

New Hampshire Community Technical College– Claremont
Announces New Certificate Program in Advanced Machine Tool Technology &
Open House December 11th, 2006

New Hampshire Community Technical College – Claremont is pleased to announce the approval of a new certificate program in Advanced Machine Tool Technology. This exciting new program is the result of unprecedented collaborative efforts with The Tool and Technology Resource Center, (TTRC) in Newport, Claremont Adult Learning Center (CALC), located within the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Claremont, and the New Hampshire Community Technical College-Claremont. Each of these entities is in a unique position to contribute to this program by combining their collective expertise and resources.

This new certificate program will kick-off during the spring semester which begins on January 16, 2007. The College will be sponsoring an Open House at the Claremont Adult Learning Center at the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Claremont on December 11th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The open house will provide an opportunity for those who are interested in a career in the Machine Tool Industry to learn more about the certificate program and the courses involved.

An advisory committee of about 20 industry leaders from area companies like Create, Gloenco, Latva Machine, The New Hampshire Machining Association, and Timken was formed to study the long term needs of the regions machining and advance manufacturing industries. By drawing upon the intellect of these leaders, a course curriculum has been put together that is designed to meet the specific need for skilled machinists of the region.

Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, (CNC Operators), are one of the top 5 projected growth rate occupations in Sullivan County with a ten year projected growth of 29.2 % according to

figures released by the New Hampshire Economic and Labor Market Bureau. The growth rate for machinists in general in Sullivan County is projected to be 12.5 % and 13.3 % in Grafton County. The machine tool industry has drastically changed in the last 10 years, seeing an expansion in activity in precision machining and requiring a vastly different employee than what was seen previously in machine shops. A recent publication from the Bureau says that “there are not enough new machinists to fill newly created jobs or replace experienced machinists who leave the occupation or retire.” Not only do the projected numbers of employment demonstrate a great career choice, prospective wages and benefits are expected to be outstanding!

Jim Britton, Director of Continuing Education for the College states, “This is a perfect opportunity for someone who wants to learn more about how to get into a career that has excellent wages, benefits, and projected job growth for the next 10 years. If you’re already in the machining industry some of these classes might be the best way to get the skills needed to advance on the job, and make you more valuable to your employer”.

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