

## Practical degree course as a personal career springboard

**Bachelor degree instead of career end. In keeping with this goal, Eckert School's degree course "Fast Track" was created – especially for university dropouts. After a pre-study internship, the training as state-certified technologist is warranted, which is an important factor to the companies of the CCEV as well as to their contributors.**

Up to this point study dropout had a negative effect on the curriculum vitae – but Fast Track offers a new opportunity to succeed.

### 2 degrees in 2.5 years

The training as industrial technologist parallel to state-certified technician is combined with work experience in a suitable partner company. After 2.5 years, both a bachelor degree and practical knowledge can be verified. Anyhow, during the selection of job applicants, numerous companies prefer such expertise. Thomas Skowronek, manager of the Eckert Schools, knows this very well: "Fast Track graduates are not Engineers who have never been inside a production hall. They were trained in the company and know what counts most – theoretically and practically."

### A study put into practice

30 ECTS from previously acquired study qualifications will be credited. A first step towards closing the gap in the German education system. The path from university to a higher occupational career was hardly considered yet. "In times of over-academization and shortage of specialists, the role of higher vocational education is rapidly growing", tells Skowronek. "A university education is no longer the only way to obtain qualification and promotion prospects."

This holds true for Fast Track participants: after one year on the campus in Regenstauf, you are given the title of a state-certified industrial technologist. Afterwards, the second phase of the practical training begins: 1.5 years as specialist workers in partner

companies until you complete the further education as a state-certified technician. Moreover, the acquired knowledge of the previous study was not in vain – participants put their theoretical knowledge in practical use. To summarize, an initial dropout soon will be replaced by a degree at Bachelor level and a great deal of practical know-how.

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