



Re-visioning and Implementing a Precision Machining Manufacturing program

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A photograph of a modern, multi-story building with a blue and grey facade and large glass windows. The building has a prominent overhanging roof section. In the foreground, there is a small tree and a paved area. A large, stylized logo is overlaid on the center of the image. The logo consists of the letters 'WSU' in a bold, black, cursive font with a yellow outline, and the word 'TECH' in a white, bold, sans-serif font with a black outline and a white underline. The background is a clear, light blue sky.

WSU **TECH**



Who is WSU Tech?

Kansas Two-year, Public Technical College

- Focus on Aviation, Aerospace Manufacturing, and Manufacturing at the National Center for Aviation Training
- 900+ Manufacturers in the region #4 in the US, #1 for Very High-Tech, #3 Engineering Hub
- Affiliated with Wichita State University in 2018
- 9,000+ students on 4 campuses and 40+ concurrent high school partners
- Third largest two-year college in Kansas



Machining Technology

Machining Technology 2014-2023

- 300+ CNC/Machining shops in Wichita
- TAAACCT project-Round 2-National Aviation Consortium
- Featured Redesign of Machining program into 3 distinct tracks
 - CNC Operator (Certificate)
 - Manual Machining (Certificate)
 - Combined to make a large Certificate
 - CATIA-Design (AAS)
- Hosted Project MFG Finals; multiple National Medals at Skills USA



Machining Technology

THE ISSUE

- **Consistent Enrollment**
- **Matching the skills to industry need**
- **No pathway for additional CNC/Machining skills**
- **Growth of industry post-Covid**
- **Under-utilized equipment in the lab**



CNC Machining

Solutions and goals for program development

- Identified Machining curriculum, lab, and equipment redesign as primary focus

Why-Adjust program to focus on current industry trends; post-Covid

How-Create space to allow for new equipment to align with industry trends

- Shift program courses to create pathway for advanced CNC Machining skills
- Smart manufacturing and/or Industry training 4.0
- Allow for Applied Learning pathway parallel with program credentials
- Emphasis solely on CNC Machinist, no longer Machining and Design
- Focus on growing underrepresented populations



Overall Vision

- Update Curriculum that meets industry needs
 - Applied Learning: Expand relationships with Industry
- Modern Machines and full Automation
 - Alignment of 5 axis, materials, quality, and robotics
- Create opportunities for High School and Underrepresented Outreach
 - Scholarships, camps, expand faculty specialty
- Funding and partnerships to expand high school and post-secondary relationships.
 - Funding growth and recognition



Overall Vision-Solutions

- **Internal:** Update Curriculum that meets industry needs
 - Applied Learning: Expand relationships with Industry
- **State Funded ARPA:** Modern Machines and full Automation
 - Alignment of 5 axis, materials, quality, and robotics
- **Gene Haas Foundation:** Create opportunities for High School and Underrepresented Outreach
 - Scholarships, camps, expand faculty specialty
- **IACMI ACE-net:** Partnership to expand high school and post-secondary relationships.
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Program Changes

- All Students will begin with CNC Operator program
- Eliminate Manual Machining TC
 - 2 courses-Machining I and II
 - Add Machining Fundamentals into CNC Operator TC
- Eliminate Design pathway for AAS
- Integrate ACE Training

CNC Operator-23 Credit Hrs

- Safety-Osha
- Print Reading
- Quality Control
- Metallurgy
- Machining Fundamentals
- CNC Operations-
- CNC Milling I (Probing)
- CNC Lathe
- Math Elective
- PDV 105
- CNC Controllers



Program Changes

Second Semester-Machining TC-37 hours

- Bench Work
- Precision Measuring
- Metrology
- CAM I
- Multi-Axis Machining
- General Education courses

Third Semester-Adv. Machining TC-52 hours

- Machine Tool Processes
- Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing for Machining
- CAM II
- Multi-Cell Operations
- Advanced Machining Processes
- General Education courses



New Machining Program

- Applied Learning-Schedule

- CNC Operator-half days-morning, afternoon, and evening
- 2nd/3rd Semesters-2 days a week
- Hybrid schedule

3rd Semester focus on Advanced Equipment and Materials

- Work with NIAR and Industry partners on coursework in Multi-cell and Advanced Processes



Machining Lab Equipment

- 7 Haas VF2-3 Axis
- 2 Haas 750
- 6 Haas ST-15/20 CNC Lathes

- 10 Bridgeport Mill
- 10 Lathe

- Laser cutting
- Deburr Shaker
- Bandsaw
- Drill Press

6500 Square Feet

2 classrooms

Hexagon Romer Arm

Zeiss CMM

Starrett Optical Comparator



Use of ARPA to Automate

- 10 Brand new 5 Axis HAAS CNC Mills
 - Creation of Machining Cell with Automated Placement/Tending
- Tooling and Updates on existing machines
 - Tooling for harder material capability
 - Existing machines updated to match automation
- Inspection equipment to add to automation
 - Add to capability to focus on Metrology and Quality
- Robotics and Machine Tending
- Elements of Smart Factory



5 Axis option



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MACHINES OPTIONS WHY HAAS SERVICE VIDEOS HAAS TOOLING HAAS SERVICE PARTS

BUILD-&-PRICE

DOWNLOAD AN INSTANT CUSTOM QUOTE FOR ANY HAAS MACHINE

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UMC-350HD

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40
TAPER

5
AXIS

10k
RPM

18+1
TOOL CAPACITY

COMING SOON! AVAILABLE TO ORDER Q4 2022.



Additional Equipment

- Create specific Robotic and Automation cells
 - Parts Loader
 - Robotic Tender
 - Palatizing
 - AMR with Robotics program
- Machining Cell
 - Familiar with environment
 - Multiple usage
 - Allows for Single usage
- Metrology Focus
 - Additional CMMs
 - Inspection centers
 - Inclusion of software
 - Repair Romer
 - All new machines having probing
- Tooling and workspace
- Potential for additional machines-Working with WSU

Supporting Opportunities

- Gene Haas Foundation-Naming Rights \$1,000,000 gift
 - Special Programs
 - IDE-A Initiatives
 - K-12 Outreach
 - Expansion of Programming
 - Credit
 - Non-Credit
- Gene Haas Innovation Lab



Supporting Opportunities

- IACMI
 - ACE Program
 - Funding to expand growth
 - Development of pipeline in Secondary
 - Create opportunities
 - National Exposure





Other Opportunities

- Build Back Better-EDA
 - Smart Factory
 - Creation of Manufacturing Cell with AMR
 - Smart Manufacturing using data and analytics
 - IOT in Machining
 - OEE
 - EDA Building-Quality/Inspection/Additive
- Urban Institute
 - Focus on Equity
 - Mentorship
 - Orientation
 - Data-driven
- Industry Partnerships in Apprenticeships and non-credit training



Questions/Comments

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