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CVTC Programs Earn Accreditation

Culinary Management, Machine Tooling Technics certified

Eau Claire, WI – Two Chippewa Valley Technical College programs have earned accreditation, certifying that they maintain national standards established by third-party professional organizations.

Culinary Management is accredited by the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation's Accrediting Commission. It is the initial accreditation for the program started in 2018. Machine Tooling Technics, which became the first program in the state accredited by the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) in 2015, has earned reaccreditation for another five years.

“Accreditation creates public trust by showing we have established standards and have outside professionals validating what we are doing,” said Jonathan Fike, chef instructor. “Now students who complete the associate degree program will automatically have the base level certification through the American Culinary Federations without having to take the test.”

Fike said CVTC had to produce its first graduates of the program in order to qualify for accreditation, which involved on-site inspections by three outside chefs who also interviewed students, parents and advisory committee members. “We spent a lot of time answering all the questions they had for us,” Fike said. “We made sure we put our best foot forward.”

The Machine Tooling Technics accreditation is the result of a rigorous examination determining that the CVTC program meets the quality standards in five areas of precision machining as established by NIMS on behalf of the nation's precision manufacturing industry.

Dave Thompson, director of the Machine Tooling Technics program, said securing accreditation “was a thorough, enlightening, rigorous process that helped us to validate and improve our program.”

“Employers in the Chippewa Valley know the quality of CVTC’s Machine Tooling Technics program from our graduates,” said CVTC Dean of Manufacturing Jeff Sullivan. “With the NIMS re-accreditation, employers have continued assurances that CVTC prepares machinists to the most rigorous industry standards.”

With over 155 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 \$46,816.

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