

Being a Thompson Tractor technician is more than a career choice, it's a choice career.

As a Thompson Tractor technician, you will help maintain the equipment that builds your community's most important projects.

Thompson Tractor Company and five other Caterpillar dealers throughout the southeast sponsor the Heavy Equipment Dealer Service Technology program at South Georgia Technical College as a part of Caterpillar's ThinkBIG service technician training program.

Upon completion of the program, you will receive a Heavy Equipment Dealers Service Technology Associate Degree and begin a career at Thompson as a technician.

Scan the QR code for more information.







HOWTO APPLY

Apply online at thompsontractor.com/careers/thinkbig-program.

After you've indicated that you're interested in the ThinkBIG program, we'll work with you as you complete the following steps in the process:

- 1. Achieve a passing score on one of the required pre-admission tests
- 2. Visit the South Georgia Technical College campus to learn about campus life
- 3. Take our internal assessments
- 4. Interview with our service manager in the store where you'll complete your shop internships

To enter the program, you must have a high school diploma (or equivalent) and be 18 years old by the time you begin your first internship. You must also have a valid driver's license with a clean driving record and be able to pass a background check, a physical exam, and a drug screen.

PRE-ADMISSION TESTING

The ThinkBIG program is a college program, so you must pass an entrance exam to be admitted. The minimum acceptable scores for three common preadmission tests are shown below.

ACT

Reading 17, English 16, Math 19
SAT
Reading 450, Math 440
Classic Accuplacer
Reading 64, Sentence Skills 70, Algebra 57
Next-Generation Accuplacer
Reading 244, QAS 246

PAYING FOR THE PROGRAM

After you are accepted into the program at Thompson AND enrolled at South Georgia Technical College,

- Thompson covers the cost of tuition, books, lab fees and graduation fees for the full two years of the course of study.
- The student pays for the cost of room and board, deposits, as well as personal transportation.
- The student does not earn a wage while in school but does earn a wage during the 8-week internship.

SEMESTER	DATE	COURSES
Fall 2024	August to October-Classes at South Georgia Tech October to December-Internship at Thompson Tractor	CATT 1100 Caterpillar Engine Fundamentals CATT 1110 Caterpillar Service Industry WELD 1000 Introduction to Welding ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric
Spring 2025	January to March-Classes at South Georgia Tech March to May-Internship at Thompson Tractor	CATT 1120 Hydraulic Fundamentals CATT 1130 Fuel Systems CATT 1140 Electrical Fundamentals MATH 1111 College Algebra
Summer 2025	May to August-Classes at South Georgia Tech	CATT 1150 Air Conditioning Fundamentals CATT 1160 Power Train I CATT 1170 Machine Hydraulic Systems PSYC 1101 Intro to Psychology
Fall 2025	August to October-Internship at Thompson Tractor October to December-Classes at South Georgia Tech	CATT 2000 Power Train II CATT 2010 Machine Electronics ENGL 2130 American Literature
Spring 2026	January to March-Internship at Thompson Tractor March to May-Classes at South Georgia Tech May-Graduation	CATT 2020 Engine Diagnostics and Repair CATT 2030 Machine Diagnostics CATT 2040 Machine Specific CATT 2041 Technical Communications



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