Nashville State Community College

NASHVILLE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE HUMPHREYS COUNTY CAMPUS EXPANDS OFFERING AT MCEWEN HIGH SCHOOL

WAVERLY, Tenn. (September 25, 2020) – Nashville State Community College Humphreys County campus offers an Industrial Process Control Technology Certificate. As part of dual enrollment arrangement with McEwen High School, Nashville State will begin offering more than 50 percent of the existing Technical Certificate program in Industrial Process Control Technology to students at the McEwen High School instructional site. This is an expansion of an agreement that students have been taking advantage of at McEwen.

Dual enrollment allows high school students to earn an industry-recognized certificate, college degree, or college credits, while at the same time working towards their diploma.

"We want our local students to get ahead so they are prepared to start working in a high-demand, well-paying industry," said Nashville State Humphreys County campus Director, Kim Zills. "We value our partnership with McEwen High School and are committed to providing quality training in this field and in all classes offered through our Humphreys County campus."

This arrangement will impact eligible junior and senior students seeking entry-level employment in the high workforce need area of advanced manufacturing. Because of the nature of the industry, courses will be delivered through traditional face-to-face training.

Instruction for the certificate program will be conducted in designated classroom, computer lab, and shop space at McEwen High School.

"McEwen High School is excited about the opportunities that Nashville State has been able to offer our students," said Principal Robbie Lanham. "We value our relationship with the College to ensure our students are connected to post-secondary opportunities. The agreement we have worked out will truly connect our graduates to local industry."

"We are committed to giving these students the education and skills needed for them to have a pathway for a career in the industry. This is such a great opportunity for our local students as well as providing support for our local industry. We will continue moving forward because these students are our leaders of the future," said Danny Sensing, program coordinator, Nashville State Industrial Process Control Technology.

McEwen High School has agreed to provide the instructional space at no cost to the College. The original equipment for the Process Operator program was purchased by the Humphreys County School System prior to the 2019 Fall semester. All equipment needed to offer the proposed courses is currently on-site.

"We are thrilled to work with Nashville State Community College to bring this program to McEwen High School," said Assistant Principal Lorrie Johnson. "We are committed to providing a variety of post-secondary opportunities for our students, and this partnership allows us to offer our students another wonderful program."

Nashville State President, Dr. Shanna L. Jackson, said, "This arrangement and expansion is a win-win for students and local industry. As a workforce solutions partner, we will continue to seek innovative ways to make sure our employers have skilled professionals and our students lasting careers. I, along with our local Humphreys County campus administrators, faculty, and staff, appreciate all the work McEwen High School leaders do for local families, students, and industries. We value this partnership."

"We would like to thank Nashville State for helping provide our students with life-altering educational programs," said Lanham.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states, approved the expansion.

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