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Mesa Community College receives \$2.5 million grant
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A program at [Mesa Community College](#) has received a \$2.5 million grant to provide advanced manufacturing training to the East Valley.

The school's Arizona Advanced Manufacturing Institute received the grant from the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, according to a press release.

The grant will allow the school to provide trade-impacted workers with the knowledge, skills and abilities required to work in the aerospace and advanced manufacturing industries in the region.

"By specifically targeting advanced manufacturing, an industry vital to Maricopa County, the AZ-AMI programs are directly correlated to the goals and strategies outlined in the Governor's Integrated Workforce Development Plan for 2012-16," Rebecca Gau, director of education innovation for the office of the governor, said in a press release.

"We know more than half of the pool of TAA-impacted workers, individuals whose jobs were moved overseas, have manufacturing experience but do not have a post-secondary degree or certificate currently required by employers. By building upon a worker's prior experience and certifying nationally-recognized credentials, individuals will be better

positioned for the current and future manufacturing industry,” Dr. Shouan Pan, president of Mesa Community College, said in the press release.

The program will receive input and feedback from advisory committees to provide the most current and relevant content, a press release stated.

The school, 1833 W. Southern Ave., will also establish dual credit partnerships with local high schools for welding programs and eventually for machining programs as well.

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