	4
DEMR 1166	Practicum I	1
SPCH 1321	Business & Professional Communication	3
X3XX	Approved Core Math	3
Total		15

Summer – Freshman Year

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
DEMR 1466	Practicum II	4
Total		4

Fall – Sophomore Year

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
DEMR 1416	Basic Hydraulics	4
AGME 1353	Harvesting Equipment	3
DEMR 1421	Power Train I	4
X3XX	Approved Language/Philosophy/Culture or Creative Arts	3
Total		14

Spring – Sophomore Year

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
DEMR 1323	Heating, Ventilation & A/C (HVAC) Troubleshooting and Repair	3
DEMR 2338	Power Applications I	3
DEMR 2335*	Advanced Hydraulics	3
DEMR 2332*	Electronic Controls	3
DEMR 2166	Practicum III	1
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
Total		16

Please refer to the current college catalog for course descriptions

<https://catalog.navarrocollege.edu/current/>

* Capstone must be taken in final semester



John Deere TECH Program Candidate Application



You can complete this form electronically and email it or print and mail it to the address below. Please fill out all sections completely.

Personal Information

Date of Application: _____ Student's DOB: _____

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Education Background and Work History

- High School Attended: _____
 - Graduation Year (or GED Year): _____
 - Did you participate in Automotive, Industrial Technology, or Agricultural Science classes? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - If yes, emphasis area: _____
 - Number of semesters: _____
 - Instructor's Name: _____
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- Have you attended another college? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - If yes, major field of study: _____
 - College Name: _____
 - Credit Hours Completed: _____
 - Other education or related training/experience: _____
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Work Experience (Past 2 Years)

1. Employer: _____
Supervisor: _____
Phone: _____
2. Employer: _____
Supervisor: _____
Phone: _____

Program Interest

- How did you learn about the John Deere TECH Program?

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- Career Goals – In your own words, describe your future career plans:

Sponsorship Information

To be accepted into the John Deere TECH Program, you must secure a sponsorship with a John Deere dealership.

- Have you contacted a potential sponsor?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Have you been accepted by a dealership?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Have you submitted your Sponsorship Agreement Form?
☐ Yes ☐ No *(Required for final acceptance)*

Application Submission

You may submit your completed application in one of the following ways:

Email: Alexander.Marcantel@NavarroCollege.edu
Office Phone: (903) 875-7622 (for questions)

Mailing Address:

Alexander Marcantel
John Deere TECH Program – Navarro College
3200 West 7th Avenue
Corsicana, TX 75110

I give permission to Navarro College to share my high school transcripts and/or pre-admission test results concerning the John Deere TECH Program with the John Deere Company and my sponsor dealership. I further give permission to Navarro College to contact my sponsoring dealership during the semester concerning my progress, including academic grades in the John Deere TECH Program and any student conduct information that would result in disciplinary probation or higher penalty from the Office of Student Development.

Student Name (*Print Only*): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Navarro College shall comply with existing federal and state laws and regulations, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (PL. 88-352) and Executive Order 11246 (Revised Order #4), where applicable, with respect to the admissions and education of students, with respect to the availability of student loans, grants, scholarships, and job opportunities, with respect to the employment and promotion of teaching and non-teaching personnel, and with respect to the student and faculty activities conducted on premises owned or occupied by the College. Navarro College shall not discriminate against any person on account of race, color, religion, creed, gender, age, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status or veteran status. Navarro College adheres to the policies and procedures as prescribed under ADA-504.

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Student Sponsorship Agreement

This agreement is between the sponsoring John Deere dealership and the student named below. Both parties must sign to confirm sponsorship.

The John Deere dealership agrees to provide the student with uniforms and to appoint a coordinator, typically the service manager, to serve as liaison between the dealership and Navarro College. The dealership also agrees to employ the student during semester breaks while enrolled in the John Deere TECH Program. Practicum assignments will take place during each winter break and the summer session. College credit will be awarded for satisfactory work experience. Work assignments will align with recent classroom instruction. Wages for employment will be mutually agreed upon but will not be less than minimum wage.

The student agrees to follow all Navarro College policies as outlined in the Student Handbook and to maintain a minimum 2.5 grade-point average. The student will wear the uniforms provided by the dealership while attending class and designated school functions. The student further agrees to provide responsible and productive work while at the dealership, to work in a safe and professional manner at all times, and to allow Navarro College to share program-related records with John Deere Company and the sponsoring dealership.

This sponsorship agreement may be terminated if the student fails to maintain satisfactory academic or work performance, or if the student does not meet John Deere's entrance requirements.

Student Name (*Print Only*): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dealership Name: _____

Authorized Representative Name (*Print Only*): _____

Authorized Representative: _____ Date: _____

Dealership Address: _____

(City, State, Zip): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Student RACIF ID (*if applicable*): _____

Agriculture Mechanization Area of Interest: ☐ Large Equipment ☐ Small Equipment ☐ Parts

Would the dealership like updates on student progress (Midterm and End of Semester Grades)?

☐ Yes ☐ No