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As to your inquiry of the C-Tech program currently ongoing at this institution I can say that:

1. It has proved to be of excellent value to the students that have completed the course. Over the years it has opened many doors to certificate holders that would not have been there otherwise. Not only does this course enable employability, it also instills a valuable knowledge upon the student that he/she will use over the course of their lives for personal benefits.
2. I have had former students relay many positive stories about their successes after completing this program. Many have been instantly employed just by the mention of having a C-Tech certificate and some have gone on to supervisory positions in relatively short time.
3. I have been instructing this program for four years now and we are in the process of implementing Tier 4.
4. As far as security is concerned we have been extremely successful in maintaining the strictest control of the tools involved due to the simplicity of it all. For one thing the tools are stored in the student kits, which are secured when not in use. Each kit has a special place for the tools and it is easy to see if one is missing. All of our tools are engraved and color-coded to coincide with the tool control department. There are few chemicals involved, which are used in the fiber optics portion of the course. These chemicals are in containers that allow easy application and there is almost no danger of injury. Disposal of any biohazard material, i.e. pieces of fiber or empty chemical containers is handled using a biohazard container.

In short, this is an excellent program and I highly recommend it. The rehabilitation value speaks volumes for itself and security and safety are easily maintained making the program simple to operate.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark LaDue".

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