COLLEGE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

Manufacturing Skills Program - Manitowoc

January 8, 2026 – March 12, 2026 | Thursdays' 8:30am – 12:30pm 40-hours total | Ten, 4-hour workshops held once a week

Workshops are held at Lakeshore College's Manitowoc Campus located at 600 York St., Manitowoc, WI Workshops are held in the Room tbd

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CLASS	DATE	COURSE	OBJECTIVES
1	January 8, 2026	Professional Soft Skills for Manufacturing	Begin the program by focusing on interpersonal and workplace success skills essential in any manufacturing environment. Topics: Professionalism and workplace expectations Communication, teamwork, and leadership Dependability and attention to detail Building positive workplace relationships
2	January 15, 2026	Critical Thinking & Change Management	Develop critical thinking and adaptability to navigate a fast-paced, evolving manufacturing industry. Topics: Structured problem-solving methods Innovation and flexibility Managing change in the workplace Digital fluency basics
3	January 22, 2026	Problem Solving & Continuous Improvement	Apply analytical thinking and improvement strategies to strengthen productivity and quality outcomes. Topics: Root cause analysis and troubleshooting Continuous improvement concepts Lean manufacturing basics Introduction to data-driven decision-making
4	January 29, 2026	Introduction to Manufacturing & Tools	Explore the manufacturing environment and essential tools used in production. Topics: Overview of the manufacturing industry and career pathways Hand and power tool identification and safe use Preventive maintenance and inspection Workplace organization and communication
5	February 5, 2026	Measurement & Quality	Learn the principles of measurement and quality assurance to ensure manufacturing precision. Topics: Reading rulers, micrometers, and calipers Quality control principles and inspection techniques Documentation and traceability.

6	February 12, 2026	Blueprint Reading & Simple Machines	Interpret blueprints and schematics while learning about simple machines and production mechanics. Topics: Symbols, dimensions, and tolerances Schematic interpretation Simple machines and basic physics in manufacturing
7	February 19, 2026	Assembly Techniques & Fasteners	Understand assembly methods and the role of fasteners in manufacturing processes. Topics: Threaded and non-threaded fasteners Torque and tightening methods Good manufacturing practices (GMP) Safe and efficient assembly processes
8	February 26, 2026	OSHA 10 Introduction & Core Safety	Begin OSHA 10 training with foundational safety concepts required in manufacturing. Topics: OSHA purpose, worker rights, and employer responsibilities Walking/working surfaces and fall prevention Material Handling Intro to Industrial Hygiene
9	March 5, 2026	OSHA 10 Hazard Communication & PPE	Focus on understanding chemical and personal safety in industrial environments.
10	March 12, 2026	OSHA 10 Completion	Conclude OSHA 10 training and reflect on key takeaways from the 40-hour program. Topics: Lockout/tagout basics Machine guarding and mechanical safety Electrical hazards and safe work practices Final review, discussion, and certificates of completion