

Exploring Careers in Manufacturing at New Century Careers

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New Century Careers (NCC) is a nonprofit organization in Southwestern Pennsylvania that provides inclusive access to technical training and connects employers with skilled technicians who are seeking purpose, passion, and success in the workplace.

While visiting NCC, I had the chance to interview two students, Jaden and Kioshi. Both have experience in the manufacturing industry and plan to continue building their careers in this field.

I spoke with Jaden first. He explained that the information he is learning at NCC is sticking with him and will help him in the future. At first, the material was challenging, but as he continued, it became less intimidating and easier to grasp. Even though he has participated in other programs before, Jaden said NCC has made him even more interested in manufacturing because he is learning something new every day.

Next, I interviewed Kioshi, who previously worked for a company called Aerotech, where he began his journey in manufacturing. Because of that experience, along with what he learned in school, the training at NCC comes more easily to him. When asked about safety on the job, he described it as “top tier.”

Programs like NCC can truly change lives and open doors to new opportunities. Many people enter the program without a clear idea of what manufacturing is, but leave with a career path and a new passion. With the skills, connections, and confidence gained here, participants are well prepared for promising careers in manufacturing.

There is a career for everyone in this industry. The question is: when will you find yours?