

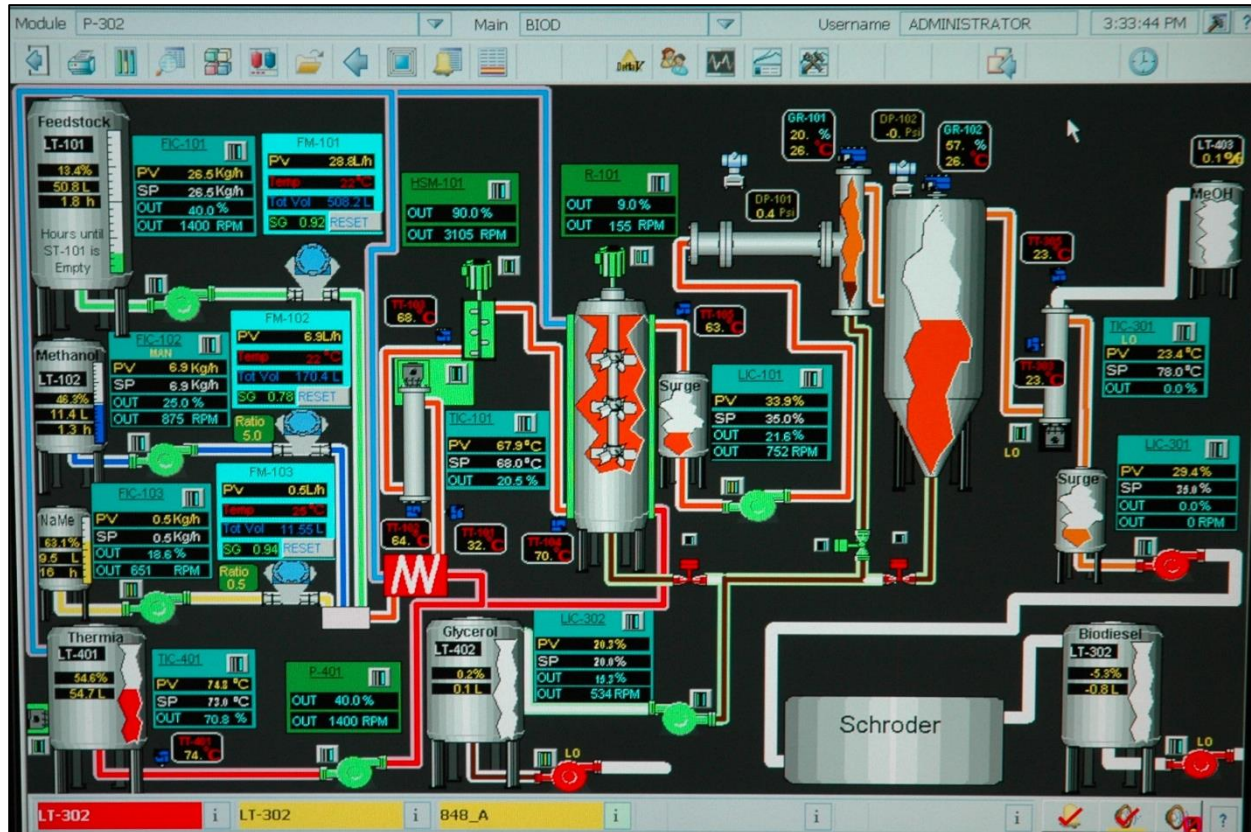
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## ASU Mid-South Offering Accelerated Process Technology Program

In an effort to meet significant regional demand, Arkansas State University Mid-South is offering an accelerated Process Technology training program designed to prepare high school/GED® graduates for high-demand, high-wage careers.

“This is a great opportunity for people who want to participate in short-term training that leads to employment,” said Latanyua Robinson, Career Navigator/Business Services Manager for the Greater Memphis Alliance for a Competitive Workforce.

“Process technology is a high-demand profession, and the coursework in this program includes skills that employers have told us they need. Many Memphis-area companies are seeking process operators, and ASU Mid-South offers the best opportunity for industry-relevant training.”



Classes will begin on Monday, Oct. 12, on the ASU Mid-South campus at 2000 West Broadway in West Memphis. For additional information, see the college's website at [www.adumidsouth.edu](http://www.adumidsouth.edu) or call the Admissions Office at (870) 633-6728.

Courses in the 13-week, 390-contact hour program include Safety, Health & Environment; Introduction to Process Technology; Process Quality; Process Technology I: Equipment, and Process Instrumentation I. Students who successfully complete the training will receive a certificate of proficiency and will have the opportunity to apply what they learn toward an associate degree if they desire to pursue additional training.

Classes will meet five days a week from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Process technology is vital to industries that produce consumer goods from raw material, including everything from soft drink bottlers to petroleum refineries to energy production facilities. Process technology plays a major role in the production of gasoline, airplane fuel, gas, plastic bottles, glass jars and bottles, pharmaceuticals, and candy, among many others. As mechanization continues to grow and evolve and as an aging workforce nears retirement, more operators will be needed.

ASU Mid-South's accelerated program prepares students for entry-level process operator positions. Chemical Plant and System Operators in the Memphis Metropolitan Statistical Area generally start at \$40,000 a year with a median of \$52,800. Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders can earn \$26,100 to start, and Separating, Filtering, Clarifying, Precipitating, and Still Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders make about \$24,500 to start. The top salary in any of those areas is \$69,800.

For more information about ASU Mid-South, visit the campus, see the college's website, call (870) 733-6728, or email [admissions@midsouthcc.edu](mailto:admissions@midsouthcc.edu).

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Students with disabilities verified by a qualified physician are entitled to reasonable accommodations needed to complete their educational goals while attending ASU Mid-South.

For Gainful Employment information, please visit  
<http://www.asumidsouth.edu/financialaid/gainful-employment/>.

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