Manufacturing Technology or M-Tech

M-Tech is an intensive pre-hire training program that prepares participants interested in applying for good entry-level production positions with great companies including Goodyear, Innovia Films and PTMW, Inc. Successful completion will give participants hiring preference with these companies.

In cooperation with the above companies and GO Topeka, Washburn Tech offers a new Manufacturing Technology (M-Tech) program at 5724 SW Huntoon St. It is part of a Kansas Department of Commerce initiative connecting economic and workforce development under the new “Workforce Aligned with Industry Demand” (Workforce AID). The program provides the skills and knowledge required by area manufacturers, and certifies successful students as a Certified Production Technician (a national industry certificate).

Benefits to participants:

- Intensive training preparing participants for a potential career in manufacturing with companies like Goodyear, Innovia Films, PTMW, Inc. or others
- Competitive starting wages ($12 -$18/hour) plus benefits (sick leave, vacation leave and insurance)
- Promotion and career pathway opportunities
- Free tuition and fees for a limited time to qualifying individuals through a Commerce grant, but participants must pay a $30 Washburn Tech enrollment fee

Manufacturing Technology Program:

- 13 college credit hours (including Safety, Quality Practices & Measurement, Manufacturing Processes and Production, Maintenance Awareness, Forklift Operation, and may include Computer Applications and Workplace Skills)
- Program hours replicate the manufacturing work day: 7:30 am to 3 pm Monday-Friday; Forklift operation training will be on a Saturday
- Interactive classes using mechanical simulators, on-line learning modules, teamwork projects and group problem-solving plus guest lectures from company representatives
- Fast track option based on your experience and skills – complete program in as little as 4 weeks or take 8 weeks if needed
- Opportunity to job shadow and learn what the production floor is really like before being hired
- Meet the hiring managers of the partner companies and see first-hand how to prepare yourself for success at a company of your choice

Ready to Start:

1. Visit the Topeka Workforce Center and ask about M-Tech or call 785.235.5627
2. Contact Luci Zieman 785.670.2373, Washburn Tech, for an M-Tech application and pay enrollment fee plus learn if you qualify for a Commerce scholarship
3. Take the pre-assessment tests to determine what you already know and what you need to learn
   WorkKeys: Reading for Information – Level 4, Applied Mathematics – Level 4
   plus computer skills assessment
4. Make your transportation and child care plans if needed and start classes on Monday (classes start on Monday, June 16 with other start dates to follow)

Note: Regular, on-time attendance is mandatory. Poor attendance may negatively impact successful completion of the program.