

AGCO Announces Agriculture Service Technician Associate Degree Program at Parkland College



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New AAS program will equip graduates with the critical skills needed to help AGCO dealers maintain Fendt® and Massey Ferguson® equipment.

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DULUTH, GA | [AGCO Corporation](#) (NYSE: AGCO), a global leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of agricultural machinery and precision ag technology, announced on March 7 a major expansion of its [technician training program with Parkland College](#) in Champaign, Illinois. The college will construct a new state-of-the-art training center on its campus made possible by a \$5 million donation from AGCO Corporation. The facility will house a new AGCO Agriculture Service Technician Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S) degree program, providing students with instruction specific to AGCO-branded equipment and cutting-edge precision ag technologies such as those from Fendt® and Massey Ferguson®, as well as education in general ag concepts. The program will accept students sponsored by AGCO dealerships, with classes starting this fall leveraging existing space at Parkland College. Groundbreaking will occur in the summer of 2023 on the new 25,000-square-foot building that will permanently host the program.

AGCO's significant growth across North America has increased demand for technicians to service equipment from its popular brands. The two-year program will employ a work-based learning model to rotate students between classwork and fieldwork and award fully accredited associate degrees to successful participants. Students will also achieve AGCO certification for completion of Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 curriculum on AGCO equipment. This certification includes the operation of AGCO equipment, basic troubleshooting, and application of technical service information. Students will also gain experience and knowledge on AGCO-based information systems, including service, warranty, and parts information.

"The AGCO Agriculture Service Technician A.A.S. degree program at Parkland is an exciting commitment that will help educate the technicians of tomorrow that our dealers and farmers need to keep feeding the world," said Seth Crawford, AGCO SVP and GM, Precision Ag and Digital. "Parkland College's longstanding reputation for excellence in agriculture education and diesel technology makes it a perfect location to train AGCO's future technicians."

"Parkland is pleased to grow its relationship with AGCO to meet the expanding need for skilled technicians to support agricultural equipment dealers and farmers," said Dr. Pamela Lau, Parkland College President. "Building on the success of our Midwest Center for Precision Agriculture and the expertise of our faculty, we look forward to expanding our training capabilities with this AGCO-specific program and facility. We commend AGCO leadership for their strategic vision and look forward to welcoming the next generation of technicians to campus this fall."

For more information about the AGCO Agriculture Service Technician A.A.S. degree program at Parkland College, go to [Parkland.edu/AGCO](#) or contact your local AGCO dealer.

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About Parkland College

Parkland College, located in Champaign, Illinois, is a fully accredited public community college serving the needs of District 505, the state's third largest community college district. Offering 130+ degree and certificate options for career placement or academic transfer, Parkland has provided technical skills training and traditional academic instruction to more than 350,000 students since 1967. Parkland is home to the Midwest Center for Precision Agriculture, which is funded by several National Science Foundation (NSF) Advanced Technological Education (ATE) grants that aim to build the future agricultural workforce. For more information, visit www.parkland.edu or follow the college on Instagram at @parkland_college and Twitter at @parklandcollege.

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