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CENTER FOR MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY INTRO TO GENERAL MACHINE SHOP PRACTICES PROGRAM EARNS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION FROM NIMS

Fairfax, VA / Woburn, MA — The Intro to General Machine Shop Practices Program at the [Center for Manufacturing Technology](#) (CMT) in Woburn, Massachusetts became officially accredited as of May 22, 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 CMT 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 Spring 2015 and was conducted by a NIMS Evaluation Team including Certified Team Leader Norm MacIntyre (MacIntyre Consulting, PA) and Education Representative Brian Cornellier (Greater Lowell Technical High School, MA).

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

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| ⇒ Program Purpose | |
| ⇒ Program Facilities | |
| ⇒ Program Features | ⇒ Program Faculty |
| ⇒ Equipment, Tooling, & Measuring Devices | ⇒ Student Credentialing Activity |
| ⇒ Program Administration | |

Q: What does accreditation mean to your organization?

A: Growth, opportunity, and validating the training we provide.

-Joanna Dowling, Director

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 Programming, Setup, & Operations | ⇒ Milling I |
| ⇒ Job Planning, Benchwork & Layout | ⇒ Turning Operations: Turning Between Centers |
| ⇒ Measurement, Materials & Safety | |

To learn more about this program, please contact the center at admissions@customgroupusa.com or by phone at (781) 933-0094.