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### **MCC receives accreditation to provide weatherization training**

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College has received accreditation from the Interstate Renewable Energy Council for its weatherization training. The council approved two courses required to become a retrofit installer technician, making MCC one of only a few community colleges nationwide to hold this credential.

To achieve this national benchmark of quality training, MCC underwent an extensive application and assessment process, demonstrating that curriculum complies with IREC-established standards and is geared toward specific industry jobs. The approved courses include SNRG 1120: Weatherization Installer Fundamentals and SNRG 1121: Weatherization Installer Intermediate.

“We are thrilled to receive this esteemed designation as a provider of high-quality, job-specific training,” said Chris Swanson, lead-safe and healthy homes program coordinator. “Accreditation is another step toward equipping students to become leaders in the green economy and supplying businesses with a well-trained workforce.”

Since 2011, MCC has offered courses on weatherization theory, construction methods and installation techniques at its Weatherization Training Center, 5626 Sorensen Parkway. All training is provided in compliance with the U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program. Students receive specialized training in a growing industry that ultimately reduces energy consumption and costs for homeowners or businesses.

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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.