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INFORMATION SESSION ON NEW NUCLEAR ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM SET FOR APRIL 26

MONROE, Mich. – An information session for prospective students interested in Monroe County Community College’s new nuclear engineering technology program will be held on Tuesday, April 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Room 271/272 of the La-Z-Boy Center, which is located on MCCC’s Main Campus.

Monroe County Community College, in partnership with DTE Energy, will launch the program in the fall.

A nuclear engineering technology program has been available to MCCC students in conjunction with Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio since 2008; now, MCCC will house the program and serve as the degree-granting institution.

In March, MCCC and DTE Energy signed an Agreement of Understanding authorizing the two organizations to jointly participate in the Nuclear Energy Institute’s Nuclear Uniform Curriculum Program to develop future employees for the U.S. nuclear power industry.

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By signing the agreement, MCCC and DTE Energy agreed to align MCCC’s new nuclear energy technology program with the initial training programs offered by DTE Energy and accredited by the National Nuclear Accrediting Board.

This alignment facilitates the transitioning of graduates into the nuclear energy industry utility training programs in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Curriculum Guide for Nuclear Power Plant Technician, Maintenance and Nonlicensed Operations Personnel Associate Degree Programs, as developed by NEI.

Under the terms of the agreement, MCCC will develop and maintain – in conjunction with DTE Energy – an associate of applied science degree in nuclear engineering technology that will enable graduates to seek employment as nuclear engineering technicians in various sectors of the nuclear industry.

Students will be required to meet or exceed a grade of B (80 percent) or higher in each course containing core fundamentals and discipline-specific learning objectives to receive a certificate from the National Academy for Nuclear Training Branch – a credential recognized across the nuclear industry – in addition to a diploma.

MCCC will provide faculty and resources to offer all courses needed to complete the program and ensure that it is in compliance with state regulations and accreditation requirements. Courses for the program may be taught at MCCC or DTE Energy.

DTE Energy will serve as the principal point of contact for the review of technical content of the curriculum. The company may provide additional resources to support the program, such as financial support, laboratory equipment, technical and subject matter experts, supervisors for internships and more.

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For additional information about the program or the information session on April 26, please contact the dean of the Industrial technology Division, Parmeshwar (Peter) Coomar, at (734) 384-4209 or pcoomar@monroeccc.edu.

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