

Shell Scholarships Available through CAPT

Shell Oil Company is offering scholarships to qualified applicants through the Center for the Advancement of Process Technology (CAPT) at the College of the Mainland.

These scholarships are designed to promote students' interest in Process Technology (PTEC™) degree programs, and the jobs associated with the degree. PTEC scholarships encourage promising students to enroll in Process Technology or Instrumentation degree programs at CAPT affiliated schools. In order to capture the intellectual talent necessary to fuel industry's process technology jobs now and in the future.

Scholarships of \$2,000 are available for students who are currently enrolled or who are planning to enroll in the PTEC or Instrumentation Technology two-year degree program.

Both full-and part-time students can apply, as well as high school seniors who will graduate this spring.



Full time students are eligible for \$750 per semester and part time students for \$500 per semester. Scholarships can be used to pay for tuition, books, fees, and educational supplies.

Students selected to receive a scholarship should meet basic hiring criteria for future employment with industry sponsors.

The PTEC scholarship award is primarily based on scholastic performance with a minimum requirement of a 2.5 overall grade point average. Once a scholarship is received, there is a 3-year time limit to complete the degree program.

To be considered for a scholarship award, your application and required documentation must be received at the CAPT office by April 1, 2008.

For application forms or more information, visit www.capttech.org or call Cindy Washington at 409.938.1211, ext. 103.

Interns Share Keys to a Successful Internship

Each year students who have completed their summer internships are asked to provide advice to future interns. The following are the top five keys to success identified by the students:

1. Begin your internship with an open mind and take full advantage of every opportunity that is given to you.
2. Learn as much as possible before your internship, and be prepared to listen and observe.
3. Take an interpersonal communications class to make you aware of your own responsibilities in good communication.
4. Research the company you will intern with – know what the job you will train for involves and prepare for the specific internship location.
5. Prepare to work hard and to learn a lot.

Students enrolled in, or graduates from, a two-year Process Technology (PTEC) or Instrumentation degree program can apply for paid student internships with BP Exploration and Production or Shell Oil Company. Onshore and offshore internships are offered periodically throughout the year.

If you are interested in an internship, please read the Internship Guide for PTEC Students (found at www.capttech.org/press/intern_guide_2006.pdf) for a better understanding of what an internship involves.

BP and Shell Internships Apply Now



BP's technician internship program usually takes place during the summer breaks, but can also occur at other times. The program enables students to gain hands-on experience and awareness of BP career opportunities. Interns are mentored by experienced BP technicians during their internship.

Opportunities are available in all major areas of BP for process, production, instrumentation, electrical, and mechanical technician students.

To apply for a BP internship, go to www.bp.com/careers/usu, and choose "Interns and Co-Ops" in the box on the left-hand side of the page to view information on how and where to apply for an internship.



Shell Exploration & Production Company offers paid internships to students who are interested in learning about the offshore and onshore production operations environment. Interns are assigned to a full-time supervisor who will closely monitor and evaluate their performance during the three-month internship.

To apply for internship opportunities, go to www.shell.com/us/careers. Then choose "Students" from the four choices offered on the *Jobs & Careers* page. You can complete and submit an application online. Within 14 days of receiving your application, you will receive an application status update from Shell via e-mail.



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A PTEC™ Student's Success Story



After 14 years of commendable law enforcement service, at the age of 39, Austin Kirklín went back to school following a 20-year break. "Although I loved law enforcement, I really wanted to become a process technician," Austin said. "I would test at several area refineries without much success. Once, I made it to the second stage in the hiring process at an area chemical plant and, although I didn't get the position, I was given valuable information from a member of the interview panel.

"During that interview I learned that the things I was missing were experience and/or technical training at a technical college," Austin said. "From that point on, I made my preparations to attend Louisiana Technical College — River Parishes Campus. What impressed me the most was how motivated the two instructors in the Process Technology (PTEC™) program were. They basically had me recruited at our first meeting."

"Austin proved very early on that he had the passion and desire to succeed in this business,"

instructor George Foret said. "He maintained a positive attitude, completed work assignments in detail and on time, and always did jobs right the first time. He will be a very valuable asset to his company."

After earning his PTEC degree and completing an internship at a Chevron Phillips Chemical plant, Austin was hired as an intern at Marathon Ashland where he successfully qualified as a process technician in his unit. He scored 100 percent on the written test, which was a first at his facility.

"I credit my success," Austin stated, "to the skills I learned and the experience I received at LTC. This is a good time to get into process technology because much of the workforce is retiring and there is a lot of expansion going on in the industry. Students only need a two-year associate degree to qualify for this opportunity."