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ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CENTERS

PURPOSE

- Provide advanced instruction to meet the current and future demands for occupations requiring technical skills for the modern workplace; address skills needed for emerging and high technology industries; train and retrain personnel for West Virginia's existing and new industries and provide technicians that are of vital importance to the State.
- Provide instruction in strategic technical program areas that advance the economic development initiatives of the state and region by providing a skilled workforce for companies expanding or locating in West Virginia.
- Provide a location for collaboration in the delivery of technical programs among community and technical colleges, secondary career-technical education and baccalaureate institutions.
- Invigorate teaching by providing models for program delivery that can be shared and replicated at all West Virginia community and technical colleges.
- Develop student interest in pursuing technical occupations through the exposure to advanced technologies.

