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Mission Critical Operations Partnership Announced

Cleveland Community College and 7x24 Exchange International partner together for MCO student success.

Cleveland Community College and the 7x24 Exchange International organization are working together to ensure students in the Mission Critical Operations (MCO) program at CCC have opportunities to achieve career goals.

The two organizations entered into a formal agreement stating they will work together to develop an MCO mentorship program. The agreement also describes the College's commitment to provide sufficient space for the program, and the infrastructure to offer the program virtually. Curriculum support and development, outreach to high school students, four-year colleges and universities, and marketing are all highlighted in the agreement. The mentorship program will connect MCO students to professional mentors from related industry.

About 7x24 Exchange International: 7x24 Exchange is the leading knowledge exchange for those who design, build, operate and maintain mission-critical enterprise information infrastructures. The organization's goal is to improve end-to-end reliability by promoting dialogue among these groups. 7x24 Exchange is committed to addressing the challenges of sustainability and giving back through its social responsibility initiative. See more at: <http://www.7x24exchange.org/about-7x24/>

About Cleveland Community College's MCO Program: The Mission Critical Operations curriculum prepares graduates for employment in a wide range of positions in information technology (IT), operations technology (OT), and maintenance. Course work includes the development of a student's ability to maintain technically sophisticated systems for business continuity and near continuous uptime using engineering, information technology, industrial management and maintenance skills. The course work emphasizes analytical and problem-solving skills required to sustain high availability national security interests and includes instruction in electromechanical systems, networking, automation, cybersecurity, emergency management and systems integration. See more at: <http://ncmco.us/about/>