Foundation Skills

The Foundation Skills Program provides 100% virtual courses delivered on-line, accessible anywhere, anytime. With online simulations, computer-based assessments and robust activities, students obtain validated skills essential to mechatronics & maintenance careers. Along with these basic skills, Foundations courses also focus on 21st Century skills like critical thinking, problem solving & collaboration skills.

Foundations Program Courses Include:

**Employability**

15 hours of virtual instruction.

Introduction to Manufacturing provides students a comprehensive overview of principles, processes and career choices in manufacturing. Hands-on activities in career seeking and planning a manufacturing company culminate in a capstone project in which students follow all the steps of the manufacturing process to produce a product.

**Course Outline**

- Careers in Manufacturing
- Seeking a Manufacturing Career
- The Manufacturing Company
- Planning & Staffing a Manufacturing Company
- Manufacturing Processes
- Computers in Manufacturing
- Automation in Manufacturing
- The Arrow Plane

**Materials**

Intro to Advanced Manufacturing, LearnMate course, Virtual

**Introduction to Lean Manufacturing**

15 hours of virtual instruction.

Lean Manufacturing explores the principles and techniques involved in lean manufacturing including minimizing waste in production, improving work flow in industrial processes.

**Course Outline**

- Definition Lean Manufacturing
- Understanding Waste
- Designing the Manufacturing Workplace
- Designing Lean Production
- Processes (1) – Concept
- Designing Lean Production
- Processes (2) – Method
- Designing a Lean Production
- Scheduling System
- Problem Solving Tools

**Materials**

Lean Manufacturing, LearnMate course, Virtual

Developed in conjunction with career skills experts at SkillsUSA®, Employability delivers 21st Century career skills that ensure success in the workforce. Students develop essential qualities such as a positive attitude, communication skills, leadership skills, and work ethics.

**Course Outline**

- Time-Management Techniques
- Personal Qualities Desirable for the Workplace
- Interpersonal Communication
- Conflict Resolution
- Teamwork
- Problem-Solving Techniques & Decision-Making Skills
- Proper Business & Personal Ethics
- Business Etiquette & Ethical Computer Behavior
- Employer-Employee Relationships
- Proper Communication with Diverse Populations
- Career Goals
- Resumés & Cover Letters
- Job Applications
- Potential Employer Interviews
- Interviewing Skills

**Materials**

- Employability, LearnMate course, Virtual
Math for Technicians I

15 hours of virtual instruction.

Mathematics for Technicians I conveys skills-based math curriculum through nine virtual activities. Students gain the fundamental math skills needed for working in a variety of career and industrial environments.

Course Outline
- Working with Arithmetic & Algebra
- Working with Whole Numbers
- Working with Fractions
- Working with Decimals
- Working with Percentages
- Working with Ratios & Proportions
- Working with Systems of Measurement
- Working with Geometry
- Working with Trigonometry

Materials
- Mathematics for Technicians I, LearnMate course, Virtual

Math for Technicians II

15 hours of virtual instruction.

Mathematics for Technicians II applies advanced mathematics concepts to everyday tasks. Through interactive activities students learn about drive ratios, Ohm’s Law, mechanical principles, and how these concepts apply in the engineering and industrial environments.

Course Outline
- Working with Conversion Formulas
- Applying Mechanical Principles
- Calculating Drive Ratios
- Calculating Speed Reducer Service Factor
- Using Ohm’s Law in Series & Parallel Circuits
- Converting Binary, Binary Coded Decimal (BCD), Hexadecimal & Decimal Numbers
- Calculating Pressure, Force, Head & Flow
- Calculating Shim Requirements
- Selecting Pipe Size

Materials
- Mathematics for Technicians II, LearnMate course, Virtual

Prerequisite
- Mathematics for Technicians I

Blueprint Reading

15 hours of virtual instruction.

Blueprint Reading delivers skills-based curriculum through virtual activities. Students learn all aspects of reading and interpreting blueprints in engineering and industrial environments, including views, tolerances, cutting planes, thread dimensions, and welding symbols.

Course Outline
- Identifying Lines & their Functions
- Single, Multiple & Auxiliary View
- Reading & Locating Blueprint Dimensions
- Determining Tolerances
- Identifying Thread Dimensions
- Identifying Tapers & Machine Surfaces
- Cutting Plane & Sections
- Geometric Dimensioning, Wear Limits & Assembly Drawings
- Identifying Welding Symbols
- Reading Plot Plans
- Reading Footing, Foundation & Floor Plans
- Reading Reinforced Concrete & Structural Steel Prints

Materials
- Mechanical Blueprint Reading, LearnMate course, Virtual
Mechanical Fasteners

15 hours of lab and virtual instruction.

Mechanical Fasteners may be taught as a virtual course, delivered entirely online with interactive activities, or as a blended course with both virtual and hardware-based activities.

