

### Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Basic Welding certificate is a 17-credit program designed for individuals seeking a well-rounded foundation in welding. The Basic Welding certificate is designed for individuals who want quick access into the welding careers.

This program requires students to go full-time each semester students are required to take all courses.

### Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will weld to visual acceptance criteria per applicable American Welding Society standards in Gas Tungsten Arc Welding, Gas Metal Arc Welding and the Shielded Metal Arc Welding process.
- Students will prepare weld joints and perform welding operations using welding symbol information.
- Students will follow established procedures and policies regarding personal protective gear, shop safety and welding equipment.
- Students will visually examine all work for discontinuities and defects with the knowledge of industry specification.

### Industry and Career Outlook

The diversification of the welding industry impacts virtually every industry around the globe. From the depth of the world’s oceans to the far-reaching corners of outer space, there is a welding position for every hardworking, ambitious, smart individual who is ready and willing to constantly improve and strive for excellence. A career choice in welding offers a vast array of options for employment and continuing personal development. Welding is the most common way to permanently join metal parts. Heat is applied to the pieces that are being joined, melting and fusing them together which forms a permanent bond. Therefore, welding plays a key role in industry production lines, laboratories, research and development, national defense, sales and service, NASCAR and drag racing, custom motorcycle building, artwork, sculptures, pipelines, power plants, refineries, construction, maintenance, repair and much more.

Wage information is available from the [Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development](#).

### Program Start Dates

Fall Semester.....August  
Spring Semester .....January

### Course Prerequisites

Some courses in this program may require a prerequisite. Please see [course descriptions](#) for more details.

### Program Sequence

<b>First Semester</b> .....	<b>17</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> WELD 1002 Math for Welders .....	1
<input type="checkbox"/> WELD 1004 Oxy-Fuel Applications .....	1
<input type="checkbox"/> WELD 1006 Oxy-Fuel Processes .....	1
<input type="checkbox"/> WELD 1008 Blueprint Reading I.....	2
<input type="checkbox"/> WELD 1012 Processes and Power Sources I .....	3
<input type="checkbox"/> WELD 1014 Gas Tungsten Arc Welding I .....	3
<input type="checkbox"/> WELD 1016 Gas Metal Arc Welding I .....	3
<input type="checkbox"/> WELD 1018 Shielded Metal Arc Welding I .....	3

### Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher to be eligible for graduation from this program.

### Faculty Contact

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*Also see: Welding AAS, Welding Technology diploma, Robotic and Laser Welding AAS and certificate, Welding Fabricator certificate, and Pipe Welder certificate*