

Welding Program at SCC

St. Charles Community College offers American Welding Society(AWS) Welding.

What is the American Welding Society (AWS) Certificate?

This national certification program provides pathway to upgrade existing or to learn new skills in the area of welding. The certificate includes skills training in safety, equipment identification, drawing and symbols, cutting and stick weld techniques.

Occupation Overview:

American Welding Society (AWS) Certificate recipients may enter many fields including manufacturing, automotive, military, construction and engineering.

Occupational Outlook

Employment of welders is projected to grow 4 percent from 2014-2024. Despite slower than average employment growth, skilled welders with up-to-date training should have good job opportunities.

Welding Jobs

Depending on job experience and additional education, graduates with an American Welding Society (AWS) Certificate are employed in a broad range of careers including, but not limited to: robotics, engineering, racing, industrial sales, farm repair and fabrication, production of welding, military, maintenance, iron worker, auto technician and metal sculpting.

Salary Outlook:

In the state of Missouri, employees working in the welding field earn a mean average of \$32,670 per year, depending on education, experience and employer. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Quotes from Students:

Tyler Koester: "The welding program at SCC is the real deal. Thanks to SCC and my instructor, Steve Schuetz, I now have a job with a great company and a great education for a price that can't be beat."

Brett Crawford: "I really enjoyed the welding course I took at SCC. I hope to use the skills I learned to better myself at my current job at GM, or to use it for future employment."

- A welding career can be lucrative with some welding jobs paying as much as \$25 an hour
- There are about 100 different types of welding
- 83% of people with welding jobs are offered medical benefits, a level that is higher than any other work sector (except government).

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