Machinist/CNC Technician

Grand Rapids Community College is the only place to get high quality machinist/CNC training in just five months. GRCC has the best reputation among employers for supplying West Michigan with work ready individuals in this high demand sector.

Our instructor, Steve Henkelman, has 35 years of experience in the industry and is NIMS certified in eight categories. Our training program offers a hands-on, real world experience like no other.

Job Titles
- CNC Operator
- Machinist
- Programmer
- Lead Machinist

Unique Program Features
- Job Training programs are approximately 18 weeks in length and meet 34 hours per week
- Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Small class size
- Job placement assistance
- Program begins every other month
- Self-paced, hands-on learning
- One-on-one support services

Certificates/Credential Options
- GRCC Certificate of Completion
- 13 credits toward AAS Degree

Employment Outlook (EMSI)
- 16% increase from 2013-2023 (146 Annual Openings) for Computer-Numerical-Control Operators
- Avg. wages = $15.16

Area Employers
- Best Metals Products
- Dewys Manufacturing
- Fisk Precision
- General Die & Engineering
- GNS America
- Louis Padnos
- Precision Aerospace
- Proficient CNC
- RapidLine
- Reed City Tool
- Rietsma Tool Grinding
- Specialty Tool & Mold

Course Topics/Features
- Blueprint Reading
- Mathematics
- Using the Machinist Handbook
- Using Hand Tools
- Bench Work
- Layout
- Manual Machine Tool Operations
- Precision Measuring
- Computer Numerical Control (CNC) and Conversational Machine Tool Operations
- Computer Operations
- Teamwork and Communication Skills

Class Location & Hours
Applied Technology Center
151 Fountain St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m-4:00 p.m.

(616) 234-3800
grcc.edu/jobtraining
Job Training
Admissions Process

You’re only three steps away.

1. Fill out Free Application Form
   - Must have valid email address to apply
   - Go to www.grcc.edu/apply
   - Choose JOB TRAINING under application type

2. Tuition Options
   There are four options available to cover the costs of your tuition. You may use one or a combination of these methods.
   - Cash, Check or Credit Card
   - Federal Student Aid
     - Apply for a pin# www.pin.ed.gov
     - Complete a Federal Student Aid Application* at www.fafsa.ed.gov
       (use of the PIN# created above is needed to complete)
     - * You will also need your previous year's tax information and the GRCC School code of 002267 to complete accurately.
     - (If you are a male, 18 to 26 years old, please register selective service. Go to https://www.sss.gov)

3. Federal Direct Student Loans
   Go to www.studentloans.gov
   - Complete Entrance Counseling
   - Fill out Master Promissory Note (this will calculate maximum loan eligibility)
   - Complete the GRCC Direct Loan Request Form, available at: www.grcc.edu/jobtraining

The GRCC Direct Loan Request Form is also available at the Leslie E. Tassell M-TEC.

Third Party Funding (i.e. Michigan Works!, employer, other funding source)
Veterans- Please go to www.grcc.edu/jobtraining for a Veterans checklist on education benefits

Assessments Required
GRCC Job Training Programs require the WorkKeys Assessments.
You may schedule an appointment at (616) 234-3800.

If you have graduated from a Michigan high school after 2010 you have already completed the WorkKeys assessments. WorkKeys Assessment results can be requested by contacting ACT at 1-800-967-5539.

Please submit a copy of your results to training@grcc.edu, fax (616) 234-4435 or mail to:

Grand Rapids Community College
Attn: Job Training
622 Godfrey SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Once you have completed the 3 steps in the admissions process, please contact Job Training at (616) 234-3800 or training@grcc.edu to begin the enrollment process.