Program Overview for Employers

The Computer Integrated Machining Technology (CIMT) program for deaf and hard-of-hearing students at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) prepares students for careers in the precision machining and precision optics manufacturing industries. Graduates are well qualified and prepared for jobs that include computer numerical control set-up, computer numerical control operator and programmer, die maker, general machinist, inspector, instrument maker, mold maker, and tool maker as these jobs apply to both the precision machining and precision optics manufacturing industries.

Degree Awarded
Associate in Occupational Studies (AOS)

Potential Job Candidates
Approximately 35 students currently are enrolled.

Cooperative Education (Co-op)
Component Required
Students are required to complete one 10-week summer co-op block.

Equipment and Facilities
Students use precision machines common to industrial tool rooms and industrial shop floors. They learn to set up and operate lathes (manual and computer assisted), vertical milling machines (manual and computer assisted), CNC Wire Electrical Discharge Machines, CNC and Manual Curve generators, horizontal milling machines, vertical rotary grinder, double-sided planetary machines, spindle polisher, indexing head, band saw, glass bead/sand blaster, drill press, shear and press brake, and tool room lathes.

Student Skills andCapabilities – Preparation for a Career

CIMT students qualify for various positions in the precision machine industry and the precision optics manufacturing industry. They are proficient at creating and examining 3D models and reading blueprints, lapping and polishing, and are skilled in the set-up and operation of lathes, milling machines, wire EDMs and grinders. Students receive extensive safety training and recognize safety as a top priority.

Computer Numerical Control (CNC): Students receive a full year of set-up and operation instruction on a Hardinge VMC-600 three axis machining center (Fanuc 0i-MB control) and a Hardinge CHNC two axis turning center (Fanuc Ut control), and a Sodick AQ300L wire EDM (LN1W control). They learn to use G and M code programming, both manually and in conjunction with MasterCam software. They can produce parts with linear and circular interpolation, as well as numerous canned cycles and sub-routines. Students complete two trigonometry courses specially designed to solve complex machining problems.
Computer Integrated Machining Technology

Selected Software Used to Develop Technical Skills

- AutoCad
- MasterCam
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Windows
- SolidWorks

Selected Technical Courses Leading to an Associate Degree

- Algebra
- Blueprint Reading I-II
- CIMT I-V
- CNC I
- CNC II
- Geometric Dimensions and Tolerances
- Industrial Materials
- Optical Testing
- Precision Grinding
- Precision Measurement I-II
- Precision Optics Mfg I & II
- Trigonometry for Coordinate Analysis

The following employers throughout the country have hired Computer Integrated Machining Technology students and graduates:

- Allen Bradley Corp.
- Bausch and Lomb
- Boeing
- Caterpillar, Inc.
- Cherry Point Naval Aviation
- Corpus Christi Army Depot
- Eastman Kodak Company
- Emerson Electronics
- General Electric
- General Motors
- Gleason Works
- IBM
- MWI
- NASA
- Naval Surface Warfare Center
- Optical Gaging Products
- Optimax
- Rochester Precision Optics
- Rock Island Arsenal
- Tesla Motors
- Tiffany & Co.
- Tobyhanna Army Depot

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