

IDEA gate certifications: ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



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Four programs and counting

As I conclude my role as president of the Institute of Door Dealer Education and Accreditation (IDEA), I would like to reflect on some of the changes that have recently taken place within the gate operator certification programs.

IDEA's goal is to promote the door, gate, and access systems industries as specialized occupations. Additionally, IDEA seeks to help consumers, whether residential or commercial, to recognize quality within the door and access systems industry as a means of promoting safety and avoiding problems associated with unqualified technicians.

IDEA currently has four gate certification programs and will be adding a fifth in early 2025:

GATE SYSTEMS DESIGNER — Intended for a salesperson or person quoting a job. The program is meant to provide an overview of gate applications and system layouts needed for accurate quoting.

GATE OPERATOR INSTALLER — Intended for a person installing gate operators. The program provides education on safety standards, types of gates, types of operators, and attaching various accessories to the system.

GATE TECHNICIAN LEVEL 1 — Intended for a person troubleshooting and repairing residential and light commercial gate operator systems.

GATE TECHNICIAN LEVEL 2 — Intended for a person troubleshooting and repairing commercial and industrial gate operator systems.

GATE TECHNICIAN LEVEL 3 — Intended for a person troubleshooting and repairing high-security gate operator systems (available in 2025).

Once an individual has earned their Gate Operator Installer certification and completed all three Gate Technician levels, they will be recognized as a MASTER Gate Technician. They will receive a special certificate, special shirt patches, and a personalized truck decal so they can market their high level of achievement in the access control industry.

IDEA will continue to provide new certifications as well as maintain the required Continuing Education data for the three-year renewal cycles. Stay updated with all the valuable information IDEA has at <https://www.dooreducation.com> ■

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