

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY

The purpose of the Outdoor Power Equipment (OPET) program is to provide specialized classroom instruction and practical hands-on experience to prepare individuals to maintain and repair outdoor power equipment such as outboard motors, lawnmowers, chainsaws, motorcycles, rotary tillers, all-terrain vehicles, portable electric generators, compact diesel engines, and small garden tractors, as well as the use of technical manuals. It is the policy of SOWELA Technical Community College to provide reasonable accommodations for those with disabilities, health impairments, and other conditions. Individuals that would like to pursue a degree in this program and believe they may need accommodations are encouraged to reach out to the Office of Accessibility Services at (337) 421 – 6576 or email ods@sowela.edu.

ABILITY	STANDARD	Some examples of necessary activities (not all inclusive)
Physical Demands / Motor Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to safely lift/carry a minimum of 50lbs. • Ability to stand/kneel/crouch for extended periods of time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry supplies. • Installing/repairing various components in multiple positions.
Critical Thinking/ Observation/ Sensory/ Reasoning Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to understand verbal and written instructional approaches and apply this understanding to maintenance projects in a manner that produces quality outcomes and safe work practices. • Ability to use sensory (hearing, visual, and smell) skills to be able to detect danger from various equipment found in maintenance facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply information given by the instructor in both lab and lecture settings to assigned work to meet specifications and Industry standards. • Student is successful in the Lab and classroom instructional settings. • Ability to detect danger of leaking gases, fire, danger to extremities, forklift traffic, and audible/visual alarms.
Behavioral / Social Skills and Professionalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should, at ALL times, demonstrate integrity and academic honesty as listed in the Student Handbook. • Students should, at ALL times, meet and practice safety standards concerning clothing and PPE, housekeeping, tools and equipment during maintenance training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student consistently demonstrates a professional work ethic and positive student-to-instructor interactions creating an effective learning environment. • Proper safety awareness and attitude helps to provide a safe environment that is conducive to learning and student achievement.

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Communication Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willingness to clarify understanding of the proper procedures and work methods assigned, especially when lacking understanding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student asks questions for understanding and correctly performs proper procedures.
Working Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to tolerate and adequately function in hot and cold work conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working for 6 hours in indoor and outdoor areas without heating or air conditioning.

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