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ISA's Control Systems Technician (CST) Associate Program

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Become a CST Associate

An ISA Control Systems Technician Associate, or CST Associate, has specialized work experience and/or an educational background in automation and control or a related field **and** has successfully completed the requisite ISA examination.

Note: This recognition program is not a certification. Those who take the CST Associate examination may be interested in pursuing the ISA Certified Control Systems Technician® (CCST®) certification program once their education and experience level reaches five years. Successfully completing the CST Associate exam equals one year of credit toward the CCST Level I requirements.

The Exam

The ISA CST Associate examination measures a fundamental understanding of knowledge in automation and control. The exam has 75 multiple choice questions covering topics such as calibration, loop checking, troubleshooting, and start-up.

CST Associate Requirements

A CST Associate must meet specific criteria based on educational courses or work experience in automation and control, electrical, electronics, or mechanical technologies.

One of the following backgrounds will satisfy this requirement:

- Successfully completed sixteen (16) semester course hours [or twenty-four (24) quarter hours] from an educational institution within the related technology areas (see below). (Courses in basic science, mathematics, social science, humanities, and communications will not count towards the requirement)
- Successfully completed a two-year academic degree in a related technology area (e.g. degree in Instrumentation Engineering Technology). (Computer programming courses related to practical engineering applications will qualify)
- Two years of work experience in a related technology area (see below) with a minimum of a high school diploma

Related technology areas: instrumentation, measurement and control, electrical, electronics, or mechanical technologies.

Apply for Recognition

- Contact your instructor, employer, or ISA Student Section Advisor to set up a CST Associate exam at your location
- Read and complete the CST Associate Examination Application and return to your site sponsor. This Application can be found online at www.isa.org/cert/CSTAssociate
- Your site contact will submit your completed application and examination fee of \$85 ISA Member/\$95 List at least six (6) weeks prior to the exam date selected
- Study for the exam

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