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**New Century Careers partners with EWCTC  
to expand free machinist training to Westmoreland County;**

***Trainees job-ready for in-demand jobs in just months***

*Pittsburgh, PA – June 3, 2019* – With demand for machinists consistently unmet as regional manufacturers struggle to find qualified workers to fill vacancies, New Century Careers (NCC) has expanded its year-round MANUFACTURING 2000 (M2K) machinist training program to Westmoreland County.

New Century Careers documented an overwhelming need from both employers and unemployed or underemployed individuals of communities in the Latrobe, Derry and Ligonier school districts. To address that need, New Century Careers is now offering the M2K program in partnership with Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center (EWCTC), 4904 Route 982, in Derry Township.

Enrollment is now open for the first class of trainees at EWCTC. The evening classes (Monday-Friday) offer flexible options to accommodate working adults.

“Manufacturing is one of the highest demand sectors in business and industry here with a strong demand for machinists. We want to fill the pipeline for these positions, matching our programs to workforce needs,” says Todd Weimer, EWCTC administrative director.

The Allegheny Conference's “Inflection Point 2017-2018: Supply, Demand and the Future of Work in the Pittsburgh Region” reports that Pittsburgh's 10-county regional workforce will come up short 80,000 workers by 2025. Catalyst Connection’s “Manufacturing Employment Demand Study” projects that 30,000 manufacturing jobs may need to be filled in southwestern Pennsylvania in the next 10 years.

NCC works with a network of over 200 regional employers, including numerous manufacturers in Westmoreland County in need of skilled workers.

Through the M2K short-term pre-apprenticeship program, which is offered at no cost to qualified job seekers, NCC recruits, screens, tests, trains and places high school graduates 18 and older in entry-level machinist jobs that lead to career pathways with family-sustaining wages. Potential students are screened for interest and aptitude to learn, including those with pre-existing education and employment barriers.



“New Century Careers continuously searches for cost-effective methods to train and place more students with employers throughout the region by making training as accessible as possible,” explains Paul Anselmo, NCC President and CEO.

NCC encourages local companies to become partners in support of the program to connect with skilled workers for their operations.

“An advantage of the M2K program for both workers in need of jobs and employers with immediate and critical gaps in filling positions is its ability to train and place workers in the manufacturing workforce within as few as four months,” says Anselmo.

Michael Pulliam, an alumnus of the M2K program, is a 4<sup>th</sup> year apprentice at Quality Mould, Inc. in Westmoreland County. “Before joining the M2K program, I had no prior experience or knowledge of machining. The program provides training in a low-stress environment where students can learn and work at their own pace,” Michael explains. “I learned the basics of machining, including how to run manual and CNC machines, and earned 10 NIMS credentials during the course. Personally, I know I never would have made it this far without the skills and knowledge I gained through the M2K program.”

The M2K program expansion is funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development's Manufacturing PA program.

Currently, NCC is the only local nonprofit providing up to 600 hours of entry-level machinist training (classroom, online and hands-on) and lifetime placement assistance free-of-charge to qualified job seekers 18 and older. Enrollment and training is held year round.

With the addition of EWCTC, NCC now offers training at three sites, its Training Innovation Center on Pittsburgh's South Side and the Tube City Center for Business and Innovation in McKeesport. Persons interested in training at any of the three sites, can find additional information at [www.ncsquared.com](http://www.ncsquared.com) or can call 1-800-822-9337.

### ***About New Century Careers***

New Century Careers (NCC) contributes to the economic health of southwestern Pennsylvania through meeting manufacturing workforce needs by working to deliver a capable workforce to employers of the region. NCC seeks to improve the lives of individuals through the development of skills that lead to good quality, family wage jobs and careers. NCC was established in 1999 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and is currently celebrating 20 years of service to the community. For more information, visit [www.ncsquared.com](http://www.ncsquared.com).

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