

January 09, 2017

To PTC Apprentice Supporters,

The 1<sup>st</sup> Spring term classes begin on Wednesday January 25, 2017 and will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Building 1.

The Apprenticeship offered at Pinellas Technical College is the curriculum of The National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) Apprenticeships. This is a competency based program that allows students to complete modules based on their level of skill proficiency which can shorten the amount of time required to complete the program. There are several benefits to this program such as an easy-to-follow curriculum, standardized testing, and opportunities that can result in nationally recognized certifications. NIMS offers 10 different Apprenticeships that range from 3 certifications to 12 certifications, which include Machinist, CNC Machinist, Tool & Die maker and Mold Maker.

If you would like to find out more about NIMS go to [www.nims-skills.org](http://www.nims-skills.org). The book that we use is titled Precision Machining Technology and Precision Machining Technology Workbook. You can get the books by Gogging Delmar Cengage Learning and it is called a bundle with the two books it costs around \$135.00 plus shipping. You can also buy the books at Amazon.com as well and they are about \$10.00 cheaper and free shipping.

An applicant must be 18 years of age or over, have a high school diploma or GED (copy required). It is also a requirement that the applicant be working at a company that will sponsor them through the Apprenticeship making sure they receive the training they need. Next the applicant will need to do an interview with the Machining Apprenticeship Coordinator. Finally the applicant will need to take the TABE testing at PTEC that is a requirement to get into the classes.

There are some expenses that are recommended that the company assist the Apprentices with covering:

- 1) There is a registration fee of \$40.00
- 2) The costs of the books for the NIMS program are only \$135.00 when you purchase them on line from Delmar Cengage Learning.
- 3) Each certification has a cost but it is covered by a Grant from NIMS.
- 4) There is tuition to attend the classes, but the tuition is paid for by the State of Florida.

Pinellas Technical College will begin registering students for the 1<sup>st</sup> Spring term classes starting Monday January 09, 2017. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like more information about the programs. If you have any employee(s), or know of another company interested in participating, please have them contact me ASAP so we can set up an interview and begin the application process.

**If the Machining Apprenticeship Program does not match your company needs and you are in need of CNC Mill, CNC Lathe, Master Cam, Solid Works Training, Manual Mill, Manual Lathe, and Surface Grinding Pinellas Technical College also offers those classes for a minimal tuition fee.**

Sincerely,

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