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Athens Technical College recently held a completion ceremony at its Greene County Campus for students that graduated from the Certified Manufacturing Specialist program. These eight graduates are the first cohort group to complete the CMS Technical Certificate of Credit in Greensboro.

Designed by industry-training professionals, the Certified Manufacturing Specialist program provides the practical up-to-date skills a manufacturing team needs. These skills range from precision measurement and critical thinking, to computer technology and plant safety. Interpersonal skills such as decision making and managing change are addressed.

Plant managers from four local businesses collaborated with Athens Technical College in forming this partnership to improve Greene County's post secondary and economic development opportunities. Jim Yablonski, Human Resources Manager at Novelis, stated, "Our initial goals entering into this training were to learn what the program offered employees new to manufacturing and would it be applicable for employees new to leadership roles. To our delight, the CMS program delivered on both accounts. Our enrollees have experienced a wide range of topics associated with the industrial/manufacturing process through the training. Athens Technical College was conscious of major concerns facing all businesses when it comes to training, addressing cost in an ever-competing budgetary climate and scheduling."



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