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Navy Apprenticeships on Deck

The mission of the Center for Technology and Industry (CTI) at New England Institute of Technology is to provide customized, technical workforce development services and training to employers. Since 1986, CTI has provided training programs to a wide range of organizations utilizing the college’s more than seventy years of technical education experience coupled with our high tech training labs and expert faculty members.

Most recently, New England Institute of Technology partnered with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Mid-Atlantic (NAVFAC MIDLANT) enterprise headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia, to establish a unique four year apprenticeship program at NEIT. NAVFAC MIDLANT serves as the Navy's installation facility experts, managing the planning, design, and construction of shore facilities for the U.S. Navy from Maine to North Carolina.

Working with Tom Harrington, Training Coordinator for NAVFAC, New England Tech’s Center for Technology and Industry Account Executive, Bob Larrabee, developed a school-to-work program for interested students enrolled at some of Rhode Island’s career and technical high schools. Known as the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP), this program was initiated in the summer quarter 2012 with a two-fold purpose. First, students were hired and assigned to an apprenticeship position directly related to their educational program and career goals. Secondly, these apprenticeships will provide Navy activity managers with an essential pipeline of well trained talent that enriches its workforce in the Public Works department.

Technical career students at several local high schools were recruited, interviewed, and hired as apprentices for both the Newport, RI and Groton, CT naval bases. SCEP was designed to attract students to federal public service and provide a combination of work and academic training required for their associated trade, namely electrician, automotive technician, air conditioning technician, and boiler plant equipment mechanic. While completing this four year apprenticeship program, students are also matriculating towards an Associate in Science degree in Electrical Technology, Automotive Technology, Refrigeration/Air Conditioning/Heating Technology and Plumbing/Heating Technology. NAVFAC anticipates future recruiting efforts will take place as their workforce needs dictate.

New England Tech is proud to serve the needs of our nation’s defense through this customized apprenticeship program.