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How can NIMS skills credentials help me advance my career in U.S. Manufacturing?

The United States Manufacturing Industry has countless career openings available to the talented young men and women who are seeking exciting occupations that offer competitive salary and wages, plus an opportunity for a lifelong learning experience. But how does one learn and master the skills needed to start a successful career in such a highly skilled industry? The answer: NIMS Credentials!

Since 1995, NIMS has worked with industry professionals and associations to catalogue the skills sets needed to perform some of the most commonly occupied positions held in industry today: Machinist and CNC Operator (and/or Programmer). The result: National skills standards were created to set the bar for what on-the-job skills are expected from employees.

NIMS certifies individuals' skills against these national standards, which means we use these standards as our measuring stick. To earn a NIMS credential, an individual must pass a performance exam and an online theory exam, both of which were designed and piloted by industry. By earning a NIMS credential, you are meeting the skills requirements set forth by industry.

So how does that help to advance your career? Well, industry uses NIMS credentials to recruit, hire, place and promote employees. That means that by having one or more of our credentials in your pocket, you are increasing your chances of getting the job, a larger paycheck, or even a promotion.

See our machining credentials below & contact NIMS for more info!



NIMS Credentials Available to Secondary and Post-Secondary Students

Machining Level I (entry-level skills certifications)

- Measurement, Materials & Safety
- Job Planning, Benchwork & Layout
- Manual Milling Skills I
- Drill Press Skills I
- Grinding Skills I
- Turning Operations: Turning Between Centers
- Turning Operations: Chucking Skills
- CNC Milling: Programming Setup & Operations
- CNC Turning: Programming Setup & Operations
- CNC Milling: Operations

Machining Level II (journey-level skills certifications)

- Manual Milling II
- Turning II (manual)
- Drill Press II
- Grinding II
- CNC Milling Skills II
- CNC Turning Skills II
- EDM—Wire
- EDM—Plunge

More credentials available in metalforming, stamping, press brake, slide forming, screw machining, machine building, maintenance, and diemaking. See www.nims-skills.org for a full list.