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## ***MTI earns NIMS accreditation***

***First in Florida. MTI is a leader in the state in national certifications offered.***

***(Bradenton, FL—July 9, 2009)*** Manatee Technical Institute’s machining program has earned accreditation from the National Institute of Metalworking Skills. It was the first career and technical education program in the state of Florida to earn the distinction. The accreditation will allow adult students the opportunity to earn a national industry-recognized credential. A NIMS credential is recognition that a person’s competencies have been validated against a set of industry-written skill standards.

According to NIMS executive director, Stephen Mandes, “This accreditation is the result of a rigorous examination determining that your [the MTI] program meets the quality standards as established by NIMS on behalf of the nation’s precision machining industry.” NIMS is the nation’s only ANSI accredited developer of precision manufacturing skill standards and competency assessments.

Machining joins the list of MTI programs that offer students the opportunity to earn national industry-recognized certifications, the gold standard in each respective field. MTI instructors have worked with local and regional business and industry representatives to ensure that their programs meet industry standards. MTI is a leader in the state of Florida in the number of nationally recognized credentials it offers:

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| NIMS Certification                | MSSC Certified Production Technician          |
| AutoDesk Certified User - AutoCAD | Certified Industrial Electronics Professional |
| Microsoft Office Specialist       | IC3 Certification                             |
| NCCER Certifications              | Certified Composites Technician               |
| Certified Internet Web Associate  | Certified Internet Web Professional           |
| CompTIA A+                        | CompTIA Network+                              |
| Cisco Certified Network Associate | Microsoft Certified Professional              |
| ASE Certifications                | Mercury Marine Certifications                 |
| Certified Food Safety Manager     | ACF Certified Culinarian                      |
| Certified Dental Assistant        | Licensed Massage Therapist                    |
| Certified Medical Assistant       | Certified Paraoptometric Assistant            |
| Certified Phlebotomist            | National Registry of EMTs                     |

The mission of Manatee Technical Institute is to meet and exceed our community’s training and educational expectations. MTI is a 2007 Tampa Bay Business of the Year and has won more SkillsUSA medals than any other school in the nation for the past six years.

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