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INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM REACCREDITED

CHARLESTON. IL.--The National Association of Industrial Technology has recently notified Eastern Illinois University that its Industrial Technology program has been reaccredited for the maximum period of six years, according to Dr. Larry Helsel, Chairman of the School of Technology.

Helsel said the Industrial Technology program at Eastern is one of two in Illinois and 35 in the country to receive NAIT Accreditation. Accreditation is a process which assures that Industrial Technology programs meet or exceed quality standards established by the accrediting association, according to Helsel.

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According to Dr. Barbara L. Richter, Dean of the College of Applied Sciences, Helsel, Coleman and the other School of Technology faculty are nationally known for their expertise in the field. Both Coleman and Helsel have served on several accreditation teams for NAIT and Helsel was recently named the Outstanding Regional Director for the Association. They are among eight faculty assigned to the Industrial Technology program.

Future proposed plans for the School of Technology include the establishment of a technical service center to provide consulting and training services to local and regional industries. The School is also currently developing a computer integrated manufacturing lab. This lab will be used to teach automation, robotics, computer aided design and computer numerical programming. This lab and other facilities used by the School of Technology programs are located in Klehm Hall, formerly the Applied Sciences Building. The building was recently named for Dr. Walter A. Klehm, retired Dean of the School of Industrial Arts and Technology.