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## Davidson County Community College Now Accredited by NIMS

**Fairfax, VA** — A little over two years since its inception, the Computer-Integrated Machining Program at Davidson County Community College in Thomasville, NC became officially accredited as of October 1, 2014. Based on industry-set standards for quality, NIMS Accreditation is the highest benchmark for metalworking training programs in the United States.

### *Background*

Located in Thomasville, North Carolina, the Computer-Integrated Machining Program was established in Fall 2012 and has capacity to train and certify over one hundred students at a given time. Instruction covers manual machining, CNC programming, setup, and operations, and other vital manufacturing skills.

By becoming accredited, the staff and faculty at DCCC have met NIMS quality requirements, which include a Self-Evaluation, Faculty Credentials, Student

Credentials, and an intensive two-day On-Site Evaluation at the college facility.

The On-Site Evaluation occurred on September 23-24, 2014 and was conducted by a three-person NIMS Evaluation Team, which included:

- ⇒ Certified Evaluation Team Leader:  
Joan Cook  
RICOWI, Inc. (OH)
- ⇒ Education Representative:  
David Posey  
Randleman High School (NC)
- ⇒ Industry Representative:  
Rod Tojdowski  
Okuma America (NC)

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, and Measuring Devices
- ⇒ Program Administration
- ⇒ Program Faculty
- ⇒ Advisory Committee

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

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

Congratulations to the team at Davidson County Community College — especially Coordinator Mike Davis — and many thanks to the NIMS Evaluation Team.

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