

MERLOT – SKILLSCOMMONS Peer Reviewer Report Form (V 17.3)

Name of Learning Material:	FHTC Welding Newsletter
SKILLSCOMMONS URL:	https://www.skillscommons.org/handle/taaccct/15057
Learning Material URL:	
Reviewer's Name:	
Date Review Completed:	
Review Time Required:	

Description

1. Overview: Describe overview, features and descriptions, uses, and applications. Include cost, if any for apps	Newsletter Highlighting the Welding Technology Program at FHTC, Created by Flint Hills Technical College.
2. Type of material: Animation, assessment tool, assignment, case study, collection, development tool, drill and practice, e-portfolio, learning object repository, online course, open journal article, open textbook, presentation, reference material, simulation/game, social networking tool, quiz/test, tutorial, workshop and training material.	Recruitment and Outreach
3. Technical requirements: Browser, software or plug-in, Java, HTML, Flash, etc. You can test how it appears on Internet Explorer at http://ipinfo.info/netrenderer/ Note type of device if it is an app (iPad, Android, phone, etc.)	The link in the form would not open, but when copied into the browser it opened without issue.
4. Identify major learning goals/ curriculum objectives: Purpose of site, goal for learner/user.	In this issue of FHTC Welding Connections, the focus was an article about empowering the women enrolled in the FHTC Welding program. The newsletter also included Industry Spotlights on several local businesses that appear to be potential employers of the Welding program participants and/or graduates. Employment opportunities were included with the company, top level job requirements, starting wages and links to the specific job posting.
5. Recommended uses: In-class, homework, individual, team, lecture, etc.	The newsletter is could be used for multiple functions. The flier provides information that would be of interest to potential students and their parents. It could be distributed as an in-class supplemental material or its development could be class assignment.
6. Target population: Level, course or subject matter, other user groups	No specific technical knowledge is required to read and understand the flier. It is appropriate for high school student and college level students or potential students.
7. Prerequisite knowledge or skills needed: Course or subject matter, computer skills, other miscellaneous skills	No Pre-requisite knowledge required.
8. Application to industry recognized certification: Name of credential or certification.	Several industry recognized credentials are mentioned in the Employment Opportunities: GED, ASME Specifications, and ISO 9001-2008.

Evaluation and Observations: After reviewing the learning material, please indicate your agreement with the following statements by placing an “x” in the applicable column where 5=excellent or strongly agree and 1=poor or strongly disagree.

1. Quality of Content – The Learning Material...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
...is clear and concise		x				
...provides a complete demonstration of the concept				x		
...demonstrates a core concept grounded in the discipline		x				
...is current and relevant		x				
...is supported by appropriate research	x					
...is self-contained (can be used without requiring an assignment or context)	x					
...provides accurate information	x					
...is flexible (can be used in several situations)	x					
...includes an adequate amount of material	x					
...has strong workplace relevance	x					
...integrates the concept well			x			
Overall , the quality of the content is very high	x					
Enter a numerical value that summarizes your attitudes above.4						
Strengths (Describe the outstanding features of the quality of the learning material) The newsletter provides a good balance on content that would be of interest to multiple audiences.						
Concerns (Describe any problems in terms of quality) No concerns about the quality of the material from a content perspective.						
2. Potential Effectiveness as a Teaching Tool/This Learning Material...						
...identifies learning objectives			x			
...identifies prerequisite knowledge			x			
...reinforces concepts progressively			x			
...builds on prior concepts			x			
...demonstrates relationships between concepts			x			
...is easy to integrate into curriculum assignments		x				
...is very efficient (could learn a lot in a short time)		x				
...can be used to measure student learning outcomes			x			
Overall , learning material is a very effective teaching tool			x			
Enter a numerical value that summarizes your attitudes above. 3						
Strengths (Describe the outstanding features of the quality of the learning material)						
Concerns (Describe any problems in terms of quality) Not sure where to put the following concern. The article titled “Empowering the Women of Welding at FHTC” is the lead article in the newsletter. Only the beginning paragraph is on the front page however; the remainder is continued on page 3. Directly below the article on women welders is an Industry Spotlight on a local company that features a photograph with six male welders. It was very striking to this reader that the article promoted women, but the article was truncated to page three and then featured a photo with exclusively male welders.						
3. Ease of Use – This Learning Material...						
...is easy to use	x					
...has very clear instructions			x			

...is engaging		x				
...is visually appealing	x					
...is interactive			x			
...is of high design quality	x					
...meets accessibility requirements if able to assess			x			
...if an app, can be used on multiple types of mobile devices and platforms			x			

...if an app, runs effectively without the internet			x				
Overall , the usability of this learning material is very high	x						
Please enter the numeric value that summarizes your attitudes above. 4							
<p>Strengths: (Indicate the outstanding features of the usability of the learning material) The content of the newsletter was very educational and presented good quality information for someone who would be potentially interested in a welding career.</p> <p>Concerns: (List problems in terms of usability) The issue with the photographs used and their placement in the newsletter was concerning.</p>							
What is your overall numeric rating for this material? Review your 3 ratings above and determine your overall rating 2							
<p>Optional Information:</p> <p>Other comments to be included in the review: (If an app, respects privacy of user, meets PG rating standards, how frequently app is updated)</p> <p>Comments to author only: (Any needed improvements or recommendations should be addressed here.)</p>							

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