

CAREER SEEKER SUCCESS STORY

Stephen

PROGRAM: WIOA ADULT

**CAREER TRAINING: ON-THE-JOB TRAINING WITH M&S
CENTERLESS GRINDING**

CREDENTIAL ACHIEVED: INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE

Three months into a job search, Stephen continued to look for a position that best fit his skills and interests. His mother found an advertisement in a local newspaper about an upcoming Industrial Maintenance Information Session offered at Bucks County Community College. She remembered that Stephen had a strong desire to work in the manufacturing industry and thought the program would benefit him.

Stephen worked three different jobs in the past seven years, and his employment did not provide him stability. He recognized the need to gain in-demand skills for High Priority Occupations in the manufacturing sector. Stephen attended the Information Session, passed the assessments, completed the interview, and was accepted into the program. The training program was free due to a grant awarded to Bucks County Community College to provide training services to residents in the manufacturing industry. At the same time, Stephen enrolled in the WIOA Program at the PA CareerLink® Bucks County to help broaden his job search resources. He excelled in the training program, successfully completing the program in January 2021. Stephen persevered and achieved the goal he set to find an employer that would provide opportunities for career advancement.

After many interviews and much consideration, Stephen accepted employment with M&S Centerless Grinding. He accepted this employment because the employer participated in On-the-Job Training with the WIOA Program. Stephen felt that this additional training would provide him with the hands-on support he needed to establish his future in the manufacturing industry. Stephen started the On-the-Job Training Program in February 2021 and completed training in July. He is now working as a full-time Grinding Machine Operator. Today, Stephen is honing his skills and hopes to grow with M&S Centerless Grinding.