

HCC offering free manufacturing job skills training program

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is offering a free training program that provides entry-level knowledge and skills for jobs in manufacturing.

Classes start Tuesday, June 21, and run for seven days through June 30. All classes meet in person from 9 a.m. to noon at HCC's downtown location, the Picknelly Adult & Family Education Center (above the Holyoke Transportation Center) at 206 Maple St., Holyoke.

The program, designed in collaboration with area businesses, will provide entry-level knowledge and skills for employment in the manufacturing sector in the Holyoke area. Classes are geared

for students already employed by area companies or looking to gain entry to the industry.

"HCC instructors are teaching what employers want taught," said Paul Sheehan, HCC special projects coordinator. We've offered the program before and local companies have sent staff to the training."

The course will cover general manufacturing processes and principles, math skills for manufacturing, problem-solving strategies, an overview of quality control standards such as Lean and ISO 9000, and career expectations and professional behavior.

Upon successful completion, students will receive a certificate of completion from HCC.

The course is offered in collaboration with state Rep. Pat Duffy of Holyoke, who helped secure a \$50,000 line item in the state budget to get the program started.

Please note: Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required to attend on-campus classes at HCC, including those held at PAFEC.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Paul Sheehan at psheehan@hcc.edu or fill out the inquiry form online at hcc.edu/manufacturing.



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