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**New Program Provides Mechatronics Training and Job Skills by March**  
Skills sought by utilities, manufacturers and other industries

**Vancouver, Wash. (July 13, 2017)** – Local companies are seeking candidates with mechatronics skills. A new program at Clark College provides training to give individuals the skills to get started in this fast-growing field.

Mechatronics involves mechanics, electronics, pneumatics and computer technology. Mechatronics technicians troubleshoot, maintain and repair mechanical equipment controlled by electrical, electronic and computer systems in utilities, manufacturing, technology and other fields.

A free information session about the program will be held Thursday, July 20 at 6 p.m. at Clark College's Columbia Tech Center campus 18700 SE Mill Plain Boulevard, Vancouver.

Attend the information session to learn more about the program, including opportunities to have WorkSource pay for the training and financial aid options. Contact WorkSource Career Coach Jacob Miller at [jamiller@esd.wa.gov](mailto:jamiller@esd.wa.gov) or 360.735.5084.

Participants must live outside Vancouver City limits to be eligible. Students attend classes online and on Saturdays complete hands-on lab work at Clark's Columbia Tech Center campus. Individuals who complete the program in March are ready to pursue entry-level technician positions or enter the Mechatronics program to earn an associate degree.

To learn more about RAMP, visit <http://www.clark.edu/academics/programs/mechatronics/ramp.php>.

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**Clark College:** Serving more than 12,000 students per quarter, Clark College is Washington State's second-largest single-campus, for-credit community college. The college currently offers classes at two satellite locations: one on the Washington State University Vancouver campus and one in the Columbia Tech Center in East Vancouver. Additionally, its Economic & Community Development program is housed in the Columbia Bank building in downtown Vancouver. [www.clark.edu](http://www.clark.edu).

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