

Sinclair Community College and Festo Form Apprenticeship Partnership to Launch Career and College Success for Students

Students earn 20 credit hours for completing Festo Mechatronics Apprenticeship Program.

Sinclair Community College and Festo Corporation have launched a new partnership that will allow students to earn college credits toward a Sinclair associate degree while gaining critical advanced manufacturing skills on the job.

Individuals who complete the Festo Mechatronics Apprenticeship Program will earn 20 credits hours toward a Sinclair Automation and Control Technology with Robotics Associate of Applied Science degree. With the credit hours, students will complete approximately 40 additional credit hours to earn the degree.

Festo is a leading global supplier of intelligent automation solutions including pneumatic and electromechanical systems, components, and instruments for process control and factory automation. Festo's state-of-the-art assembly and distribution center is located in Mason, Ohio.

Sinclair's Automation and Control Technology with Robotics associate degree provides electrical and mechanical education and training in developing, installing, programming, and troubleshooting the complex machinery found in the modern manufacturing and supply chain environments. Career paths include electronic engineering technician, industrial maintenance technician, robotics technician, system integrator, and supply chain technician. The degree is offered at Sinclair's Dayton and Mason campuses.

"This innovative partnership with Festo will strengthen the workforce pipeline by providing the exceptional education and on-the-job training students need for lucrative, rewarding careers in advanced manufacturing," said [Name, Title] – Sinclair Community College.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, approximately 11,100 openings for electrical and electronic engineering technicians are projected annually through the year 2031 with the median average salary of more than \$63,000.

About Sinclair Community College

Sinclair Community College offers more than 300 degree and certificate programs, including specialized and technical areas of study that are in high demand in the Dayton region. Sinclair is recognized as a local and national leader in delivering high-quality and affordable higher education. In 2023, Sinclair Community College was named the top college in the country for sustained and persistent student success when it received the esteemed Leah Meyer Austin Award from Achieving the Dream. One of the oldest and best-known community colleges in the nation, Sinclair was founded in 1887 and is a board member of the prestigious League for Innovation in the Community College. Learn more at [Sinclair.edu](https://www.sinclair.edu).

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The Sinclair College campus in Mason continues Sinclair's mission of providing accessible, affordable, flexible education to meet the needs of the community. Conveniently located, the campus is easily accessible from I-71. Sinclair in Mason offers a full-service small campus feel, with all the advantages and resources of a large public community college. 30 degree and certificate programs are offered in Mason, with over 30 fully online programs and more than 300 programs available system-wide. Students can earn job-ready credentials or earn credits that transfer easily to any four-year college or university. For more information, visit [Sinclair.edu/Mason](https://sinclair.edu/Mason).

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