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## Mayfield/Graves County Area

## Technology Center Earns NIMS Accreditation

**Fairfax, VA** — As of November 3, 2014, the Machine Tool Technology Program at the Mayfield/Graves County Area Technology Center (KY) is officially accredited. Based on industry-set standards for quality, NIMS Accreditation is the highest benchmark for metalworking training programs in the United States.

### *Background*

Located in Mayfield, KY, the Machine Tool Technology Program was established in 1973 and currently trains and certifies up to thirty-six students per session. Instruction covers machining skills, including manual milling, turning, and other skills that are vital for students to excel in the workplace.

By becoming accredited, the staff and faculty at the tech center have met NIMS quality requirements, which include a Self-Evaluation, Faculty Credentials, Student Credentials, and an intensive two-day On-Site Evaluation at the tech center.

The On-Site Evaluation occurred on October 16—17, 2014 and was conducted by a three-person NIMS Evaluation Team, which included:

- ⇒ Certified Evaluation Team Leader:  
Joe Waskevich, GE Appliances (KY)
- ⇒ Education Representative:  
Stuart Jones,  
Henderson Co. High School (KY)
- ⇒ Industry Representative:  
Barry Jackson (KY)

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:

- ⇒ Program Purpose
- ⇒ Program Features
- ⇒ Equipment, Tooling, & Measuring Devices
- ⇒ Program Administration
- ⇒ Program Faculty
- ⇒ Advisory Committee

This accreditation is based the industry-written, industry-approved NIMS Machining Level I Skill Standard, with a focus on four main skills credentials, including:

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

Congratulations to the team at Mayfield/Graves County Area Technology Center — especially Instructor Chad Pickard — and many thanks to the NIMS Evaluation Team.

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*Students and faculty at the accredited Monroe Career & Technical Institute.*

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