CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

Welding

Do You Like …

… working with your hands?

… solving problems?

… using math skills?

… focusing on details?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps’ Welding career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a welder, including:

» Reading blueprints, work orders, or production schedules to determine product or job instructions or specifications.

» Using equipment to weld or join metal components to fill holes, indentations, or seams of metal products.

» Positioning and assembling metal products by welding.

» Inspecting, measuring, or testing completed metalwork pieces to ensure conformance to specifications, using measuring and testing devices.

» Understanding and following safety procedures, including properly using safety equipment.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

» Integrity and dependability

» Concern for others

» Cooperation

» Initiative

» Attention to detail

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a welder, including having:

» Basic math and reading skills

» A high school diploma or the equivalent

» Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests
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CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have gained the knowledge and skills to help you succeed in your career. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete an Advanced Manufacturing training area can earn nationally recognized credentials from agencies such as the American Welding Society (AWS) and the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS). Credentials such as these offer students a competitive edge on positions in manufacturing, production, and metalworking.

CAREER OPTIONS

Most Welding graduates go to work for manufacturing companies, or in construction, wholesale trade, or repair shops. Welders may work outdoors or in a confined, noisy environment. Most welders work full time. Welding is an exciting but dangerous career, so safety procedures must be followed at all times.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most welders is $37,000/year.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit mynextmove.org.