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Hillsborough Community College Brandon Campus Offers Free Manufacturing Production Worker Training

Tampa – Hillsborough Community College (HCC) is seeking applicants for its second offering of a free manufacturing production technician training program leading to a national certification. Classes will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., September 4-21, on the HCC Brandon Campus located at 10414 East Columbus Drive in Tampa.

Funded by a Workforce Florida grant and developed by HCC's Employ Florida Banner Center for Manufacturing, the 90-hour training is limited to 30 students. The program provides instruction in manufacturing production and processes; safety awareness; quality assurance; maintenance awareness; and employability skills. Training, textbooks and other training materials will be provided free of charge.

The program prepares the student with the skills and knowledge to enter the advanced manufacturing field as an entry-level production technician and take the Manufacturing Skill Standards (MSSC) Council Production Technician Certification examination. Salaries for entry-level manufacturing technicians are approximately \$30,000 per year and manufacturers are looking for skilled employees.

Along with providing free training, the Banner Center for Manufacturing will also pay the registration and test fees for those students successfully completing the training and wishing to take the national MSSC certification examination.

Applicants for the program may include employed and/or unemployed manufacturing technicians with up to one year of experience, underemployed and/or unemployed people seeking a career in manufacturing, and high school graduates seeking a career in manufacturing. A GED or high school diploma is required and high-school level reading skills are recommended.

For more information, or to register for the class, contact Edward Allen, manager, Employ Florida Banner Center for Manufacturing by August 31, at (813) 259-6574 or email: eallen6@hccfl.edu.

Hillsborough Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone 404-679-4501) to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

Hillsborough Community College serves more than 40,000 students on campuses on Dale Mabry Highway and in Ybor City, Plant City and Brandon. HCC also serves students at learning centers on MacDill Air Force Base and in Ruskin. HCC was the recipient of the 2006 Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Equity award.