PLASTICS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Erie

Career Paths
Penn State Behrend's B.S. in Plastics Engineering Technology is the only plastics-specific undergraduate degree in the Penn State system and one of only six accredited programs in the United States. Because plastics are everywhere, plastics engineering technologists find employment in any industry sector that interests them. Automotive, aerospace, medical, electronics, computer, toy, and consumer products manufacturers frequently recruit Behrend graduates for positions in product development, part design, tooling design, processing, project engineering, production control, technical sales, and research.

Careers
Employers of recent B.S. in Plastics Engineering Technology graduates include Apple, General Motors, Graham Packaging, Graco, Microsoft, Nike, Philips Healthcare, Rubbermaid, and Tesla.

Opportunities for Graduate Studies
Students who hold a degree in Plastics Engineering Technology pursue master's and doctoral degrees in plastics engineering, polymer science, materials science, medical plastics, and elastomeric materials. Or, you can use a master's degree program to learn management skills; Penn State Behrend offers a Master of Manufacturing Management (M.M.M.) degree program for aspiring organizational leaders.

Professional Resources
- ABET (http://www.abet.org/)
- Society of Plastics Engineers (https://www.4spe.org/membership/)
- Institution of Engineering and Technology (http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/)
- Society of Women Engineers (http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/)
- National Society of Black Engineers (http://www.nsbe.org/home.aspx)