Machine Operator CERTIFICATE
Right Skills Now for Manufacturing

Program Overview
The Right Skills Now (for Manufacturing) certificate is designed to provide training in the following areas: Job planning, benchwork, materials, manual milling, manual turning, blue print reading, CNC milling and CNC turning. This program was designed to address the current shortage of CNC operators. Graduates from this program are prepared to enter the industry as entry-level manual and CNC machine tool production operators with minimum skills.

The Right Skills Now (for Manufacturing) certificate will introduce manufacturing workplace safety, blueprint reading, general manufacturing processes, basic production manual machining skills, and introduction to operations.

The curriculum closely aligns with standards set forth by the National Institute of Metalworking Skills (NIMS). Students may choose to apply these credits towards a CNC Toolmaking Diploma. The additional coursework will enhance the students’ communication, mathematics, machining, CAD/CAM, and critical thinking skills.

Career Opportunities
Right Skills Now is a pathway of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)–Endorsed Manufacturing Skills Certification System, which includes nationally portable, industry-recognized certifications that are combined with for-credit education programs. These education pathways are directly aligned to career pathways in manufacturing, so students progressing through the programs earn college credit towards a degree, have an opportunity to earn a national certification with labor market value, and the programs earn college credit towards a CNC Toolmaking Diploma. The additional coursework will enhance the students’ communication, mathematics, machining, CAD/CAM, and critical thinking skills.

Program Outcomes
1. Students will have skills to operate computer-controlled machine tools; lathes, drills, and milling machines.
2. Graduates will acquire knowledge of workplace safety.
3. Graduates will have on the job learning opportunities through an internship.

Program Start Dates
Fall, Spring

Course Sequence
The following sequence is recommended.

First Semester
- CNCT 1410 Introduction to Manufacturing Processes ........................................... 4
- CNCT 1420 Engineering Drawing .................. 4
- CNCT 1430 Materials Processes 1 ............. 4
- CNCT 1431 Materials Processes 2 ............. 4
- Total Semester Credits ............................... 16

Second Semester
- CNCT 1410 Introduction to Manufacturing Processes ........................................... 4
- CNCT 1420 Engineering Drawing .................. 4
- CNCT 1430 Materials Processes 1 ............. 4
- CNCT 1431 Materials Processes 2 ............. 4
- Total Semester Credits ............................... 16
- Total Program Credits ................................. 20

* Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the internship site. Internship locations may not be accessible through public transportation.

Program Requirements
- Check off when completed
- Certain classes must be taken concurrently and certain classes are prerequisites to other classes.

Course Sequence
- CNCT 1410 Introduction to Manufacturing Processes ........................................... 4
- CNCT 1420 Engineering Drawing .................. 4
- CNCT 1430 Materials Processes 1 ............. 4
- CNCT 1431 Materials Processes 2 ............. 4
- CNCT 2550 Industry Internship ................. 4
- Total Program Credits ................................. 20

Minimum Program Entry Requirements
Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:
- Reading: Score of 240+ or grade of “C” or better in READ 0721
- Writing: Score of 225+
- Arithmetic: Score of 237+

Assessment Results and Prerequisites:
Students admitted into Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, READ, and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.

Information is subject to change. This Program Requirements Guide is not a contract.