The Manufacturing Institute Releases Fifth Spotlight on Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials

Austin Community College’s Biotechnology Program Prepares Job-Ready Students for Industry Careers

WASHINGTON, July 27, 2016: Today, The Manufacturing Institute released the fifth Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials (c³bc) spotlight on Austin Community College (ACC).

The c³bc is a multistate consortium of 12 community colleges engaged in an educational and training initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Labor under grant TC- 23761-12-60-A-37. Under the c³bc, 12 Community Colleges nationwide coordinate to support strategies to assist grant participants to obtain employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations, such as biotechnology, biomanufacturing, and medical devices.

As part of the Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials (c³bc), ACC developed its Biotechnology program, a two-year program with 16-week courses, in which students come out with an Advanced Technician Certificate, an associate’s degree, or a Biotechnology Certificate. A key asset to this program is the required internship, which students take at the end of their first year, and has proven to be extremely valuable to local companies.

ACC had 100+ students and alumni enrolled in their Biotechnology Program in 2015, and 170 total graduates from the program since its start. “We try to make our students ahead of the curve to make them more marketable for biomanufacturing,” said Linnea Fletcher Ph.D, department chair, Biotechnology, executive director, AC2 Bio-Link Regional Center, Austin Community College.

To read the full spotlight on ACC’s training program visit: http://www.themanufacturinginstitute.org/Skills-Certification/Educator-Resources/Best-Practices/Spotlights.aspx

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