Can Your Students Help To Close the Skills Gap?

New England Tech continues to keep a pulse on the job requirements of area employers to be sure that our students are learning the skills they need to be successful members of today’s workforce. Our Career Services Department works diligently to maintain strong working relationships with employers by extending invitations to all types of companies and organizations to visit our campus and to speak with NEIT students and graduates through career fairs, recruiting opportunities, and class presentations. Our goal is to bring employers to our students who have the technical knowledge and skills needed to be successful members of today’s workforce.

As educators in Rhode Island, we want impress upon you that there is a critical shortage of highly skilled workers in the manufacturing arena so it is important for you to guide your students to careers in this industry. Today, manufacturing in Rhode Island is alive and well, but employers are in desperate need of skilled, technical workers in the fields of information technology, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and electronics. These employers are frequently in contact with our Career Services staff sharing the challenges they face in finding highly skilled, technical graduates to fill their manufacturing job vacancies. Your students may be part of the solution to this growing skills gap issue!

As high school juniors and seniors begin to explore their career options as well as the type of higher education needed to achieve their goals, they should be reminded of the huge demand for highly skilled, technically trained employees in the manufacturing field. New England Tech offers associate, bachelor, and master degree programs in these high demand technologies and also developed a Bachelor of Science degree program in Electrical Engineering Technology in response to employer needs. This program is a unique blend of two traditional fields of study, electronics and electrical, where students master the skills needed for this fast growing industry.

You can be instrumental in pointing your students to these career options. When meeting with students to assist them with career choices and college options, there are a few key points to consider when suggesting positions in information technology, engineering and electronics. Do they think analytically and enjoy problem solving? Are they creative, inquisitive, and inventive? Are they hands-on learners and enjoy troubleshooting? Do they like to tinker and take things apart and put them back together? Are they curious about how and why things work? For those students interested in science, technology, engineering and math or the STEM disciplines, there are many career options available. With the proper technical training, your students will be on their way to successful careers as technicians in engineering, field service, automation and controls, industrial controls, and energy management.

Following labor market trends and the needed technical skills is critical to program development and course curriculum at NEIT. For more information on any of New England Tech’s programs, please call the Admissions office at 1-800-736-7744 or 401-467-7744. You
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