

Mount Wachusett CC, Shriver Jobs Corps using Lowell firm's training program

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LOWELL -- Operon Resource Management, a provider of health-care production staffing services, recently announced that a training program it produced that focuses on improving employee work ethic is now being integrated into the curricula of two area schools.

According to Operon, Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner and the Shriver Job Corps Center in Devens have adopted the video program into their classes to address best practices that prepare students for entering the workplace.

The module defines the elements of good work ethic and sets the expectations that a manager has for a new hire in terms of attendance, attitude, teamwork, organization, appearance, initiative and productivity, Operon officials said.

Operon CEO Steve Sawin said in a statement that after seeing multiple reports of poor work ethic across a number of industries, he and his team knew they needed to do something to address the issue.

"In my years in the job training and workforce business, work ethic has always been a struggle but never like it is now," he said. "We developed this program to put expectations out on the table. We need dependable, positive, productive, organized people who will take initiative in the workplace, and I know we, as a staffing firm, are not alone. This is a challenge not only in manufacturing but in every industry."

Operon, which is based in the Wannalancit Mills, said the training program was launched internally in May 2013. The program will soon be available to all schools engaged in workforce readiness of its students.

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