2015-2016

Welding Technology

Diploma

Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Welding Technology diploma is a 34-credit program (34 total credits include 17 credits from the Basic Welding certificate) specifically designed to develop exceptional welding skills utilizing the major welding processes that are vital to industry.

The Welding Technology diploma integrates theory with technical skills. Through the rigorous curriculum students will develop fundamental knowledge of GMAW, GTAW, SMAW and Oxy fuel welding processes. Blueprint and math ability are also incorporated in the coursework. In addition, students will learn metal comprehension, industry safety practices and related equipment applications.

Prerequisites

Although no prior knowledge or experience is necessary to succeed in Anoka Technical College Welding program, prospective students should have a high school diploma or GED, good physical health and stamina, good hand-eye coordination and manual dexterity.

Students should be able to lift a 60-pound spool of wire and a 50-pound box of welding rods and should be able to pass an industrial physical examination (requirements may vary). This program not only provides students with a thorough background in welding and related theory, but also prepares students with the knowledge and skills needed to pass the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Petroleum Institute and the American Welding Society's welding code certification examinations.

Some courses may require an Accuplacer score or completion of basic math, basic English, and/or reading courses with a "C" or better.

Graduation Requirements

All Anoka Technical College students seeking an Associate in Applied Science (AAS), diploma, or certification must meet the Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. Please contact your advisor for any further program graduation requirements.

NOTE: Program plans are subject to change. Please contact your program advisor for the most current program information.

Transfer Opportunities

To see how this program transfers to other programs, review the Anoka Tech articulation agreements at Minnesota Transfer. Articulation agreements are transfer agreements with specific programs and partnering schools. These agreements detail how specific courses transfer to a specific program at the partnering school. For a complete list of Anoka Tech's articulation agreements listed by program please see this Minnesota Transfer link. For more information please visit our Transfer page.

Industry Information

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 striving 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.

TOTAL CREDITS 34

Technical Education — 34 Credits

Basic Welding Certificate ..... 17 Credits

- ☐ WELD 1002 Math for Welders 1
- ☐ WELD 1004 Oxy-Fuel Applications 1
- ☐ WELD 1006 Oxy-Fuel Processes 1
- ☐ WELD 1008 Blueprint Reading I 2
- ☐ WELD 1012 Processes and Power Sources I 3
- ☐ WELD 1014 Gas Tungsten Arc Welding I 3
- ☐ WELD 1016 Gas Metal Arc Welding I 3
- ☐ WELD 1018 Shielded Metal Arc Welding I 3

Additional Credits Required for Diploma ..... 17 Credits

- ☐ WELD 1022 Blueprint Reading II 3
- ☐ WELD 1024 Metals Theory I 2
- ☐ WELD 1026 Processes and Power Sources II 3
- ☐ WELD 1028 Gas Tungsten Arc Welding 3
- ☐ WELD 1034 Gas Metal Arc Welding II 3
- ☐ WELD 1036 Shielded Metal Arc Welding II 3

Also see: Welding associate in applied science (AAS) degree, Basic Welding certificate, Fabricator certificate and Pipe Welding certificate

Start Dates

Fall Semester ..... August

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Sample Program Sequence Full Time

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
FIRST YEAR	WELD 1002 1	WELD 1022 1
	WELD 1004 1	WELD 1024 1
	WELD 1006 1	WELD 1026 1
	WELD 1008 2	WELD 1028 2
	WELD 1012 3	WELD 1034 3
	WELD 1014 3	WELD 1036 3
	WELD 1016 3	TOTAL 17
	WELD 1018 3	
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Wages/Outlook/Advancement

Welders and solderers can advance to more skilled jobs with additional training and experience. For example, experienced welders may become technicians, supervisors, inspectors, or instructors. Other experienced welders and solderers open their own repair shops.

Wage information is available from the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

This information is available in alternative formats by calling 763-576-4069. TTY users can call Minnesota Relay at 800-627-3529 • A member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System • Anoka Technical College is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and educator. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

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