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Up next on ATE TV: Wind turbine farms are starting up all over the country and they come with career opportunities for technicians.

Wind turbine service technicians need to be trained in diagnosing and repairing any problem that could cause a turbine to shut down and they have to work outdoors and hundreds of feet in the air, which means safety comes first.

People that are drawn towards the wind energy industry tend to be more open minded, more free spirited, more adventuresome, it certainly takes an adventuresome individual to climb a ladder 275 feet up to the top of a wind turbine.

You can make an excellent career but it's not going to happen overnight, it's going to require a good attitude, patience, perseverance, and tenaciousness.

The wind business has a lot of career potential in a lot of different areas. Project development, construction management, operation and maintenance, although fairly reliable, the machines will have a mechanical breakdown, we have maintenance technicians that come out and repair them.

As a technician you're going to be troubleshooting, repairing. Different things like maintenance and just how the machines work can transfer to a lot of different jobs.

I'd like to do maintenance on turbines for a while and then commissioning them, which is just going through brand new turbines and debugging them and eventually placements of wind farms.

ACDC circuits, mechanical systems, computer programming, programmable logic controllers, hydraulic systems, motor operated systems, they're all the activities that go on at a site like this.

The exponential growth of this industry continues and the demand for its qualified technicians is going to get higher and higher and higher. They're getting harder and harder to find so get started now, the skies the limit.

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