

Manufacturing Career Cluster

The Manufacturing career cluster focuses on planning, managing, and performing the processing of materials into intermediate or final products and related professional and technical support activities such as production planning and control, maintenance, and process engineering. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from welder and machinist to industrial engineering technician and semi-conductor processing technician.

Statewide Program of Study: Welding

The Welding Program of Study focuses on the development and use of automatic and computer-controlled machines, tools, and robots that perform work on metal or plastic. CTE learners will learn how to modify parts to make or repair machine tools or maintain individual machines and how to use hand-welding or flame-cutting equipment.



Secondary Courses for High School Credit

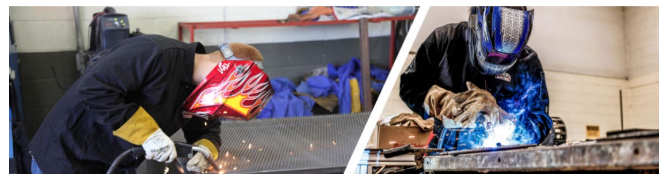
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| Level 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Manufacturing Introduction to Welding |
| Level 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Film Interpretation of Weldments Welding I Occupational Safety and Environmental Technology I Entrepreneurship I |
| Level 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welding II Welding II + Welding II Lab |
| Level 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practicum in Manufacturing Practicum in Manufacturing + Extended Practicum in Manufacturing Practicum in Entrepreneurship Practicum in Entrepreneurship + Extended Practicum in Entrepreneurship Career Preparation for Programs of Study Career Preparation for Programs of Study + Extended Career Preparation |

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job shadow a welder Intern for a local welding company
Expanded Learning Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour a welding shop Participate in SkillsUSA or TSA Participate in a welding project that benefits the community

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> API 1104 Welding Pipelines and Related Facilities AWS Certified Welder AWS D1.1 Structural Steel AWS D9.1 Sheet Metal Welding AWS SENSE Level 1: Entry Welder Construction Technology Certification Level I | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core Industrial Technology Maintenance (ITM) - Maintenance Welding Welding - Job Ready Welding and Fabrication Welding Level 2 Welding Level I |
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Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Welding

Associate Degrees

- Welding Technology
- Building/Construction Site Management
- Operations Management and Supervision

Bachelor's Degrees

- Welding Technology
- Construction Management
- Project Management
- Building/Construction Site Management

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Engineering
- Engineering/Industrial Management
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Construction Engineering



Example Aligned Occupations

Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers

Median Wage: \$48,494
Annual Openings: 5,636
10-Year Growth: 23%

First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers

Median Wage: \$62,514
Annual Openings: 6,566
10-Year Growth: 17%

Industrial Production Managers

Median Wage: \$124,377
Annual Openings: 1,544
10-Year Growth: 19%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.



For more information visit:

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/m-welding-extendedpplx.pdf>