HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION

Students in the Heating, Ventilation, Air-conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVACR) Program learn in modern, well-equipped labs. They are encouraged to use the labs in order to increase their hands-on-the-tools time and become proficient technicians. The labs are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment including 2-stage split systems, 90% condensing furnaces, boilers, heat pumps, commercial ice machines, and roof top units. The foundation of the program is its emphasis on hands-on training. Faculty members include veteran teachers and industry professionals.

Accreditation

The boiler courses in the program are accredited by the National Association of Stationary Operating Engineers (NASOE).

The NASOE accreditation allows students to earn a 2nd class low pressure boiler operator license and a 3rd class stationary high-pressure steam engineer license. Students also have the opportunity to earn 3rd party credentials from HVAC Excellence and the North American Technician Excellence (NATE).

Entrance Requirements

None

Program Requirements

None

Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration - Associate of Applied Science

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Residential HVAC Service Technician - Basic Vocational Specialist

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HAC 101 | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration I | 3
HAC 114 | Basic Electricity and HVACR Controls | 3
HAC 103 | Basic Heating Gas/Oil | 3
HAC 109 | Basic Sheet Metal | 3
HAC 119 | Refrigerant Recovery Certification | 0.5
Total | | 12.5

Residential HVAC Systems - Basic Vocational Specialist

Course | Title | Credits
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HAC 101 | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration I | 3
HAC 114 | Basic Electricity and HVACR Controls | 3
HAC 103 | Basic Heating Gas/Oil | 3
HAC 109 | Basic Sheet Metal | 3
HAC 119 | Refrigerant Recovery Certification | 0.5
Total Credit Hours | | 12.5

HVAC Facilities Maintenance Tech - Vocational Specialist

Course | Title | Credit Hours
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HAC 101 | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration I | 3
HAC 114 | Basic Electricity and HVACR Controls | 3
HAC 103 | Basic Heating Gas/Oil | 3
HAC 109 | Basic Sheet Metal | 3
HAC 119 | Refrigerant Recovery Certification | 0.5
Total | | 12.5

Refrigeration Service Technician - Basic Vocational Specialist

Course | Title | Credits
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HAC 101 | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration I | 3
HAC 114 | Basic Electricity and HVACR Controls | 3
HAC 103 | Basic Heating Gas/Oil | 3
HAC 109 | Basic Sheet Metal | 3
HAC 119 | Refrigerant Recovery Certification | 0.5
HAC 207 | Commercial Refrigeration | 3
ECS 110 | Codes and Standards | 3
Total Credit Hours | | 18.5

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Courses

All HAC courses numbered 100 and above may be applied to the major field and elective requirement for the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees.

