Program Description
This major helps graduates prepare for technical positions in manufacturing, machine and tool design, computer drafting and design, computer integrated manufacturing, materials selection and processes, technical sales, and other related industries in mechanical applications. The primary objective of the program is to provide a broad foundation in mechanical systems and applications; computer systems in drafting (CAD), manufacturing (CAM), and automation and robotics (CIM); production and product design; mechanics, dynamics, and strength of materials.

Graduates of this major may qualify for admission to the baccalaureate degree majors in Mechanical Engineering Technology and Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology programs at Penn State Harrisburg; the Mechanical Engineering Technology and the Plastics Engineering Technology programs at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College; or the baccalaureate degree major in Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology offered at Penn State Altoona, Penn State Berks, Penn State New Kensington, or Penn State York. Two tracks are available to streamline the transition to these baccalaureate degree programs. A general track is provided for students who do not plan to continue their engineering technology education at the baccalaureate level.

What is Mechanical Engineering Technology?
Mechanical engineering technology is the understanding of how products and machinery work and how they are designed, made, and used.

You Might Like This Program If...
• You are interested in computer-aided drafting (CAD) and computer-aided manufacturing.
• You enjoy physics, math and statistics.
• You have a passion for robotics and automation.
• You have an interest in programming and data acquisition.