

NC3 FESTO: Introduction to Mechatronics

Aligned Programs of Study: Mechatronics

Description

National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) certifications are available to students who successfully complete the NC3 curriculum through a certified school, taught by an NC3-certified trainer. NC3 develops a standardized and comprehensive curriculum that covers multi-disciplines in conjunction with its industry partners, incorporating extensive hands-on learning for students. The curriculum is set up in a module format, and as students complete a module, they complete an end-of-module exam online. The end-of-module exams test for a high level of competency in a specific discipline. NC3 awards certificates of completion to the student and all certificates can be printed and kept in a portfolio or to accompany resumes.

As an Introduction to Mechatronics, this course aims to relay foundational information and develop hands-on skills in the areas of Mechanical, Electrical, and Control Technology. Students will develop competencies to operate and maintain pneumatics, electricity, sensors, actuators, and controls. Utilizing real-world automation devices students will also gain additional skills in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). These skills that are at the core of automation, production, and manufacturing are in high demand. After the course, students will be prepared to enter into high levels of Mechatronics and Industry 4.0 training, as well as filling much-needed career positions such as certified production technicians and/or operators.

Certification Information

Test Owner

National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3)

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Kenosha, WI 53114

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Testing Sites

End-of-module exams are given online and can be taken at the certified center. Offsite testing can be arranged by an instructor if determined to be necessary. Testing information can be located at <http://www.nc3certs.com>.

Registration Procedures

1. Schools should begin by registering any instructors considered for TTT at one of the sites available. More information can be viewed at <http://www.nc3.net>. Please note, all multimeter training can be done online and does not require the instructor to attend TTT events.
2. For NC3 guidelines and requirements, schools should contact lisa.marshall@nc3.net
3. Once a school has fulfilled the required list of training aids and tooling for a certification package, the school will have the option to enroll for full NC3 membership if desired. This option is available on a school-by-school basis and at the school system and statewide levels.
4. NC3 will monitor and evaluate certification usage on a yearly and month-to-month basis. Instructors will be required to recertify based on the curriculum or technological changes.
5. As students complete modules, the instructor can print and present students with a stackable credential. NC3 will offer complete digital back up for all certificates and testing completed.
6. Contact lisa.marshall@nc3.net for more guidelines and program information.

Preparing to offer the certification

Required Instructor Qualifications

Introduction to Mechatronics requires the instructor to attend a train the trainer (TTT) event at one of the multiple locations across the country. Once the instructor has completed course work and passed testing, they will be ready to instruct and certify students.

Exam Details

Testing is free for students, but the school must have the tools and certified teacher to administer the certification testing.

Materials and Resources

More information is available online at <https://www.nc3.net/>. More detailed information is at <http://www.nc3certs.com>. Curriculum and testing can all be located under the “Instructor” tab. All testing can be accessed under this tab. All equipment and tooling needed for learning and testing come complete with all certification packages.

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Vendor	Contact Information
National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3)	https://www.nc3.net/