

Eligibility and Program Description

What are the eligibility requirements? All applicants must be age 16 or older and may not be currently enrolled in high school. Students may or may not have a high school diploma. Students must have reliable transportation and child care.

HISET/GED preparation coursework will be offered to students needing to obtain their high school equivalency.

How can this program lead to a career? Students who successfully complete all elements of this program will be eligible to take the MACWIC Level 1 certification test. This certification is recognized as pre-employment training by the manufacturing industry for entry level workers, is endorsed by Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and has been labeled as a “quality career pathway” by the Center for Law and Social Policy. Ninety percent of Massachusetts manufacturers express a willingness to hire and train workers with the right attitude and basic skills. According to Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training Labor Market Information for Central Massachusetts, an entry level machinist can earn an average annual salary of \$39,698 and an experienced machinist can make an annual salary of \$55,113.

When and where are classes? Classes will be held at Bay Path Vocational Technical High School on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:00–9:00 PM beginning September 19, 2022. Classes will end in late March 2023. Students must be able to attend all classes from 5:00–9:00 PM.

Are any services offered for job placement? A job placement Advisor will be available to help students prepare resumes and cover letters, practice interviewing skills, and apply for jobs. This Advisor will be responsible for building relationships with local manufacturing employers to help students with job placement.

What other requirements must I consider when thinking about enrollment in this program? Students are expected to utilize and wear the necessary safety equipment and clothing required by their shop. Safety glasses will be provided. When operating machinery, students with long hair must secure their hair in a manner that is acceptable to the shop teacher. Torn or shabby clothing, sneakers, sandals, slippers or any attire deemed to be not be in accordance with safety regulations are prohibited. All shops are required to adhere to the footwear policy deemed appropriate for their shop. Steel toed shoes with laces should be worn when possible.