



Workforce Development

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Piedmont Technical College Center for Advanced Manufacturing

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The Center for Advanced Manufacturing in Laurens County is located along the I-385 corridor, within easy driving distance of industrial and business sites. The center was founded to provide readySC™ and Piedmont Technical College first-class space to furnish Laurens County industry with the resources to address their training needs. The center continues to support the manufacturing sector's growing training needs in the county.



The 24,300 square-foot facility was constructed in two phases.

- Phase 1 includes:**
- Classrooms
 - Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) lab
 - CMM lab for precision measuring of parts
- Phase 2 includes:**
- Mechatronics lab
 - Welding lab
 - Additional CNC equipment
 - CNC and Mechatronics shared classroom
 - Flexible space for additional readySC projects



The Workforce Readiness Center assists individuals seeking employment. Resume building, interviewing techniques and other job skills available at no cost for those who qualify.

The WRC also offers Accessible Support Services and Instruction for Sustainable Transition (ASSIST) to work. ASSIST is a comprehensive and customizable education and support services program that prepares participants for the competitive global workforce.

ASSIST supports Engineering and Industrial Technology training programs in the following areas:

- Manufacturing
- Architecture and Engineering
- Installation, Maintenance and Repair
- Transportation and Material Moving

Professional development and non-credit courses are offered to the public and business community by PTC's Continuing Education and Economic Development Division.



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Apprenticeship Carolina

A registered apprenticeship is an employer-sponsored flexible training program that cultivates highly skilled workers who meet the workforce demands of a competitive global economy.



Apprenticeship Carolina™ works to ensure all employers in South Carolina have access to the information and technical assistance they need to create demand-driven registered apprenticeship programs.

Apprenticeship consultants are available, at no charge to employers, to guide companies through the registered apprenticeship development process from initial information to full recognition in the national Registered Apprenticeship System.

readySC™

readySC™ is one of the nation's premier economic development training programs. Since 1961, it has helped thousands of companies start up quickly and efficiently by providing custom-designed workforce recruiting and training solutions. What's more, the services are at no cost to qualifying companies. readySC™ is ready to provide companies relocating to or expanding in South Carolina with unparalleled start-up expertise, truly customized recruiting and training solutions, innovative training delivery, and never-ending commitment to responsiveness and flexibility. All of this together culminates in a true economic value for client organizations.



Work Ready Community

Laurens County is a South Carolina Work Ready Community. A Work Ready Community is a measure of the quality of a county's workforce. It is an assurance to business and industry that the community is committed to providing the highly skilled workforce required in today's competitive economy.

South Carolina's initiative certifies the quality of the workforce based on four criteria. Counties must meet goals for high school graduation, soft skills development, business support, and National Career Readiness Certificate holders.



On behalf of the State of South Carolina, members of the South Carolina Workforce Investment Board and the State Leadership Team certify counties as "Work Ready" when each of the four criteria are met.

Laurens District 55 High School Robots Garage

Through a partnership with the Bosch plant in Fountain Inn, Laurens District 55 High School has formed a robotics club. The Robots Garage (Team 4451) has joined the True North Robotics competition team as part of FIRST Robotics Competition. FIRST Robotics offers something for every student age group with the mission of engaging kids in the fields of science, engineering and technology while allowing them to practice skills they can use in the job market one day. Bosch supplies the club with materials and entry fees.



DUAL CREDIT

Laurens County School Districts 55 and 56 offer a dual credit program with PTC, allowing students to take courses at PTC while still in high school to help prepare them for the future, whether it be pursuing higher education or going directly into the manufacturing environment.