HAC 101 Air Conditioning and Refrigeration I (3) 2.2
Emphasis on reducing emission of fully halogenated chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) refrigerants in refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment and application. Studies the compressor system used in mechanical refrigeration and air-conditioning. Covers the refrigeration cycle, compressors, receivers, evaporators, condensers, metering devices and refrigerants. Attention is given also to temperature conversions, absolute temperature, and gas laws. Introduces safe and efficient use of tools and torches in the installation of copper and steel piping. Refrigerant management, recovery, recycling and reclaiming will be covered to prepare the student for EPA technician certification. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available (3 LETSIR) Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: $516 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer
HAC 102 Air Conditioning & Refrigeration II (4)  2,4
Continuation of HAC 101, emphasizing the construction of equipment, systems, controls and accessories found in refrigeration and air conditioning unit systems. Special emphasis is given to servicing, repairing, testing, installation, charging, reading and wiring from ladder diagrams, and troubleshooting. Emphasis will also be placed on charging and working with non ozone depleting refrigerants. Repeatable to eight credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $648 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: a) HAC 101; and b) HAC 119 or concurrent enrollment in HAC 119; and c) either HAC 114 or IST 105, or concurrent enrollment in either HAC 114 or IST 105; or d) consent of instructor
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer
HAC 103 Basic Heating Gas/Oil (3)  2,2
Will cover the theory and fundamentals of heating and combustion. The course will cover the basic heating units of gas. The cleaning and servicing of them, and the control systems will also be covered. Repeatable to 6 credits; only three credits may apply toward a degree or certificate. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $516 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in either HAC 114 or IST 105
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer
HAC 104 HVACR Controls (3)  2,2
This course will cover the special controls used on commercial and industrial heating, air conditioning and refrigeration equipment. The operation, testing and servicing of these controls will also be covered. Repeatable to six credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $436 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HAC 205 and IST 110 or consent of instructor
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring
HAC 106 Advanced Heating Hydronics/Steam (3)  2,2
The theory and principles of steam, water piping, and their components will be covered. Boiler system operation, low pressure, pumps, controls, water treatment, accessories, and service and preventive maintenance, heat load calculations will be covered. Repeatable to six credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $501 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HAC 103
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring
HAC 109 Basic Sheet Metal (3)  2,2
A basic course covering triangulation stresses and layout of sheet metal ducts and fittings. All layout will be done on paper in this course and then sample construction will be done in lab. Repeatable to six credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available (3 LETSIR) Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $471 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer
HAC 110 Heat Pumps & Electrical Heat (3)  2,2
Theory of refrigeration cycle with respect to heat pumps and electrical heat theory. Covers mechanical and electrical operation, service, repair, and proper installation. Also geothermal heat pumps will be covered. Students will also take the RSES National Certification Heat Pump course. Book can be purchased in the HVAC&R office. Certification is included in the cost of the textbook. Repeatable to six credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $516 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HAC 102 or concurrent enrollment in HAC 102 or consent of instructor.
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring
HAC 111 Commercial Sheet Metal (3)  2,2
This course will cover advanced fitting layout, field measurements, advanced radial line developments and triangulation used in commercial construction of various duct fittings. Students will fabricate duct fittings for a particular project and will become responsible for their installation as well as installation of outdoor air and return air dampers for commercial units. Repeatable to six credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $471 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HAC 109 and HAC 115
Semester(s) Offered: Varies
HAC 114 Basic Electricity and HVACR Controls (3)  2,2
A study of the electrical controls, electrical wiring diagrams and proper troubleshooting. Topics included are: electrical symbols, Ohms law, series and parallel circuits, power distribution, magnetism, switches, relays, AC current transformers, motor safety controls, capacitors and motors used in the HVACR field. Emphasis will be placed on reading and wiring up circuits from ladder wiring diagrams. The course will include the proper use of test instruments for troubleshooting. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $516 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer
HAC 115 Blueprint Reading for Heating & AC (3)  2,2
A thorough examination of the components and elements that make up an architectural set of blueprints, including floor plans, foundation, electrical, heating, and plumbing, elevations, details and sections, plot plan, door, window, finish schedules, and general specifications. Residential and light commercial construction will be studied. Intended for the public and tradespersons interested in the general field of architecture. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $436 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

HAC 116 Cost Estimating for Sheet Metal (3)  2,2
Students will learn basic procedures of estimating in all facets of metal fabrication which will include: ductwork, electrical wiring, piping, insulation, HVAC equipment, temperature controls, HVAC units, air distribution equipment, heat and cooling equipment, air pollution equipment, heat recovery equipment, stamping, welding, machining, steel fabrication, forging, plastics finishing, brazing, plating and painting. This course will cover principles, practices, and procedures and provide a cost-effective, step-by-step method for cost estimating. Emphasis will be placed on pitfalls, problems, mistakes, inaccuracies that can occur in cost estimates. Basic concepts and steps that are required to develop man-hour and material based cost estimates will also be covered. Course is repeatable to six credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $436 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Varies

HAC 117 Architectural & Ornamental Sheet Metal (3)  2,2
This course will emphasize those sheet metal items and specialty items that can not be purchased from a manufacturer or supplier. Students will learn how to do repair or replacement work on architectural gutter and roofing. Due to OSHA laws emphasizing health and safety, students will learn to fabricate metal specialty items such as guards, machine guards, chutes, hoppers and other specialty items. Students will have the opportunity to experiment with a variety of styles of ornamental sheet metal items fabricated from copper and ornamental iron works with major emphasis on design, contour and mass. Students will concentrate on either architectural or ornamental fabrication for their final class project. Course is repeatable to six credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $471 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HAC 109 and HAC 111 or concurrent enrollment in HAC 111
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