Course Outline
- Screws & Bolts
- Threaded Fastener Selection
- Thread Standards
- Creating & Repairing Threads
- Nuts
- Torque Wrenches
- Bolt Extractor
- Washers
- Rivets
- Adhesives
- Hook & Loop Fasteners
- Cable Ties

Materials
- Mechanical Fasteners, LearnMate course, Virtual

Optional Hardware
- BA04 hardware-only package (optional)*
  - Allen wrench set
  - 12" steel rule
  - 25' tape measure
  - 6" Dial caliper
  - Feeler gauge set
  - Combination square with right/center/angle heads
  - Utility knife, retractable
  - Scribe
  - 6" Bench vise
  - 16 oz. Ball-peen hammer
  - 3/8" cold chisel
  - 12" hacksaw frame
  - 12" hacksaw blade
  - Bull nosed pliers
  - Straight tin snips
  - Fine, flat metal file
  - Ratcheting screwdriver with bits
  - Combination wrench set
  - Socket set with 3/8" driver

Hand Tools

15 hours of lab and virtual.

Hand tools play a key role in the everyday tasks of engineers, electrical technicians and other skilled professionals.

Course Outline
- Practicing Shop Safety
- Reading Rulers & Tape Measures
- Using Calipers & Feeler Gauges
- Using Squares & Levels
- Working with Drivers
- Identifying & Using Cutters
- Filing & Deburring with Hand Tools
- Working with Drivers
- Identifying & Using Hex Keys
- Identifying & Using Wrenches
- Identifying & Using Socket & Torque Wrenches

Materials
- Hand Tools, LearnMate course, Virtual

Optional Hardware
- BA05 hardware-only package (optional)*
  - Screw pitch gauge
  - Thread gauge
  - Nut & bolt gauge
  - Tap & die set
  - Tapping fluid, 4 oz.
  - Torque wrench, 3/8" drive
  - Socket set
  - Bolt extractor set
  - Rivet tool kit with rivets
  - Thread locker
  - Hook & loop strap, 12", 10-pack
  - Cable tie, 8", 100-pack
  - Cable tie, 11", 100-pack
  - Fastener assortment:
    - 1/4"-20 flanged nut (5)
    - Belleville washer (5)
    - 1/4-20 wing nut (5)
    - M6-16 BHCS (5)
    - 3/8-16 x 1.5" FHCS (5)
    - 3/8-16 x 1.5" HHCS (5)
    - 10-32 x 3/4" SHCS (15)
    - 1/4"-20 x 1" SHCS (15)
    - M8 x 16 SHCS (5)
    - 4-40 nylon hex nut (10)
    - 3/8-24 Nylon locking nut (5)
    - M8 black hex nut (5)
    - 1/4-20 Keps nut (5)
    - 10-32 x 5/16" SSS, cup point (10)
    - 1/4" washer (5)
    - 7/16" flat washer (5)
    - 3/8" stainless lock washer (5)
    - 3/8" internal tooth lock washer (5)
    - Plastic fastener organizer case

Power Tools

15 hours of lab and virtual instruction.

Power Tools delivers twelve skills-based activities, in which students learn all aspects of using power tools, and the role they play in the everyday tasks of skilled professionals.

Course Outline
- Practicing Shop Safety
- Operating a Power Drill
- Setting Up & Operating a Drill Press
- Operating a Rotary Tool
- Setting Up & Operating a Jigsaw
- Setting Up & Operating a Reciprocating Saw
- Setting Up & Operating a Circular Saw
- Adjusting & Operating a Table Saw
- Setting Up & Operating a Bandsaw
- Setting Up & Operating a Sander
- Adjusting & Operating a Bench Grinder
- Adjusting & Operating an Angle Grinder

Materials
- Power Tools, LearnMate course, Virtual

Optional Hardware
- BA06 hardware-only package (optional)*
  - Power drill
  - 1/4" bi-metal twist drill bit
  - Drill press
  - 1/4" bi-metal twist drill bit for drill press
  - Rotary tool
  - Rotary tool accessory kit
  - Jigsaw
  - Assorted jigsaw blades
  - Reciprocating saw
  - Assorted reciprocating saw blades
  - Circular saw
  - Assorted circular saw blades
  - Table saw
  - Assorted table saw blades
  - Table saw rip fence
  - Table saw miter gauge
  - Push stick
  - Bandsaw
  - Bandsaw rip fence
  - Bandsaw miter gauge
  - Bi-metal bandsaw blade
  - Stationary belt sander
  - Assorted sanding belts
  - Benchtop grinder
  - Assorted grinding wheels
  - Angle grinder
  - Assorted grinding disks
Mechanical Measurement and Quality Control delivers a solid foundation in precision measuring principles and statistical analysis.

### Course Outline
- Accuracy, Precision & Measurement Tools
- Units of Measurement & Conversion
- Fractions, Decimals & Rounding
- Scaled Measurement Tools
- Vernier, Dial & Digital Calipers
- Micrometers
- Height Gauges & Dial Indicators
- Fixed Gauges
- Transfer Measurement Tools
- Statistical Analysis
- Statistical Process Control
- Nominal Dimensions & Tolerance
- Parts Inspection & Inspection Reports

### Materials
- Mechanical Measurement & Quality Control, LearnMate course, Virtual

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### Optional Hardware
- Precision Measurement Tools Kit:
  - Multiple rulers
  - Tape measure
  - Dial caliper
  - Electronic digital caliper
  - Micrometer
  - Feeler gauge set
  - Inside and outside calipers
  - Dial indicator and attachments
  - Height gauge
  - Protractor
  - 5 pce gauge block set
  - Educational Charts & Cards
  - Educational booklets
  - Granite surface plate
  - 12 plug gauge pins
  - Vernier caliper
  - Ground-slotted angle plate
  - Cable and adapter and a carrying case