The ISA Control Systems Technician Associate program gives recognition that demonstrates commitment to a career in instrumentation and control and shows that educational accomplishments are only the beginning.

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CST Associate Program

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. The ISA CST Associate examination measures a fundamental understanding of knowledge in automation and control.

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 Level I CCST requirements.

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 at the time of an application submission. 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. Courses in basic science, mathematics, social science, humanities, and communications will not count toward the requirement.

- Completed a two-year academic degree in a related technology area (e.g. degree in Instrumentation Engineering Technology). Related technology areas include instrumentation, measurement and control, electrical, electronics, or mechanical technologies. Computer programming courses related to practical engineering applications will qualify.

- Two years of work experience in a related technology area (see above) with a minimum of a high school diploma.

Apply for Recognition

- Contact your ISA Student Section Advisor, instructor, or employer 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 for ISA Members ($95 for non-members) at least six (6) weeks prior to the exam date selected.

- Study for the exam.