

MCCC Advanced Manufacturing Technology Program Receives Accreditation

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June 15, 2021, Princeton, New Jersey — Mercer County Community College (MCCC) recently announced that its Advanced Manufacturing Technology (AMT) program received accreditation from the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS), and that it is the first institution to do so in New Jersey. According to NIMS, its accreditation “is the nation’s only distinction for excellence in metalworking training as based on NIMS industry-written, industry-approved skills standards. Accredited programs demonstrate the ability to produce skilled, work-ready individuals that fulfill industry’s 21st Century workforce needs.”

In 2013, MCCC received over \$1.25 million in grant funding from two of New Jersey’s higher education infrastructure grant programs, the Higher Education Facilities Trust Fund (HEFT) and the Equipment Leasing Fund (ELF), to help construct and equip parts of the facilities used in their AMT program. These two revolving grant programs, along with the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF), and Higher Education Technology Infrastructure Fund (HETI), are managed by a partnership between the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority and the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education.

“On behalf of the board and staff of the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority, we would like to extend our congratulations to President Jianping Wang, Professor Michael Hanna, and the rest of the team at Mercer County Community College who worked very hard to achieve accreditation for their AMT program,” said Executive Director Eric Brophy. “This is another example of the positive impact that New Jersey’s higher education grant programs have for our colleges and universities as they seek to develop and expand programs to meet the needs of our students and economy.”

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