



Metropolitan Community College
40 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

mccneb.edu | 402-457-2400

Jan. 22, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT:

Sheila O'Connor

Executive Director, Office of Public Affairs

402-457-2733

soconnor7@mccneb.edu

www.mccneb.edu

MCC joins coalition of certification centers to develop industry-responsive training

OMAHA, Neb.—Metropolitan Community College has partnered with the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) to help address the need for robust industry partnerships with educational institutions and promote the use of certifications. As an NC3 member, the College will have the opportunity to provide leadership, training and certification in industrial and technical education.

“Partnering with NC3 should supercharge MCC’s development of industry-relevant certification in advanced and emerging fields,” said Tom Pensabene, executive director of workforce innovation.

Emerging as an outgrowth of the relationship between Gateway Technical College in Kenosha, Wis., and Snap-on Inc., NC3 seeks to cultivate strong industry partnerships with educational institutions across the country. Members aim to develop, implement, share and sustain industry-recognized portable certifications that have strong validation and assessment standards. The coalition incorporates 40 advanced technical education centers, community colleges and industry-sponsored training programs. MCC is the 30th education institution to join the NC3 network.

With its membership, MCC will work collaboratively with industry experts to develop training and certification programs. One example is the development of a training and certification model for technicians working with compressed natural gas vehicles. MCC is piloting workshops and developing new instructional resources and assessments that will make CNG training and certification more accessible. Such resources could be used across the U.S., ultimately yielding quality training standards and industry-recognized certifications in compressed natural gas technology. With the growth of natural gas vehicles in the U.S., this training is critical for technicians and others who drive and service vehicles powered by natural gas.

###

Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable and quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 students annually.