SHAWN GARRETSON COORDINATES NEW RIVER’S MECHATRONICS PROGRAM IN PRINCETON

[PRINCETON, WV] Shawn Garretson has joined the faculty of New River Community and Technical College as an instructor of Manufacturing and Industrial Systems. Garretson will coordinate the Mechatronics program that New River is starting this fall at the Mercer County Technical Education Center in Princeton, WV.

“Mechatronics is a multi-discipline technical approach to industrial system applications, combining electrical, mechanical and electronics engineering disciplines into tomorrow’s industrial applications,” Garretson explained.

The manufacturing and fabrication industries in southern West Virginia – and nationally – are in need of employees skilled in mechantronics, he added.
Students can enroll in the program at the level needed to gain the skills they desire. Course loads range from 10 hours to achieve skills as an entry-level technician to 60 hours for an Associate of Applied Science degree and beyond.

Garretson is an industrial and systems engineer with more than 20 years of experience in manufacturing. Before coming to New River, he was plant manager at Ohio Steel Industries, a structural steel fabricator in Columbus, OH. He has previous experience as an operations manager, corporate industrial engineer and project manager in a variety of industries. He earned his degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Ohio University.

For further information about the Mechatronics Program, contact Garretson at (304) 327-4592, or call New River’s Mercer County Campus main number, (304) 327-4071.

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