



**Department of
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
John Carey, Chancellor

PROGRAM INACTIVATION FORM

Date of submission: [Date Submitted]

Name of institution: Kent State University

Program to be inactivated: Manufacturing Engineering Technology major within the Associate of Applied Science degree

Date that the inactivation received final approval from the appropriate institutional committee: [Board of Trustees Date of Approval]

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Educator Preparation Programs:

Leads to licensure: No
Lead to endorsement: No

1. Provide the rationale for the inactivation of the program:

Kent State established the AAS degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology in 1995 at its Salem Campus. At the time of establishment, the program reflected the needs of the Salem business and industrial community to prepare students for entry-level technical jobs in manufacturing, as well as an articulation for tech prep programs.

Due to a decline of manufacturing jobs and the closing of two manufacturing plants in Columbiana County, the program was inactivated at the Salem Campus in 2006. That same year, the degree program, its dedicated laboratory and two full-time faculty members moved to the Trumbull Campus, which was experiencing a growth of manufacturing employment opportunities, both in Trumbull and in Mahoning County.

However, the local industry need for graduates in the manufacturing area never developed as anticipated. As a result, and the program has received low interest from students. Enrollment in the program on the Trumbull Campus has averaged five students each semester; only three students, total, have graduated from the program at Trumbull, with the last one graduating in spring 2012. There are no faculty supporting the degree program currently, and several of the courses are no longer offered

There is no evidence today to support a need for this specialized program in the region. Many students who originally declared the Manufacturing Engineering Technology major later switched to another program (typically the associate degree major in mechanical engineering technology or the baccalaureate major in applied engineering or engineering technology). Kent State's Mechanical Engineering Technology major at the Trumbull and Tuscarawas campuses is similar in nature and curriculum to the Manufacturing Engineering Technology major.

As such, faculty and administrators at the Trumbull Campus seek to inactivate this degree program and focus on existing programs that have demonstrated need and interest.

2. Indicate number of students currently enrolled in the program:

Admission to the program was suspended for fall 2017, so no students were admitted in fall 2017 or later. There is one enrolled student currently. That one student is also enrolled in a BS degree in Applied Engineering, Mechanical Engineering Technology concentration.

As several of the courses in the Manufacturing Engineering Technology major are no longer being offered, exceptions have been approved for the one enrolled student to count appropriate courses required in the Applied Engineering major toward the associate degree major. The student is on track to earn both degrees in spring 2018.

3. Describe how the inactivation of the program will affect students currently in the program and explain plans for notifying students and assisting them in the completion of their degrees:

Inactivation of the degree program will have no impact on the currently enrolled student as the expectation is the one enrolled student will graduate before the official inactivation date. Since no students have been admitted to the program in the past three semesters, no other students are affected. Students who left the major and wish to reenroll in the university will be required to select another major, and they will be advised on the appropriate major based on their interests.

4. Will there be a loss of faculty or staff positions because of the inactivation of the program? If so, indicate when the faculty or staff members were or will be informed:

There will be no loss of faculty and staff positions with the inactivation of this degree program. There are no administrators or faculty attached to the major. The six courses dedicated to the major have not been offered in several years (the last one was offered was in 2011), and will be inactivated with the major:

- EERT 22007 Industrial Motor Control and Application (3)
- MFGT 12010 Safety in the Workplace (2)
- MFGT 13001 Computer Numerical Control Programming (3)
- MFGT 21001 Standard Design Practice for Manufacturing Technology (3)
- MFGT 22014 Advanced Industrial Electronics (3)
- MFGT 23001 Computer-Aided Manufacturing (3)

5. Describe the plan for communicating the inactivation of the program, including changes to the college catalog and college website and communications with advisors, admissions officers and financial aid officers:

Notice of the program's suspension is in the University Catalog and on Kent State's Explore Programs and Degrees website. Once the inactivation is approved by the Kent State University Board of Trustees and the Ohio Department of Higher Education, all necessary changes will be made to all university websites and materials. Further written concurrent communications will be sent out to key persons in student advising, admission, registrar and financial aid.

6. Indicate the final date that the program will be operational:

The program will be inactivated for fall 2018 and will no longer be listed in any Kent State materials for prospective students.

Respectfully,

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Kent State University