



**Editor's note**

*The Institute of Door Dealer Education and Accreditation (IDEA) and Accreditation and Certification Institute (ACI) constantly update their programs, adding certification courses on an ongoing basis. In the third installment of Door + Access Systems' "Certification Matters" series, our readers get a sneak peek at IDEA's new certification and study guide.*

# IDEA's gate certification programs are growing



IDEA created the Automated Gate Operator Installer Certification in 2008 and the Automated Gate Systems Designer Certification in 2013. These self-study certification programs have been the industry's leading programs since their inception. In fact, IDEA has issued over 4,500

certifications across the door, gate, and access control industry.

IDEA has a total of 4,289 total certified technicians, accredited dealers, and sanctioned trainers, with 537 added in 2021 and thus far in 2022.

From January 13-14, 2022, the Automated Coalition group met in Grapevine, Texas to develop and finalize the Automated Gate Technician Certification study guide. Shortly after, IDEA introduced its newest self-study certification program – Automated Gate Systems Technician Level 1. The Level 1 Technician program builds upon the Automated Gate

Operator Installer course and goes into more depth on troubleshooting gate systems.

Topics include troubleshooting electrical circuits, system troubleshooting methodology, basic control training, vehicle detection systems, and licensing requirements.

The new Automated Gate Systems Technician Level 1 certification program is available on IDEA's website in the Certification section. Sign up today and be one of the first individuals to become a Gate Systems Level 1 Technician!

IDEA is also in the process of developing the Automated Gate Systems Technician Level 2 and Automated Gate Systems Technician Level 3 programs. Once an individual completes the Level 3 program, they will be awarded an Automated Gate Systems Master Technician certification.

Testing for IDEA certified programs has never been easier, and there are many options to choose from. IDEA staff will also travel to your location or event if there are at least 10 applicants testing.

If there are less than 10 applicants, IDEA has proctors available across the country. Testing can also be accomplished at a certified testing center. Instructions for use of a certified testing center will be provided by IDEA at (937) 698-1027 or email [idea-michelle@dooreducation.com](mailto:idea-michelle@dooreducation.com).

IDEA's gate programs will continue to provide new certifications as well as maintain the required Continuing Education data for the three-year renewal cycles.

For more information about ACI and its programs, visit the ACI website, [www.acieducation.org](http://www.acieducation.org). For testing opportunities, visit the ACI calendar of events.

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From left to right: Brent Nichols (Picasso Fence), Tom DeSilvia (LiftMaster), Rick Sedivy (DoorKing), Dave Monsour (DASMA), Brian Fitz (AutoGate), and Gary Vonnahme (Ameristar Fence)



**ACI Certification**

ACI has a total of 180 certified technicians, with 100 Gate Automation Designer and 80 Gate Automation Technicians certifications awarded in 2021 and 2022.

### ACI Certification, Gate Automation Designer (CGAD)

The following individuals received their CGAD between November 1, 2021, and February 1, 2022:

**Certificant Name**

Brian Boutte  
Ringo Gause  
Ross Tomazin  
Susie Wells

One or more technicians from the following companies were awarded with the Gate Automation Designer certification:

**Company Name**

All-O-Matic  
Ameristar Perimeter Security  
DoorKing of Texas  
Savannah Fence & Entry Systems

### ACI Certification, Gate Automation Technician (CGAT)

The following individuals received their CGAT between November 1, 2021, and February 1, 2022:

**Certificant Name**

Youth Alligood	William George	Brian Rather
Miguel Alvarez	Steven Grossman	Jared Smith
Kyle Blackwood	Marcus Johnson	Travis Smith
Brian Boutte	Ross Jones	Carl Stutes
Antonio Byrd	Jason Kazmierczak	Rick Trahant
Cole Chappell	Shelby Kelland	Daniel Turner
Jose Delgado	Sean Martin	Brian Welch
Phillip Doyle	Austin Parrin	David White
James Edwards	Jessup Payne	James Whitten
Louis Evans	Robert Perrini	Todd Wiley
Ringo Gause	Juan Ramirez	Robert Woody

One or more technicians from the following companies were awarded with the Gate Automation Technician certification:

**Company Name**

All-O-Matic	Independent Door & Gate	Southeast Regional Technology Group
American Overhead Door	Jefcoat Fence	Spitale Construction Resources
Anvil Fence Company	LiftMaster	Statewide Fence Contractors
Bohnstiehl Electric	Mac's Fence	Turner Electric
Boyer's Ornamental Iron	Modern Fence of NWA	Western Access Controls
Carter Fence	Natural Enclosures	Wiley Fence
Dailey's Fence	Phillips Automated Gate Service & Fence	Woody's Gates and Operators
Dillard Door & Security	Pro Access Systems	
DoorKing of Texas	Pro-Soil Site Services	
Fenc-co	Savannah Fence & Entry Systems	
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