Do you like to work with mechanical devices? Do you like to work with your hands? Want a stable career with growth opportunity? If you answered “yes” to these questions, Sullivan College of Technology and Design’s (SCTD) HVAC-R program may be a good fit for you.

Opened in fall of 2009, the first students will earn their associate degree in HVAC-R in June of 2011 and will be ready to begin careers in sales, service, installation and/or maintenance of equipment that heats, cools, and supplies air in both residential and commercial settings. Students in the program have the opportunity to earn their OSHA safety certification, EPA universal certification and a commercial energy auditor certification. The field of HVAC-R is wide open for those who have the skills and knowledge necessary to be successful in any of these areas, and students can further their career goals with a degree from SCTD.

Comprehensive curriculum and outstanding facilities

The new on-campus Energy Technology Building has a large, bright HVAC-R lab with state-of-the-art equipment, trainers, and tools used in the field. Combining academic content in math and science, computer simulations, lab work and on-the-job training ensures that graduates have the skill set necessary to be successful in the HVAC-R field.

The faculty includes three full-time instructors who are HVACR journeymen as well as adjunct instructors currently working in the field. Students participate in an externship in facilities such as the Frazier Museum and will graduate with the knowledge they need to sit successfully for the journeyman exam in Kentucky or Indiana.

State calls HVAC-R program “one of the strongest and best constructed curricula for the industry”

Sullivan College of Technology and Design’s (SCTD) Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning-Refrigeration (HVAC-R) program has earned approval from the state of Kentucky and the Kentucky Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, Division of HVAC. The council called the program, “one of the strongest and best constructed curricula for the industry.”

State approval provides a distinct advantage for students in SCTD’s HVAC-R program. Eventually, students entering the HVAC-R field will have to sit for the Kentucky HVAC-R Journeyman’s license exam. Passing the state exam is only one hurdle in obtaining the license, however.

Individuals must have at least two years of practical experience in the HVAC-R field before they can be awarded the license. Here’s the great news! With state approval of the college’s curriculum, graduates from the HVAC-R associate degree program will be able to count their time in the SCTD program for half of the practical experience requirement.

Students will graduate needing only one additional year of experience before they can obtain the HVAC-R journeyman’s license. This is a huge advantage for SCTD students, as the journeyman’s license will be the ticket to greater responsibility and autonomy on the job as well as higher pay.

Congratulations to HVAC-R program chairperson Mike Covington for state approval of the HVAC-R program’s curriculum. Mr. Covington says, “This is a significant milestone for our program because it will allow the students to apply the hours they attended at SCTD toward the required industry-related experience and training in order to become Journeyman HVAC/R technicians.”

If this field appeals to you, please all 502-456-6509 or 1-800-844-6528 for further details.