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WELDING



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About the Program

The Welding Technology Program at Garden City Community College has been formatted into an intensive 2 semester training at the request of industry professionals.

Students entering the program attend class for 32 hours per week, simulating a work environment that they may expect to enter upon completion. Our program at GCCC has been aligned with, and exceeds, the requirements set forth by the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR).

Like any jobsite, safety is the top priority for our instructors and the students. All students entering the program must complete a Welding Safety course prior to completing the remainder of the program. Once a student has successfully completed the safety course, he/she can expect to learn skills including, but not limited to:

- Shielded Metal Arc Welding
- Gas Metal Arc Welding
- Gas Tungsten Arc Welding
- Torch Operation
- Math Skills for Welders
- Blueprint Reading
- Layout & Fabrication
- Forklift Operations
- Entry Level Pipefitting



State of the Art Facilities

- CNC Plasma Table
- Industrial Shear and Brake
- Spacious Classroom
- Individual Welding Booths
- Current Industry Tools

In addition to the skills that students will learn, they can also gain certifications through the American Welding Society (AWS) as well as KBOR approved degrees and/or certifications. Students have the option of attaining a **Certificate A** (17 credit hours) in the first semester of the program. After successful completion of the program, they will be eligible for a **Certificate C** (46 credit hours). Those students wishing to gain an Associate of Applied Science can do so by completing an additional 18 credit hours of general education requirements.



Our welding instructors at GCCC have in excess of 60 years of combined welding experience between them. They come from a variety of backgrounds and have all worked in the industry, bringing real life training directly into the classroom and lab settings.



Kurt Wenzel has been with GCCC since 2009 as a welding instructor. Originally from Wisconsin, Kurt's welding experience includes power plants, oil refineries and gas companies as well as Campbell's Soup, Pepsi Cola, Coors, and Miller. He is a Certified Welding Inspector and a Craft Trainer for NCCER.

Devin Wackerla started his tenure with GCCC in 2011 as an instructor. Devin attended the Missouri Welding Institute, gaining his certification after completing his training. He began his welding career completing agriculture and oilfield repairs in his hometown of Scott City, Kansas. He has worked in power plants, oil refineries, pipeline, and the sanitary piping field as a contract welder before coming to GCCC. He is a Certified Welding Inspector and a Craft Trainer for NCCER.

Norman Wyatt is the most recent addition to the instructional staff at GCCC. He started with the college in 2015 after 40 years in the welding industry. Norman has extensive experience in fabrication having worked for several years building trailers. He has also owned his own millwright shop and most recently worked repairing equipment for a local equipment rental company.



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