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Gaston College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Gaston College.

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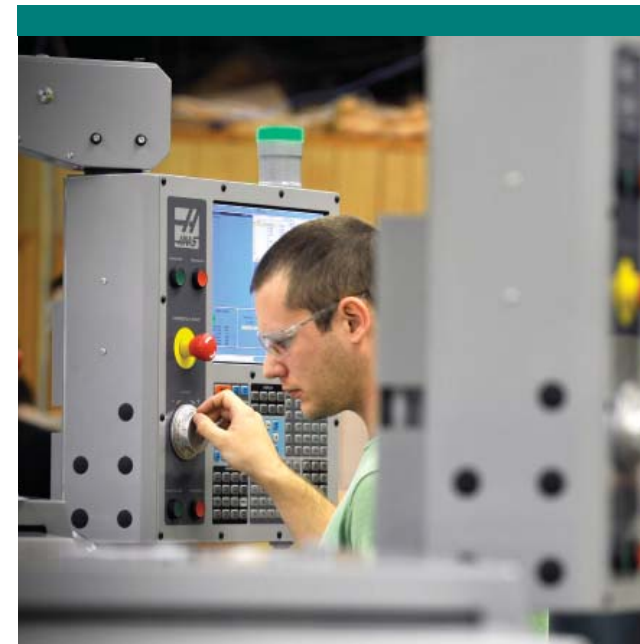
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Apprenticeship 321

Multiple Pathways to Careers in Advanced Manufacturing



What is Apprenticeship 321?

Apprenticeship 321 is a multi-employer, multi-path training and education program registered to, and sponsored by, Gaston College in collaboration with regional advanced manufacturers. The objective of the program is to develop a highly skilled workforce for the region. Individuals selected for the apprenticeship become employees of regional manufacturers.

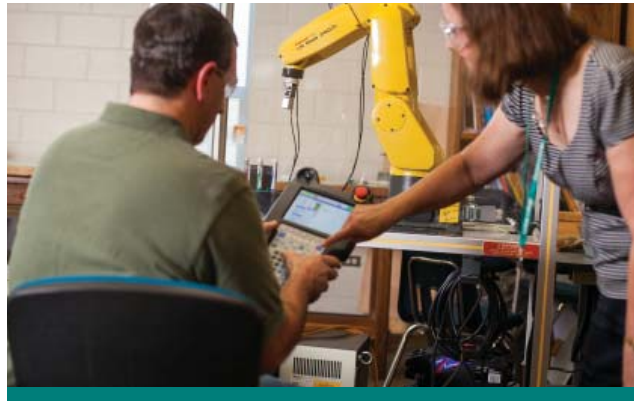
Apprentices will receive job-specific training and a tuition-free education while earning a salary from their employer. Upon successful completion, apprentices will be awarded nationally recognized certifications as journeyworkers in a skilled trade and an academic credential such as a certificate, diploma, or associates degree from Gaston College.

Apprentices will also achieve a National Career Readiness Certificate, which is a nationally recognized portable work skills credential to add to their portfolio and resume.

Apprenticeship 321 Occupations

Current Occupations identified by regional employers as those most in demand include:

- Industrial Maintenance Mechanic
- Machine Set-up Operator
- Tool Machine Set-up Operator
- Chemical Operator III
- Mechatronics Technician
- Tool and Die Maker



How long does it take to complete an apprenticeship?

The length of an apprenticeship depends on the trade. For example, Industrial Machinery Mechanic requires two years to complete 4,000 hours of on the job training (OJT) and related instruction. Chemical Operator III requires 6,000 hours of OJT and related instruction.

How to Apply

- Must be 18 years of age and able to meet specific employer requirements.
- Proven workplace skills shown by the National Career Readiness Certificate test.
- Provide official high school transcript or proof of graduation at that level.
- Complete the Gaston College student application process and speak to Apprenticeship Advisor.
- Complete placement test to show readiness for college level math (for eligibility in Pre-Calculus Algebra, MAT 171).

Participating Employers Include:

Aptar
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