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**NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM  
EARNS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION FROM NIMS**

**Fairfax, VA / Shelby, OH** — A little over four years since its inception, the Manufacturing Technology Program at [North Central State College](#) (NCSC) in Shelby, Ohio became officially accredited as of May 21, 2015. Based on industry-set standards for quality, NIMS Accreditation is the highest benchmark for metalworking training programs in the United States.

By becoming accredited, the staff and faculty at NCSC have met NIMS quality requirements, which include a Self-Evaluation, earning of NIMS National Credentials by faculty and by students, and an intensive two-day On-Site evaluation at the college facility.

The On-Site Evaluation occurred in Fall 2014 and was conducted by a NIMS Evaluation Team which included:

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| ⇒ Certified Evaluation Team Leader: | Joan Cook – RICOWI, Inc. (OH)                 |
| ⇒ Education Representative:         | Dave McGough – Knox County Career Center (OH) |
| ⇒ Industry Representative:          | Lee Heilman – Superb Industries (OH)          |

After a comprehensive facility inspection, observation of active students, plus in-depth interviews with program faculty, administrators, and local employers, the Evaluation Team was highly impressed, giving the program above-average ratings in the evaluation areas of:

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| ⇒ Program Purpose                         | ⇒ Program Administration |
| ⇒ Program Features                        | ⇒ Program Faculty        |
| ⇒ Equipment, Tooling, & Measuring Devices |                          |

This accreditation is based the industry-written and industry-approved Machining Level I Skill Standard, with a focus on eight credentials, which many students have already earned. Those skills areas include:

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| ⇒ CNC Milling Operations           | ⇒ Milling I                                   |
| ⇒ Drill Press I                    | ⇒ Turning Operations: Turning Between Centers |
| ⇒ Grinding I                       | ⇒ Turning Operations: Chucking Skills         |
| ⇒ Job Planning, Benchwork & Layout |   |
| ⇒ Measurement, Materials & Safety  |   |

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