

Manchester Community College Offers Manufacturing Certification



In this file photo, machinist Colin Saulnier sets up a CNC machine to drill holes in a steel mold cavity, like the one in the foreground, used to make plastic gears at ABA-PGT, Inc. in Manchester. The company began in 1944 as a machine shop making steel parts for Pratt and Whitney. (Bob MacDonnell/The Hartford Courant)

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MANCHESTER — Manchester Community College is enrolling students in the first manufacturing certification programs offered since a federal grant to boost manufacturing education was announced earlier this fall.

The programs are conventional precision manufacturing (CPM) and computer-aided manufacturing (CAM).

"MCC has worked closely for more than 15 years with employers across the region to develop programs that provide the manufacturing and engineering skills needed for students to leave the college and succeed in today's workforce," said Catherine Seaver, interim associate dean of student affairs, who is leading the grant activity.

CPM certificate classes are to start in the spring semester. The program centers on operation of conventional (manual) machinery. Students who complete the 280-hour program leave prepared to move on to more advanced manufacturing programs, according to a news release.

As with the CPM program, students in the CAM classes learn through a blend of theoretical and practical instruction, the release said.

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