



TEC VOC

Winnipeg's Technical Vocational High School – affectionately dubbed “Tec Voc” – has been involved with the CAMC Youth Internship Program now for 8 years, with great results and wonderful opportunities for the young students who attend.

Delivering the Aviation Maintenance Orientation Program (AMOP) to eager secondary students since 1996, Tec Voc has shone throughout as proof that there are many young individuals out there who are not only interested in careers in aviation and aerospace, but who are more than talented enough to easily transition into AMOs and MROs across the country.

The Manitoba Aerospace industry and the Winnipeg School Division, who now oversee the project as a joint partnership, have much to be proud of – Tec Voc boasts an excellent industry ramp-up rate, with an estimated 190 out of their 238 graduates to date now actively working or having worked in the industry. Course Coordinator Geordie Wilson points out: “It has been win-win for the companies, Tec Voc, and the graduates. It has provided the companies with good quality employees, it has assisted in the reshaping of Tec Voc over the past number of years, and it has facilitated the employment of young Manitobans.”

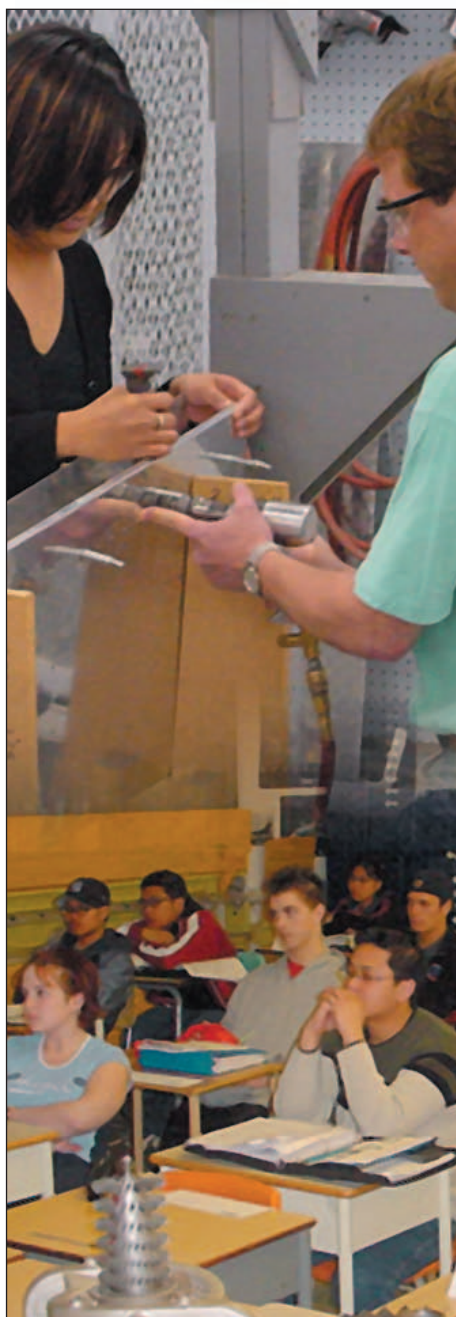
In fact, as Wilson notes, getting into the AMOP program at their school is now a very competitive process, as there are

more people applying for the course than there are available seats: “This program is competitive to get into, so we get the best students we can possibly get.”

Based on CAMC's AMOP curriculum, which is designed in modular fashion for maximum educational flexibility (teachers can pick and choose from a vast quantity of modules, in order to ensure that the program is tailor-made to fit their respective region's aviation and aerospace needs), the Tec Voc course is constantly evolving and improving. Recent additions include a Mentorship program to help students decide on a career path, a section on computer applications, and as Wilson adds, “We have added such sections as Piston engines, Gas Turbine, and Composites from the original [AMOP] model, based on input from industry and our graduates.”

Wilson applauds industry's involvement in the program: “Over the years, a number of the member companies have been terrific with in-kind contributions – parts, equipment, instructors.” He adds, as an example, “Standard Aero has supplied us with an instructor – Rob Baillie – for the Gas Turbine Section.” Tec Voc has also been successfully implementing JobShadow programs with area organizations; for set periods each year, students spend time in the workplace with experienced technicians. They even get to do some hands-on learning, working on actual aerospace components under the veteran technicians' supervision.

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More information on Tec Voc and involved organizations can be found online:

- Tec Voc: www.tecvoc.wsd1.org
- Manitoba Aerospace: www.manitoba-aerospace.mb.ca
- Stevenson Aviation/Red River College: www.rrc.mb.ca/stevensonaviation
- Standard Aero: www.standardaero.com
- Winnipeg School Division: www.wsd1.org
- Boeing Winnipeg: www.boeing.com/commercial/winnipeg
- Taking Charge: www.takingcharge.org

AIAC and CAMC Meet with Singapore Representatives in Canada

A delegation of government representatives from Singapore traveled to Canada this Spring to meet with CAMC and AIAC, where they were thrilled to discuss Canada's role and position on the global marketplace, and how their country might benefit from adopting similar systems built from the Canadian and CAMC models.

Board of Directors Hosts Key Reception for Industry and Government Stakeholders

A host of key maintenance industry executives and government figures attended a reception hosted by the Board of Directors for their 68th Meeting in Halifax, with the event proving a great success. As noted by many of the prominent attendees, a lot of meaningful discussion and information was exchanged in regards to major recent developments and initiatives within the industry. The Board of Directors thanks the large number of industry representatives from Halifax and the Atlantic Region for attending.

Recent CAMC Exhibitor Presence at Trade Shows or Events

Western AME Conference
 Canadian Business Aviation Association
 HAC Symposium
 Manitoba Skills Competition
 National Skills Competition
 Space Day 2004

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Colleges are pitching in to help as well: "Brad Harris and a colleague [from] Stevenson/Red River College and Len Grenkow from Boeing will teach the Composites section this year." Stevenson also guarantees a limited number of seats to Tec Voc graduates who wish to continue their education at the college level.

The efforts towards quality and constant improvement do not stop there. Tec Voc is constantly working towards increasing awareness and interest in aviation and aerospace career choices through recruitment drives, school visits, the development of relationships with school guidance counselors, and marketing in regional companies. Moreover, they are currently focusing on trying to increase the number of

aboriginals and women within the program, and consequently, the industry. "With the assistance of Manitoba Aerospace, we will be actively recruiting aboriginal students. We also work with Employment Projects for Women, Taking Charge, and the employment centers in Winnipeg and Selkirk," says Wilson.

Tec Voc certainly has much to be proud of in terms of achievement, and young Manitoban students who are uncertain of their future could do well to look into not only what great potential exists in aviation or aerospace careers, but also at how great a school Tec Voc is proving to be for those interested in such a path.

There can be no doubt that students at Tec Voc are in capable hands.

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