HAC 118 Testing & Balancing HVAC Equipment (3)  2,2
Students will study the most current procedures in testing, adjusting and balancing of air conditioning equipment. Topics which will be covered include use of instruments, preparing reports, balancing types of systems, equipment checkout, troubleshooting air problems, flow and pressure basics, balancing VAV systems, HVAC equipment, fans and drives, changing drives, grilles, diffuser and AK Areas will also be covered. Emphasis will be placed on balancing for energy conservation. Students will perform actual testing and balancing on HVAC equipment. Course is repeatable to six credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $436 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HAC 104 and HAC 208 or concurrent enrollment in HAC 208 Recommended: MTH 107
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

HAC 119 Refrigerant Recovery Certification (.5)  0.5
This course includes all information needed to prepare technicians to become certified to recover and contain refrigerant from both high and low pressure air conditioning and refrigeration equipment. This course is an EPA approved Refrigerant Certification course. Course is repeatable to two credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $91 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

HAC 205 Commercial Air Conditioning (3)  2,2
The study of DX cooling, open and hermetic centrifugal liquid chillers, ventilation theory and application will be covered. Emphasis will be placed on both the electrical and mechanical aspects of the field. Proper maintenance and start-up procedures of chillers will be covered. Instruction will cover psychrometrics, capacity control, zone control, capacity control and economizers. Actual electrical wiring on DX cooling and chillers will be studied. The use of new refrigerants and guidelines for retrofitting will be covered both in the lecture and lab. Theory and installation of pneumatics and electronic control systems will be covered. Repeatable to six credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $516 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HAC 102 and HAC 119 or concurrent enrollment in HAC 119 or EPA refrigerant recovery certification
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

HAC 207 Commercial Refrigeration (3)  2,2
Study of high and low temperature applications and operations; mechanical and electrical components, service and repair, electrical circuitry, capacity control, and heat reclaim. Also covered are walk-in's, ice machines, and supermarket refrigeration equipment. Repeatable to six credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $516 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HAC 102 and HAC 119 or concurrent enrollment in HAC 119 or EPA refrigerant recovery certification
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring
HAC 208 Load Calculations & Duct Sys Design (4) 4.0
Residential heating and cooling load calculations will be covered. The use of computer programs is also included. The student will also design a duct system for heating, cooling, and ventilation. Repeatable to 8 credits; only four credits may apply towards a degree or certificate. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $568 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HAC 101, 102, 103, 106, 109, 114, 119
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

HAC 220 HVACR National Certification (1) 1.0
This course will include pre-training for the Industrial Competency Exam (ICE). The ICE exam is sponsored by the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI)/ Gas Appliance Manufacturer's Association (GAMA). Three different exams are given at the end of the course which include Residential Air Conditioning and Heating, Light Commercial Air Conditioning and Heating, and Commercial Refrigeration. Course is repeatable to four credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $132 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in HAC 103 and HAC 110 or concurrent enrollment in HAC 103 and HAC 110
Semester(s) Offered: Varies

HAC 233 Special Topics in HVACR (.5) .25,.5
Designed to satisfy specific needs or interests of students and the community. The following guidelines are to be used in selecting topics: 1) Adequate and available material on specific topic; 2) Comprehensive outlines for each topic; and 3) Course should be designed to increase skill and knowledge in the field of heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration. Repeatable to two credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $66 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Varies

HAC 234 Special Topics in Heat/Air Cond. (1) .5,1
Designed to satisfy specific needs or interests of students and the community. The following guidelines are to be used in selecting topics: 1) Adequate and available material on specific topic; 2) Comprehensive outline for each topic; and 3) Course should be designed to increase skill and knowledge in the field of heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration. Repeatable to three credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $132 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Varies

HAC 235 Special Topics in Heat/Air Cond. (2) 1.2
Designed to satisfy specific needs or interests of students and the community. The following guidelines are to be used in selecting topics: 1) Adequate and available material on specific topic; 2) Comprehensive outline for each topic; and 3) Course should be designed to increase skill and knowledge in the field of heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration. Repeatable to four credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $264 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Varies

HAC 236 Special Topics in Heat/Air Cond. (3) 2.2
Designed to satisfy specific needs or interests of students and the community. The following guidelines are to be used in selecting topics: 1) Adequate and available material on specific topic; 2) Comprehensive outline for each topic; and 3) Course should be designed to increase skill and knowledge in the field of heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration. Repeatable to six credits. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $436 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer