

**NIMS®****National Institute for Metalworking Skills®**

April 14, 2014

Mr. Henry Giles  
President  
Spartanburg Community College  
800 Brisack Road  
Spartanburg, SC 29303

Dear Mr. Giles:

This is to officially convey national accreditation of your Machine Tool Technology Program by the National Institute for Metalworking Skills. The renewed accreditation is effective April 14, 2014 through April 14, 2019.

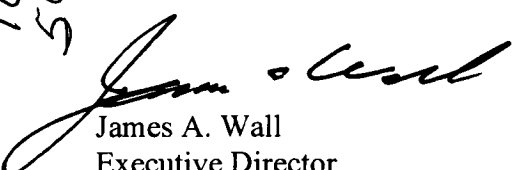
This accreditation renewal is the result of a rigorous examination determining that your program has maintained its commitment to meet the quality standards as established by the National Institute for Metalworking Skills on behalf of the nation's precision manufacturing industry.

You may continue to use our name and logo in your publications in communications, including your website. Discounted testing fees for your instructors and students will remain in place at our online testing center.

We do recommend an appropriate celebration to commemorate this event. Where possible, one of our Board members or I may be available to personally present the award. An official accreditation plaque and banner will be mailed under separate cover.

I join with the entire NIMS community in conveying our congratulations.

Sincerely,

  
James A. Wall  
Executive Director

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See Attached

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CC: Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor of South Carolina  
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**NIMS Accreditation visibly improves the quality of academic and industry training programs as part of the national endeavor at NIMS to build and maintain a globally competitive workforce.**

Accreditation guarantees:

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| ⇒ Third-Party Validation                 | ⇒ Articulation of Credentials to College Credit |
| ⇒ Credentialed Instructors               | ⇒ Competitive Advantage                         |
| ⇒ Training Performance Metrics           | ⇒ Marketing                                     |
| ⇒ Certified Testing Center               | ⇒ Influence on Future National Standards        |
| ⇒ Improved Organization                  |                                                 |
| ⇒ State & National Funding Opportunities |                                                 |

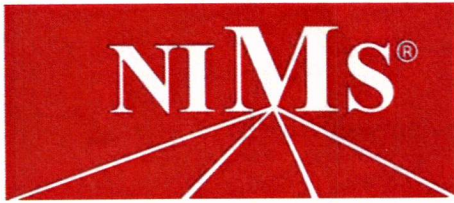
***"We prefer to hire from NIMS accredited programs because they have demonstrated their ability to instruct to the industry standards."***

-Dan Yahraus  
President, Modern Industries

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## About NIMS

The National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) is *the* industry standard for training for machining and metalforming jobs. NIMS is the common “currency” and language between schools and companies, instructors and employers, and learners

and workers. Education and training programs that use NIMS standards and deliver NIMS credentials are the most relevant source for producing skilled machinists. And employers know this, as they use the credentials to recruit, hire, place and promote individuals.

## NIMS credentials: Theory + Performance

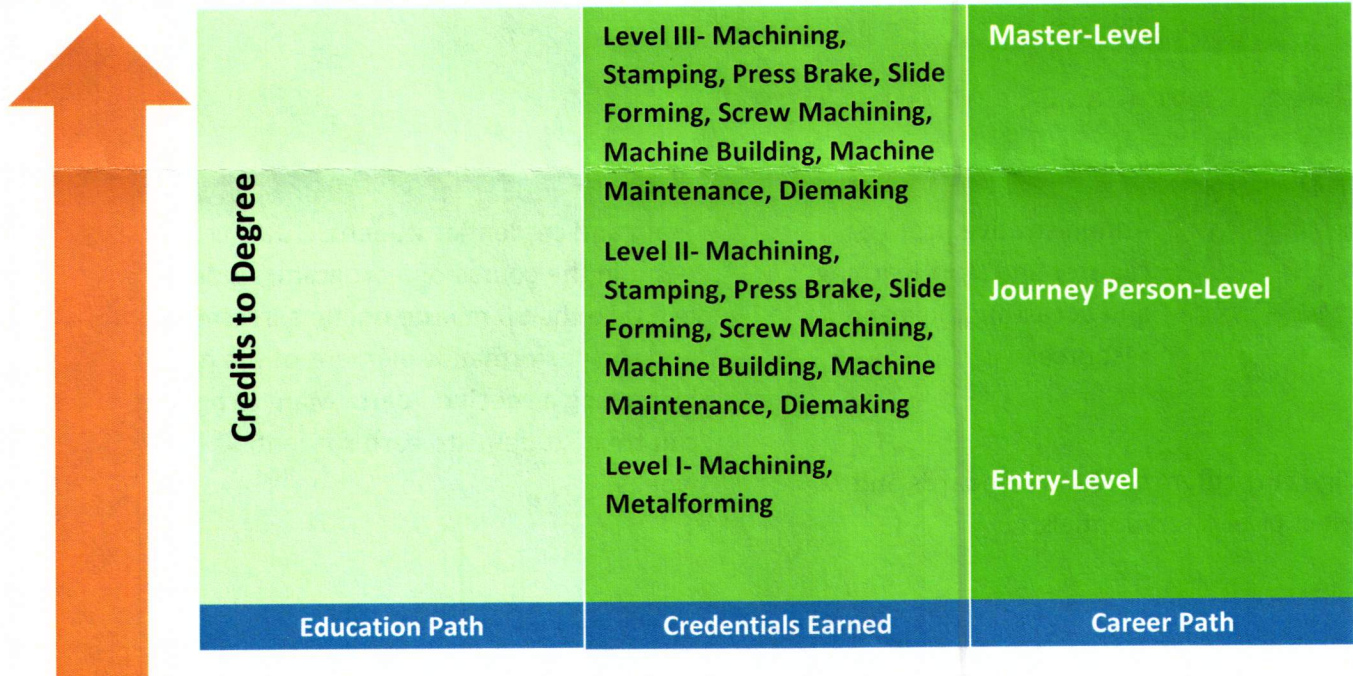
The NIMS Credentials certify an individual’s skills as measured against the NIMS Standards. Earning NIMS credentials requires a performance test and a theory test. The performance requirements and theory tests are drawn directly from the NIMS Standards, which are written and piloted by industry. NIMS currently offers 52 metalworking credentials that are designed to meet job requirements from entry-level to master-level.

## How to use NIMS

Educational programs use NIMS as:

1. Performance measures
2. Basis for articulation
3. Degree/graduation requirements
4. Credit translation
5. Means to accreditation

## Aligning the Classroom to Credentials to Careers



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## Fast Track Steps to Implementing NIMS

### Register

- Register organization/primary contact at [www.nims-skills.org](http://www.nims-skills.org)
- Identify and register the sponsor/instructor

### Learn

- Sign-up for monthly how-to webinars on credentialing and accreditation at [www.nims-skills.org](http://www.nims-skills.org)

### Access

- Access NIMS standards and tools to integrate credentials into education programs

### Produce

- Register students enrolled in programs and register the testing proctor
- Begin training students and issuing credentials

### Sustain

- Become an accredited training program through NIMS Accreditation to meet quality standards
- Continue to market your program to local employers

## Time to Credentialed Candidates



### 1 week

Administrative process: register and start learning and accessing tools and resources.

### 16 weeks

Train and credential students. During any point in the course of a program, students can take the 90 minute online assessment and the performance element of the exam by making a specified part. Many programs can train students to earn credentials in 16 weeks.

### 0-4 weeks

Align curriculum to NIMS standards and select priority credentials.

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