



## **Manhattan Tech Named an Opportunity College and University and an Applied and Career Studies Institution by the Carnegie Classifications**

*Recognition highlights student success through access, earnings, and workforce-ready education*

**Manhattan, KS** – The Carnegie Foundation has officially recognized Manhattan Area Technical College as both an Opportunity College and University and a classified institution in Applied and Career Studies. These dual honors place Manhattan Tech among a select group of colleges nationwide. Less than 16% earned the Opportunity designation, and only 8% are recognized for Applied and Career Studies. Together, they spotlight institutions that don't just offer higher education but deliver on it, preparing students for good jobs and better lives.

The Opportunity designation comes from the newly launched Student Access and Earnings Classification, developed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the American Council on Education. It looks at which colleges enroll students who reflect the communities they serve and, more importantly, whether those students go on to earn more. The Applied and Career Studies classification highlights institutions that focus on hands-on education tied directly to workforce needs. Manhattan Tech is proud to train people for real careers in the trades, healthcare, and technical industries.

“This recognition proves what we’ve known all along. Manhattan Tech is a place where hardworking people come to get ahead,” said Dr. Jim Genandt, President and CEO of Manhattan Tech. “These classifications tell the world that what we’re doing delivers well beyond graduation. We’re giving students access, preparing them for real careers, and they’re earning more because of it. We’re proud to be recognized, but even prouder to prove every day that HIRE Education works.”

For over a century, the Carnegie Foundation has set national standards in higher education through its classification system. This latest update reflects the diversity of today’s colleges and makes one thing clear: Institutions like Manhattan Tech aren’t just relevant, they’re essential to the future of workforce education in America.

### **About Manhattan Tech**

Manhattan Area Technical College is the #1 ranked two-year college in the nation, according to WalletHub, accredited by the Kansas Board of Regents and the Higher Learning Commission, and has additional program accreditations from leading industry credentialing bodies.

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At Manhattan Tech, we believe in hands-on education that leads to real careers. Our programs are built around applied learning, industry partnerships, and the belief that anyone willing to work hard deserves the chance to build a better future.

### **About the Carnegie Foundation**

The mission of the Carnegie Foundation is to catalyze transformational change in education so that every student has the opportunity to live a healthy, dignified, and fulfilling life. Enacted by an act of Congress in 1906, the Foundation has a rich history of driving transformational change in the education sector, including the establishment of TIAA-CREF and the creation of the Education Testing Service, the GRE, Pell Grants, and the Carnegie Classifications for Higher Education.

### **About the American Council on Education (ACE)**

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