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## **Successful Manufacturing Course Offers Scholarships for Space Coast Residents**

*The EDC and EFSC announce next dates for the MSSC CPT course. Applications due by January 8th.*

**Space Coast, FL (December 18, 2017)** – The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) and Eastern Florida State College (EFSC) have announced the dates for the next Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC) Certified Production Technician (CPT) Course in Brevard County.

The CPT course is a 10-week synchronous online program which focuses on the core technical skills of an entry-level production worker, and is applicable in all sectors of manufacturing. Course topics include safety, quality practices and measurement, manufacturing processes and production, and maintenance awareness. The MSSC CPT certification is also worth up to 15 credits toward an Engineering Technology or Aerospace Technology Associate's Degree at EFSC.

The next 10-week course starts January 22, and will run online Monday and Wednesday nights from 6 to 10 pm. Applications are due by January 8. Scholarships are available for Brevard County residents.

"With an 80% job placement rate after completion, the CPT course continues to be a vital and successful resource for our 500 local manufacturing companies," said Lynda Weatherman, president and CEO of the EDC. "Students who earn this credential are a step ahead within this growing sector where over 3,000 jobs are expected by 2022."

"The Certified Production Technician Credential is an excellent tool for anybody wanting to get into manufacturing," explains Mike Ennis, chairman of the EDC's Industry Council and Regional Manufacturers Association of Florida's Space Coast (MASC). "In 10 weeks, students gain a lot of knowledge, and that knowledge is credibility."

Hear the successful stories from Space Coast manufacturing professionals who have completed the CPT course, and apply for the next class at [www.ManufacturingInBrevard.org](http://www.ManufacturingInBrevard.org)

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The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) is dedicated to attracting new business and investment and expanding existing industry throughout the Space Coast, influencing change on government laws and regulations affecting economic development, promoting the Space Coast to encourage new investment, supporting efforts of Space Coast military installations, and relaying new programs and procedures to assist manufacturing and high-tech companies. The EDC is a private, not-for-profit coalition whose stakeholders are business leaders committed to the economic growth and stability of Florida's Space Coast. Visit [www.SpaceCoastEDC.org](http://www.SpaceCoastEDC.org).