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Advanced Design and Fabrication of Prosthetic and Medical Devices

The department of Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Design Technology (MEIDT) at New York City College of Technology has been working on strengthening the skills of its students in manufacturing and design to respond to the urgent needs of the manufacturing industry in general, and the prosthetic and medical devices (P&MD) industries in particular, to high-skilled engineers and technicians and to provide a national model for advanced technology education. Medical Devices include: (a) Surgical and medical instruments; (b) Surgical appliances and supplies; and (c) Dental equipment and supplies. The educational merit of the project is that it motivates students to do engineering rather than studying engineering. Students get the opportunity to connect classroom experience to the medical device industry through intensive hands on experience in medical imaging and concepts of P&MD. Curriculum is linked to practice so that they can apply what they learn in the classroom in Computer Aided Design (CAD), Engineering Materials, Manufacturing Processes, Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM), Mechatronics, Tolerance, Product Life Cycle and Management, and Engineering Analysis. Furthermore, the project adopts advance STEM strategies such as Project-based-Learning and best strategies to teach STEM courses by moving from particular experience (design and manufacturing of medical devices) to general experience (design, manufacturing, materials,...etc). Additionally, the project is built on current ATE centers successful strategies to recruit female students to STEM through introducing them to bio-related projects. The technical merit of the project lies in providing students with the opportunity to collaborate with the industry to work in real-life projects.

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