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## **CVTC HVACR Program Earns Accreditation**

**Eau Claire, WI** - The Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration (HVAC) program at Chippewa Valley Technical College has been granted accreditation by HVAC Excellence, an organization established to improve technical competence in the industry.

Accreditation is an independent, third-party review of an educational program, comparing it to established, industry-accepted standards designed to ensure that the future workforce receives the training required for success in the industry. CVTC voluntarily pursued accreditation, completing a comprehensive review that demonstrated compliance with required standards. HVAC Excellence then sent a team to conduct an intense, onsite review of the program.

"This accreditation assures prospective students that the program has met or exceeded national standards and shows employer partners that CVTC has the resources and administrative support to professionally train the workforce," said Adam Wehling, dean of Agriculture, Energy and Transportation. "CVTC is the only college in the WTCS system to have earned this accreditation."

CVTC offers the two-year Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration program leading to an associate degree as well as a one-year Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Technician program leading to a technical diploma.

With over 115 programs offered both online and on-campus, Chippewa Valley Technical College delivers superior, progressive technical education which improves the lives of students, meets the workforce needs of the region, and strengthens the community. CVTC programs are designed with input of business and industry to prepare graduates for today's jobs, with 95 percent employed within six months of graduation and associate degree graduates earning an average annual salary of \$47,452.

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