

Following are a few of the most common questions that are asked during the advising process:

Do I have to complete the entire program? Yes, it is in your best interest to complete the program. Most employers are looking for an Associate degree as a minimum requirement for entry level positions.

What are starting salaries? Starting salaries vary depending on the employer's size, and the nature of the position, but can be as much as \$40,000 per year. Advancement opportunities are good for degree holders, and improve for those who continue their education.

When are classes? The Computer-Aided Drafting and Design degree program is a daytime program, with the majority of classes held in the fall and spring semesters. There are a limited number of courses offered at night, and the general education courses are also offered during the summer.

What are classes at KCC like? Most classes are relatively small in size; 40 maximum in lecture classes, and approximately 24 maximum in lab classes. The rule of thumb for lecture classes is one and a half hours of homework for each hour of lecture. Lab classes vary in terms of homework, some are similar to lecture classes, others may have little or no homework at all. There are two full-time CAD instructors at KCC, and we get to know our students very well. It is the personal attention you receive at KCC that sets us apart from most other schools.

Must I have taken drafting in High School? No. Many of our students start without any previous drafting education. All we ask for is your interest and enthusiasm.

Can I transfer my degree? Yes, we currently have transfer agreements to a number of four-year schools, including Ferris State University (Product Design Engineering Technology).

What will I do on the job? As a drafter, detailer, designer, or CAD operator you will spend your time on a variety of tasks including CAD drawing, 3D modeling, sketching, research, lab testing, taking field measurements, problem solving and report writing. A large percentage of our graduates will be working with mechanical drawings and a few with architectural. Some of our graduates have chosen careers in other related fields like Technical Education, Technical Illustration, Quality Assurance, Sales Engineer and other various management positions.

Are jobs available? Yes. Recently demand has exceeded supply for CAD related positions in western Michigan, and most of our students place locally (Battle Creek, Hastings, Coldwater, Kalamazoo, Jackson, Grand Rapids, Holland and Zeeland).

I have been away from school for a few years, can I still compete? Yes, you can. The average age of a KCC graduate is 29 years. We recently had a Drafting and Design graduate in his 50's and a 72 year old CAD student who could show the younger students a thing or two. Skill assessment and developmental courses are available in math, writing, and study skills to prepare you for the curriculum, and tutoring is available for many classes.

Can I do it? Absolutely! At KCC we excel at giving you the attention and care you need to sharpen your skills, and challenge you to do your best.

Where do I begin? Apply to KCC directly on our website: www.kellogg.edu , take the assessment tests, then meet with a KCC Academic Advisor or contact Douglas Mann, CAD Instructor, 269.965.3931 x2268 or mannd@kellogg.edu to start you on our CAD degree guided pathway.

Our offices are on the second floor of the Ohm Information Technology Center on the Battle Creek campus. You can also stop by the CAD lab for an informal tour most any weekday or evening, please call ahead to make sure one of us will be present to show you around. The CAD lab is also located in the Ohm Information Technology Center, room 204.

The Kellogg Community College CAD Lab

- 24 networked workstations
- Hewlett-Packard® LaserJet CP5525 printer for 11 x 17 or 8½ x 11 inch output
- Hewlett-Packard® T790 DesignJet plotter for black and white or color output up to 36 inches wide
- Dimension BST 3D Printer for ABS Plastic parts
- AutoCAD® for 2D Mechanical and Architectural drawing
- SolidWorks® for 3D modeling and assemblies