



# Greater Oh-Penn Manufacturing Apprenticeship Network

Ashtabula, Columbiana, Geauga, Mahoning, Portage and Trumbull Counties in Ohio  
Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango and Warren Counties in Pennsylvania

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## June 2016

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### Manufacturing Readiness Graduate Interviews

- Are you satisfied with the **QUALITY** of applicants looking for work at your company?
- Do the applicants have the **SKILLS** to help your company be successful?
- Do applicants have the **RIGHT WORK ETHIC** to be a good employee?

Participate in a program that will eliminate remedial training costs, improve production and increase your competitiveness by increasing productivity.

Manufacturing Readiness Graduate Interviews are scheduled for Friday, July 8th 9:00am - 12:00pm at the Mahoning County Career & Technical Center.

Contact J Diane Karlin at [dkarlin@tpma-inc.com](mailto:dkarlin@tpma-inc.com) to participate.

#### What is it?

The Manufacturing Readiness Program is a seven-week work-readiness course designed to provide participants with the soft skills (communication, team work, accountability, and so on) employers expect in qualified candidates as well as the key technical skills and certifications needed in today's manufacturing environments.

This course prepares individuals to enter into the manufacturing career pathway and succeed in semi-skilled manufacturing production positions and/or enter into more advanced manufacturing skill training. Participants also receive Nationally-Recognized and Transferable Credentials.

**Don't miss out on the opportunity to attract qualified employees, strengthen your pipeline of skilled workers, and save time and money on recruitment and training costs.**

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### Upcoming Events

- **MVMC Quarterly Meeting**

Friday, July 29, 2016

9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Mahoning County & Technical Center

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### In the News

[Channellock celebrates 130 years!](#)

"To be able to say that our world famous pliers are still made in Meadville, Pennsylvania, USA is a source of pride to everyone at Channellock," said Chairman and CEO Bill DeArment. "Our company was founded in 1886 in northwest Pennsylvania on the principle of making the highest-quality tools, and nothing has changed."

[Trending Manufacturing: Lightning Strikes at Quality Switch](#)

Quality Switch was featured in the Business Journal's daily buzz video. Viewers can see

## Apprenticeship Update

**Apprenticeship reimbursements details, application paperwork, and group-sponsored model standards are now ready for your apprenticeship registration process. You can begin registering your apprenticeship program and/or apprentices today!**

These are just some of the benefits that apprenticeship provides:

- Help recruiting and developing a highly skilled workforce
- Improving productivity and the bottom line
- Reducing turnover costs and improving employee retention
- Creating industry-driven and flexible training solutions
- Potential brand/product improvements via a highly-trained workforce
- Opportunities to offset training costs.

Because Registered Apprenticeship is backed by the Department of Labor, you gain access to resources and funding that you couldn't otherwise tap into. As part of The Network, your company is eligible for employer reimbursements, technical assistance, and a network of support.

To begin registering your program and/or apprentices contact **J Diane Karlin** at [dkarlin@tpma-inc.com](mailto:dkarlin@tpma-inc.com) or **Megan Wagner Ingram** at [mingram@tpma-inc.com](mailto:mingram@tpma-inc.com).

## Free Welding Courses at Laurel Technical Institute

Penn-Northwest Development Corp., the Laurel Technical Institute, West Central Partnership, Mercer County school systems and three private employers are offering free welding classes this summer to 2016 graduates of Mercer County high schools.

The classes, called "The Welding Academy," will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays and run from July 11 to Aug. 19 at the Laurel Technical Institute, 892 S. Dock St.

While no tuition will be charged, students must qualify, which includes passing a drug test and submitting an application to enter. To enroll, he or she must work with his or her guidance counselor, high school principal or school district superintendent, says Randy Seitz, executive director of Penn-Northwest.

Read more [here](#).

## Apprenticeship Scorecard

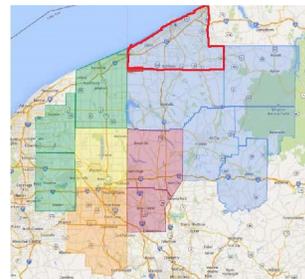
first hand how Quality Switch's new equipment will enable them to build high voltage switches.

### [YSU to Offer Manufacturing Engineering Program](#)

Youngstown State University is poised to offer a new program in manufacturing engineering as soon as this fall.

### **Fast Facts:**

#### **Erie**



**Population:** 278,045

**Unemployment:** 6.5%

#### **Manufacturing Employment:**

The Manufacturing Industry makes up 17% of Erie jobs.

\*Facts about a county in the Greater Oh-Penn Manufacturing Apprenticeship Network footprint will be provided each month.

**• Was your company featured in the news?**

**• Want to share your personal manufacturing success story?**

**Please contact**

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share any news that you would like highlighted in the monthly Greater Oh-Penn Manufacturing Apprenticeship Network Newsletter.

Below are The Network's goals for year 1 of the American Apprenticeship Initiative, as well as current performance numbers. This scorecard allows partners of The Network to see the progress of their hard work, as well as share our progress with others that want to become involved.

| Apprenticeship Score Card   | Year 1 Goals | Current Performance |
|---|--------------|---------------------|
| Total number of employers benefitting from the grant program      | 8            |                     |
| Total number of new apprentices registered                        | 25           |                     |
| Total number of participants to receive services under this grant | 50           |                     |
| Total number of newly registered American Apprenticeship Programs | 12           |                     |
| Total number of promotional/outreach activities to employers      | 535          | 452                 |



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