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INDUSTRY METALWORKING TRAINING PROGRAMS

## Symbol Training Institute Accredits Addison Program

It is with great pleasure that NIMS announces the recent accreditation of the Advanced Manufacturing Program at [Symbol Training Institute](#) in Addison, IL. Officially accredited as of August 15, 2014, the staff and faculty at Symbol have met NIMS standards and will continue to set the bar for exceptional metalworking training for post-secondary and adult education in the state of Illinois.

To make the accreditation official, an On-Site Evaluation took place on August 7-8, 2014 and was conducted by NIMS Evaluation Team Leader Joan Cook, with assistance from Industry Representative Walt Oakley. The audit included a

**Background** Established in 2005 as a solution to the lack of a skills training pipeline into industry, the Addison program in is the second NIMS -accredited Symbol location. Today over 90% of graduates find and keep industry jobs, and more than 400 NIMS credentials have been awarded to students and faculty.



Veteran and Symbol graduate John Trimpe with one of three NIMS credentials earned.

facility inspection of the program's shop, as well as a assortment of interviews with students, instructors, administrators, members of the program's advisory committee, and local employers.

As a result, the Evaluation Team gathered the necessary evidence to recommend accreditation and issued high ratings in all areas covered in the evaluation, including:

- Purpose
- Facilities

"Symbol makes it our priority to meet the rigorous demands and standard of NIMS and the manufacturing industry which results in the best prepared candidates that are work ready after completing our manufacturing courses."

**Tom Peters**

Director of Business Operations  
Symbol Training Institute

- Equipment/Tooling/Meas. Devices
- Program Features
- Administration
- Instructional Staff
- Student Credentialing
- Advisory Committee

This accreditation is in Level I Machining Skills, with an emphasis on:

- CNC Milling: Operations
- CNC Turning: Operations
- Job Planning, Benchwork, & Layout
- Measurement, Materials & Safety

**Congratulations** to everyone involved — especially Founder/Instructor Alex Kogan and Tom Peters for their dedication in securing the accreditation. Thanks also to Joan Cook and Walt Oakley.

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