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ECCC's Integrated Technologies Training Center Becomes MSSC Certified Testing Center

East Central Community College announces that it has joined with the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) as a certified testing center in order to provide nationally, industry-recognized core skill certification-based training to attract, motivate, and retain quality employees for the workforce in their five county district.

"East Central already offers credentials that are valued by the employer base we serve, but this capacity to train and test employees toward earning these MSSC Certifications is indeed 'taking it to the next level' by validating workforce members to meet standards communicated by the most progressive manufacturing employers," said Roger Whitlock, Dean of Workforce Development at the College.

This certification system focuses on the core skills and knowledge needed by both new and existing production workers by providing a new set of tools to ensure that they are able to keep the pace with technological change – producing the "Industrial Athlete of the Future."

U.S. Secretary of Labor, Elaine Chao stated that "MSSC is a nationwide, industry-based skill standards, assessment, and certification system for all sectors of manufacturing." MSSC certification works successfully by providing flexibility in all manufacturing areas and all production occupations.

The Integrated Technologies Training Center employs two Certified MSSC Instructors, Blake Warren and Robert Kilpatrick, who have 55 years of combined experience in manufacturing trades, maintenance, and quality. These instructors can immediately implement fully developed courses and on demand e-learning solutions in order to improve high performance skills of both entry level and incumbent workers.

The nationwide MSSC system offers workers the opportunity to demonstrate the mastered skills increasingly needed in the high-growth, technology-intensive jobs of the 21st century.

The Integrated Technologies Training Center (ITTC) is a part of East Central Community College Workforce Development Center and is located at 375 Industrial Road, Building A , in the Advanced TechParc in Choctaw and may be contacted by calling 601-389-0832 or visit www.eccc.edu/workforce.





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MSSC offers complete training to enable workers and students to build the core knowledge and skills needed in advanced manufacturing. Comprehensive courses, certified instructors, and excellent text reference material combine to help workers and students develop or enhance their skills. MSSC's state-of-the-art courses are delivered in both an instructor-led environment and through online, computer-based simulations of actual production applications.

Four key skill area modules in production applicable to all manufacturing sectors have been identified by MSSC standards:



MSSC offers three flexible course options to help achieve certification, depending on both the current level of worker/student knowledge, as well as employer needs.

Integrated Course	Modular Course	Fast Track Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 140 hours, full-time, intensive • Covers all 4 MSSC modules • All 4 assessments given at end of course • Best for dislocated workers, summer semester students • Instructor-led/online delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 hours each, 3 credit equivalent • One course for each of 4 MSSC modules • Assessments given at end of each course • Best for students in academic semesters • Instructor-led/online delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-18 hours each: One course for each of 4 modules • Assessments given at end of each course • Best for experienced, incumbent workers • Fully online delivery

