Frequently Asked Questions about the DATE Program

What does DATE stand for?

DATE stands for Diesel Advanced Technology Education.

Where are the DATE schools located?

- J-Tech Institute is located in Jacksonville, FL
- University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH) is located in Lima, OH
- Western Technical College is located in El Paso, TX

What are the instructors' qualifications?

All DATE program instructors are master certified for the content they teach.

How do students enroll in the DATE program?

All students must be enrolled in their school's diesel core program. Upon completion of that program students may elect to continue their education through DATE. Candidates must interview with program managers and meet grade and attendance requirements to be eligible.

Do DATE students take Mack technical ILTs at these schools?

Each school blends some Mack ILT content into their curriculum. DATE schools do not teach Mack's ILT courses in their entirety.

How are DATE graduates certified?

DATE graduates earn the equivalent of Mack professional technician status. Once employed at a dealership they may enroll in one or more of the diagnostics, drivetrain, electronics, or engine master curricula to earn master status.

How do I meet and interview DATE program graduates?

Attend a career fair to meet graduates. Career fair dates are listed in the development guide calendar. Use the development guide links to contact the school and register.

Who at Mack can I contact for more information?

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