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Kirkwood Community College

Earns NIMS Accreditation

Fairfax, VA — NIMS is pleased to announce accreditation of the CNC Machining Technology Program at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Officially accredited as of September 25, 2014, the staff and faculty at Kirkwood have met NIMS standards and will continue to set the bar for exceptional metalworking training for higher education in the state of Iowa.

Background

Located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the CNC Machining Technology Program was established in 1966 and is currently training and certifying up to forty students at a time. Instruction covers manual and CNC machining, plus a variety of critical manufacturing skills that are vital for students to excel in the workplace.

To complete the accreditation audit an On-Site Evaluation took place at the college in May of this year and was conducted by evaluation Team Leader Jim Hommer, who was assisted by Educator Jeff Long of nearby Indian Hills Community College.

The evaluation visit included a facility inspection of the college's metalworking shop, as well as a host of in-depth interviews with students, instructors, administrators, program advisory committee members, and local employers.

Following these events, the evaluation team gathered enough evidence to recommend accreditation, giving the program above-average ratings in all areas of evaluation, including program purpose, facilities, equipment/tooling/measuring devices, pro-

gram features, administration, instructional staff, and advisory committee support.

This accreditation is based on the NIMS Skill Standards for Machining Level I and II, with an emphasis on CNC operations.

Many congratulations to everyone involved in this process, especially CNC Machining Technology Professor Andy Livin, whose efforts were fundamental in securing this accreditation. Special thanks to the evaluation team for conducting the On-Site Evaluation at the college.

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