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, program and operate manual and computer assisted lathes (Haas Toolroom Lathe), manual and computer assisted vertical milling machines (Prototrak Conversational Controls), 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 and Capabilities – 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 I two axis turning center (Fanuc 0t control), Haas Toolroom Mill, 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.

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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:

Bausch & Lomb  
Cryomech, Inc.  
General Electric  
Goodson Manufacturing  
HDM Hydraulics, LLC  
Metalex Manufacturing, Inc.  
MWI  
Naval Surface Warfare Center  
Optimax  
Parabbit Systems, Inc.  
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Solar Turbines  
Sydor Optics  
Tecomet  
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