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# ACCSC Recognizes Commonwealth Technical Institute as the First School with an EWS Certified Program

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The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) is excited to announce that Commonwealth Technical Institute at the Hiram G. Andrews Center in Johnstown, Pennsylvania is the first school to earn an Essential Workforce Skills (EWS) Programmatic Level II Certification for its Building Maintenance program.

By achieving EWS Level II Certification, the Building Maintenance program has demonstrated alignment to ACCSC EWS standards in all **six** ACCSC [Essential Workforce Skills competency areas](#):

Analytical Skills	Career Management Skills	Communication Skills
People Skills	Planning Skills	Self-Management Skills

Regarding Commonwealths Technical Institute’s significant achievement, Dr. Michale McComis, ACCSC Executive Director, stated:

*Through an extensive pilot process, Commonwealth Technical Institute has worked as a whole school system to implement and integrate soft skills development into the Building Maintenance program, demonstrate alignment with all EWS competency areas, and create methods of assessment all geared toward enhancing student success. Commonwealth has also helped ACCSC to develop and streamline the EWS programmatic certification for other schools and we are grateful for their partnership and thrilled for their success.*

As previously announced in 2022, ACCSC launched its innovative Essential Workforce Skills (EWS) Programmatic Certification ([www.essentialworkforceskills.org](http://www.essentialworkforceskills.org)) in partnership with MaxKnowledge. Dr. Amir Moghadam, CEO of MaxKnowledge, expressed the following:

*MaxKnowledge takes immense pride in supporting Commonwealth Technical Institute on their remarkable accomplishment of attaining EWS Programmatic Certification. Their visionary utilization of [CareerPrepped](#) as a strategic platform to enhance the integration of soft skills showcases their commitment to empowering learners with a distinct competitive edge. We are privileged to be part of their journey towards equipping students with the necessary skills for success in the job market.*

Learn about ACCSC’s EWS Programmatic Certification program  
[ACCSC Essential Workforce Skills Website](#)

Take ACCSC’s online introductory course  
[ACCSC110 - Preparing for ACCSC's Essential Workforce Skills Programmatic Certification](#)

### About ACCSC

ACCSC is a postsecondary accreditation agency based in the United States of America focused on career, vocational, trade, and technical education schools and programs. ACCSC’s Mission is to *Ensure Quality that Enhances Student Success in the Workforce*. ACCSC is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the designated institutional accrediting body for 600 post-secondary institutions with a wide variety of vocational education programs. Learn more at [www.accsc.org](http://www.accsc.org).

### About MaxKnowledge & CareerPrepped

MaxKnowledge, Inc. is the leading online provider of talent development solutions for the career and technical education community serving over 3,000 organizations. Powered by MaxKnowledge, CareerPrepped is a lifelong career success system to help students and job seekers build, prove and showcase their skills. CareerPrepped has been adopted by ACCSC to help schools achieve and maintain the EWS Programmatic Certification. Learn more about MaxKnowledge and CareerPrepped at <https://www.maxknowledge.com/> and <https://www.careerprepped.com/>