

BUILD YOUR WORKFORCE. BUILD SOUTH DAKOTA. INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS



For South Dakota businesses that specialize in high-need fields, a Build Dakota partnership can be a useful tool for expanding your workforce while empowering South Dakota to continue thriving.

The Build Dakota Scholarship Fund offers technical students a full-ride scholarship in exchange for a commitment to work in their chosen field in South Dakota. Businesses that partner with Build Dakota get:

- A cost-effective training pipeline
- Guaranteed work from qualified, highly skilled graduates
- Complimentary listing on the Build Dakota website

BECOME AN INDUSTRY PARTNER

Businesses can sponsor an incoming student, paying a portion of their tuition and program expenses. You may sponsor a current employee, or a technical college can help you match with a new applicant in a high-demand program.* Build Dakota scholars commit to working in South Dakota, and for your business, for three years after graduation.

**All technical colleges manage their industry partner programs, so each school may have different forms, procedures and costs for your participation.*

QUALIFYING PROGRAMS

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Automotive
- Building Trades/Construction
- Energy Technicians
- Engineering Technicians
- Healthcare
- Information Technology
- Public Service
- Welding

Some programs may require a participating industry partner to qualify for a Build Dakota Scholarship.

INDUSTRY PARTNER TOOLKIT



Get our guide to successful partnership at BuildDakotaScholarships.com/resources/toolkits/industry-partners

INDUSTRY PARTNER PROGRAMS

Each technical college has their own Build Dakota Industry Partner Program. To learn more or to inquire about becoming a partner, **please contact the schools directly.**



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2027-2028 ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS BY INDUSTRY

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Lake Area Technical College

Electronic Systems Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Machining
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Robotics
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Automation Controls/SCADA
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Machining/Manufacturing
1-Year Program, Diploma

Southeast Technical College

Mechatronics
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Machining and Engineering Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Machining
1-Year Program, Diploma

AGRICULTURE

All programs require an industry partner to receive the Build Dakota Scholarship.

Lake Area Technical College

Production Agriculture
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Agriculture Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Agronomy
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Ag Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Southeast Technical College

Horticulture
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Sports Turf Management
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Environmental Engineering:
Controlled Environment Agriculture
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

AUTOMOTIVE

Lake Area Technical College

Automotive Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Auto Body & Paint Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Diesel Technology: Truck Option
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Diesel Technology: Ag/Industrial
Tractor Option
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Diesel Power Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Power Sports & Marine Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Southeast Technical College

Automotive Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Collision Repair & Refinish
Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Diesel Technology:
Heavy Equipment Diploma
1-Year Program, Diploma

Diesel Technology: Trucking Diploma
1-Year Program, Diploma

Diesel Technology: AAS Degree
(Heavy Equipment & Trucking)
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Automotive Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Diesel Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

BUILDING TRADES/CONSTRUCTION

Lake Area Technical College

Building Trades Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Heavy Equipment Operator
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Architectural Design &
Building Construction
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Electrical Construction & Maintenance
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Heating & Cooling Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Southeast Technical College

Construction Management Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Electrician
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

HVAC/R Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma

Mechanical Systems
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Plumbing Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma

Western Dakota Technical College

Construction Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma

Electrical Trades
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

HVAC/Refrigeration Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma

Plumbing Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma

ENERGY TECHNICIANS

Lake Area Technical College

Energy Operations
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Energy Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Electrical Utilities &
Substation Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Utility Pipeline Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma

ENGINEERING TECHNICIANS

Lake Area Technical College

Natural Resources Management
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

GPS/GIS Mapping
1-Year Program, Diploma

Wi-Fi & Broadband Technologies
(Telecom)
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Southeast Technical College

Architectural Engineering Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Civil Engineering Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Land Surveying Science Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mechanical Engineering Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Architecture & Engineering Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Environmental Engineering Technician
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

HEALTHCARE

Lake Area Technical College

Dental Assisting
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Dental Hygiene
1-Year Program, AAS Degree

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)
1-Year Program, Diploma

Med/Fire Rescue
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Medical Assisting
1-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Lab Technician
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Paramedic
1-Year Program, Diploma

Registered Nursing (RN)
1-Year Program, AAS Degree*

Surgical Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)
1-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Assistant
1-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Laboratory Technician
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Medical Office Professional
1-Year Program, Diploma

Radiologic Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Registered Nurse (RN)
2-Year Program, AAS Degree*

Southeast Technical College

Cardiovascular Sonography
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Dental Assisting
1-Year Program, Diploma

Diagnostic Medical Sonography
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Invasive Cardiovascular Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)
1-Year OR 1.5-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Assistant
1-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Laboratory Technician
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Paramedic Science
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Registered Nurse (RN)
1 or 1.5-Year Program, AAS Degree*

Respiratory Therapy
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Surgical Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Dental Hygiene
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Registered Dental Assisting
1-Year Program, Diploma

Health Information Management:
Coding Specialty
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)
1.5-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Laboratory Technician
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Paramedic
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Radiologic Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Registered Nursing (RN)
1.5-Year Program, AAS Degree*

Surgical Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Lake Area Technical College

Computer Information Systems
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Computer Science: Information
Technology Specialist
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

PUBLIC SERVICE

Lake Area Technical College

Law Enforcement
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Child Care Technician
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Southeast Technical College

Early Childhood Specialist
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Law Enforcement Science
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Law Enforcement Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

WELDING

Lake Area Technical College

Welding Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Welding & Manufacturing Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Southeast Technical College

Welding
1-Year Program, Diploma

Western Dakota Technical College

Welding & Fabrication
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

*To enroll in an RN program, must hold active and current LPN license without restrictions. Contact school for details.