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Ivy Tech Corporate College's Manufacturing Matters short-term training program adds second program

Richmond, Ind. — Manufacturing Matters, Ivy Tech Corporate College's short-term manufacturing training program, is adding a second program this fall. The Production Associate training program is a five week course that will be taught in Connersville and Richmond.

The new training program will include certifications in safety and quality practices/measurement, an OSHA 10 card, and soft skills training. Cost of the training is \$1900 per participant with funding available for qualified candidates.

The Manufacturing Matters employer partners have identified safety and quality precision/measurement as two of the most important factors in manufacturing today. Ivy Tech Corporate College, training provider for Manufacturing Matters programs, responded to their needs with the new Production Associate curriculum which the partners endorsed.

Kim Thurlow, Corporate College Executive for Ivy Tech Community College Richmond, said, "Our partners continue to direct Manufacturing Matters program development. The Production Associate is a new track they have asked us to provide to meet hiring demands," said "A shortened course allows employers to gain access to these graduates more quickly and graduates could be working by Christmas."

The Connersville Production Associate training is scheduled to start October 31 with an October 21 application deadline. The Richmond Production Associate training is scheduled to begin November 14 with a November 4 application deadline. Applicants should apply online at www.manufacturingmatters.info.

Thurlow said, "While programs offered through Manufacturing Matters are not required for a job, our employer partners really like the technical and soft skills foundation participants receive in the programs. For this reason, they have opted to look at these candidates first. The only thing required of an applicant is to be a person who values themselves and their future enough to take advantage of the opportunity and take the steps to apply for selection. We encourage anyone interested in manufacturing to apply. "

Manufacturing Matters was developed in 2013 as the result of a strategic doing session focused on addressing manufacturing skill gaps and hiring demands in East Central Indiana. Today, there are 13 employer partners and numerous stakeholders in Fayette, Rush, and Wayne Counties.

For more information on Manufacturing Matters and its training programs or to become a Manufacturing Matters partner, please contact Kim Thurlow, kthurlow@ivytech.edu, or 765.966.2656, ext. 4013.

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