



PRESS RELEASE

ACCSC Recognizes Laurel Technical Institute as earning an EWS Certified Program

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The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) is excited to announce that **Laurel Technical Institute in Uniontown, Pennsylvania** has earned the Essential Workforce Skills (EWS) Programmatic **Level II Certification for its Respiratory Therapy (AST) program.**

By achieving EWS Level II Certification, the **Respiratory Therapy** 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 Laurel Technical Institute’s significant achievement, Dr. Michale McComis, ACCSC Executive Director, stated:

“ACCSC is both proud and thrilled that Laurel Technical Institute has shown a commitment and focus on student success. Earning ACCSC’s Essential Workforce Skills certification differentiates Laurel Technical Institute as a school that sets students up with important skills for life and work.”

ACCSC launched its innovative Essential Workforce Skills (EWS) Programmatic Certification (www.essentialworkforceskills.org) in partnership with MaxKnowledge.

<p style="text-align: center;">About ACCSC</p> <p>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 <i>Ensure Quality Education that Enhances Student Success in the Workforce</i>. ACCSC is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the designated institutional accrediting body for over 550 post-secondary institutions with a wide variety of vocational education programs. Learn more at www.accsc.org.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">About MaxKnowledge & CareerPrepped</p> <p>MaxKnowledge, Inc. is the leading online provider of talent development solutions for the career and technical education community serving over 4,000 organizations. Powered by MaxKnowledge, CareerPrepped is an all-in-one career success platform providing a comprehensive suite of self-help tools that empower students and job seekers to spotlight their skills, stand out, get hired and get ahead. 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/</p>
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