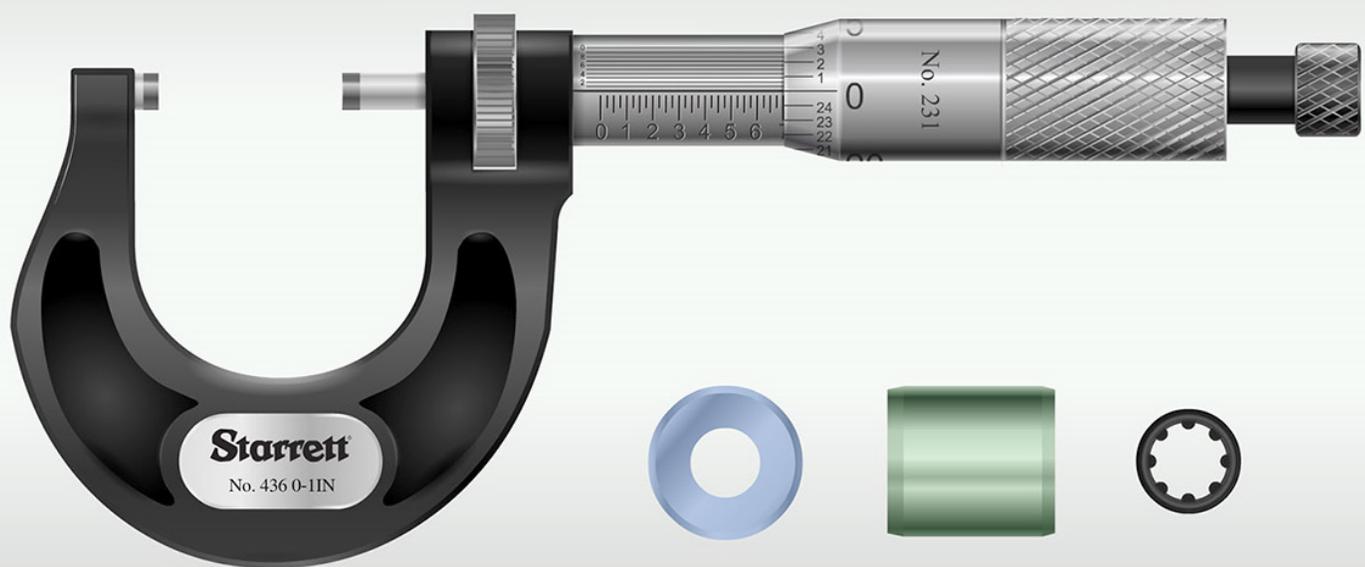


Great Education for Real Careers

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The image shows a Starrett Vernier micrometer (No. 436 0-1IN) and three parts to be measured: a blue ring, a green cylinder, and a black gear-like part. The micrometer has a main scale from 0 to 6 mm and a vernier scale from 0 to 40 micrometers. The parts are positioned below the micrometer's anvil.

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Using the Vernier Micrometer
Let's practice using the vernier micrometer. Please drag a part to the anvil of the micrometer.

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The 180 Skills Course MEA-504 – Micrometers – is an interactive lesson where students are able to achieve skills mastery measuring products with the micrometers.

Imagine if one of our fellow Hoosiers walks into a WorkOne and wants specialized training to get a better job. Or, one of our recent students who just completed their High School Equivalency wants to know what is next. In the past, options were limited for WorkINdiana students. Many would have to wait for the next class to start, which could take months or even longer if the class times did not fit with their Adult Education and/or work schedules. Others would have to drive long distances to find the training program they needed. The good news is there is an exciting new alternative. A student can now enroll 365 days a year and start class the very next day and begin the path to a better job. And the best news, they can graduate in less than 12 weeks.

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (IDWD) has entered into a new partnership with 180 Skills. This partnership will allow students to take an online

competency-based program that leads to a national credential and a job. Based on 180 Skills previous successes, more than 90% of the students complete the training program and 90% of the graduates are placed in high wage, high demand jobs. This self-paced, online program allows students to take courses at their pace, allowing them to balance work and life. Any one of the 12 training programs can lead to jobs in advanced manufacturing, mechatronics, CNC, or aviation.

180 Skills is a new member of our Eligible Training Provider List (INTraining). They offer 12 competency-based Career Programs that take less than three months to complete. IDWD has awarded an Integrated Education and Training (IET) grant to 180 Skills to fund the first 200 students.

The process to utilize these grant funds is simple: 1) identify a potential student who wants a great career or better job and is part of the WorkOne or Adult Education process and 2)

complete a one page online student enrollment form. The student will then be registered and ready to start classes within 24 hours. To ensure maximum student success, 180 Skills will provide regular student progress reports to each referring entity.

As Joe Kitterman, President of 180 Skills, said, "We are excited to bring our nationally-recognized training programs to our home state and to partner with DWD and the State of Indiana to help rebuild our middle class and address the critical need for skilled workers. Each student can complete a Career Program, obtain a national certification, get a great job, and increase their household income in a very short period of time."

This is truly an exciting time for Indiana, and if you have any questions or need help enrolling your students, please call 317-735-3370 at 180 Skills.

For more about 180 Skills, please visit their web site at www.180skills.com.