

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Offered Collaboratively by

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH

And

BOILERMAKERS & WELDING INSTITUTE

NCCER WELDING LEVEL I AND LEVEL II

For

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY: SHIELDED METAL ARC WELDING

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY: GAS METAL ARC WELDING

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY: GAS TUNGSTEN ARC WELDING

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY: FLUX-CORE ARC WELDING

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE GENERAL TECHNOLOGY

I. Scope of the Program

Arkansas State University Mid-South (ASU Mid-South) and Boilermakers & Welding Institute hereby establish an articulation agreement leading to articulated coursework required for the certificates of proficiency in the following: Shielded Metal Arc Welding, Gas Metal Arc Welding, Gas Tungsten Arc Welding, and Flux-Core Arc Welding. These credentials will be conferred by ASU Mid-South.

II. Length of Agreement

The agreement will begin fall semester 2017. The parties commit to an annual review beginning the summer semester 2018 for the next two years. After that time, reviews will take place every other year.

III. Course Articulation

Students completing NCCER Welding Levels I and II at Boilermakers & Welding Institute will be granted up to 25 semester credits towards the various Certificates of Proficiencies in Welding at ASU Mid-South via Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit by portfolio (see *Exhibit B* for course specific crosswalks). An additional five credit hours could be awarded via the PLA process for other applicable coursework not specified in this agreement, allowing for a total of 30 semester credits awarded through PLA. Students must provide evidence of completion of NCCER Level I and/or II Certification to accompany the Credit by Portfolio Application. Students must enroll in the Associate of Applied Science in General Technology and complete at least 2 courses in the degree program before articulated credits will appear on a transcript. Students must complete a minimum of 15 semester credits of general education core coursework at ASU Mid-South or other recognized higher education institution, have completed a minimum of 45 semester credit hours of technical education, and have earned 60 total semester credit hours to complete the degree program. Upon completion of the associate degree requirements certified by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the meeting of all graduation requirements, an Associate of Applied Science General Technology degree and all associated certificates of proficiency will be awarded. *Exhibit A* provides an overview of the degree requirements.

ASU Mid-South requires placement testing for all award-seeking students and recommends placement testing for all students. When placement test scores and other admissions documents indicate academic weaknesses in reading, English, or mathematics, award-seeking students will be placed in appropriate developmental courses or in college-level courses together with a required tutorial lab to strengthen these skills if scores are close to the cut-off for college-level work. Award-seeking students are advised to successfully complete all developmental education requirements either by successfully completing coursework or by meeting required college placement test scores prior to enrollment or prior to taking college courses with developmental education prerequisites. Exceptions must be approved by the Senior Vice Chancellor for Learning and Instruction or designee.

IV. Tuition and Fees

Tuition will be billed to each student at ASU Mid-South's rate for Boilermaker & Welding Institute students.

A \$25 administration fee will be charged for each course being articulated through Prior Learning Assessment/Portfolio application.

V. Admissions Policy and Requirements

Application and Admissions Information:

Arkansas State University Mid-South
Admissions Office
2000 W. Broadway
West Memphis, AR 72301
(870) 733-6728

For questions about the application process or becoming enrolled at ASU Mid-South, contact the Admissions staff. Email admissions@asumidsouth.edu or call 870-733-6728.

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VI. Financial Aid

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Students may submit an application electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students must be sure to include ASU Mid-South's Title IV school code: 015862. Once the application has been processed, the student will receive an e-mailed Student Aid Report (SAR) from the federal processor. The ASU Mid-South financial aid office will receive an electronic version of the student's FAFSA within 5-7 business days after it has been completed. At this point, ASU Mid-South will determine what additional documentation is needed.

Apply for scholarships – ASU Mid-South provides numerous scholarships based on talent, academic achievement, community service, and/or financial need. A student can submit a scholarship application to the Financial Aid Office along with a 300-500 word typed essay indicating the student's educational plans and goals. It is important that students turn in the required documents as soon as possible to ensure they receive the most beneficial aid package available.

Verification – Students chosen for verification will be required to submit additional documents. When ASU Mid-South has received all required documentation, the student's application will be verified for accuracy. The verification process can take one to two weeks, depending on the time of the year.

Federal Aid Eligibility Determined and Awards Processed – When the student's file is complete, student's eligibility will be determined, and he/she will be awarded the federal aid for which they are eligible. NOTE: Not all awards (i.e. Academic Challenge) may be visible on the student's account at this time. This includes institutional, state, and private scholarships. They will be added at a later date.

VII. Contact Information

Admissions: 870-733-6728

Financial Aid: 870-733-6729

Registrar: 870-733-6728

Learning Success Center: 870-733-6766

Lead Welding Instructor: 870-733-6026

Associate Vice Chancellor for Workforce Programs: 870-733-6019

VIII. Execution of Agreement

The undersigned have read and concur with the applicable policies for the defined articulation agreement described in this document.

Date Effective: August 1, 2017

Arkansas State University Mid-South



Dr. Debra West, Chancellor



Dr. Cliff Jones, Sr. Vice Chancellor for Learning & Instruction



Pete Selden, Associate Vice Chancellor for Workforce Programs

Boilermakers & Welding Institute



Alfred Green, President/CEO



Ryan Green, Director of Operations and Training

Exhibit A

ASU Mid-South Associate of Applied Science General Technology (Welding Emphasis)
*course will be taken at Boilermakers & Welding Institute
General Education (15/16 credit hours):
English (6 credit hours)
1. ENGL 1113 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I
2. ENGL 1123 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II <u>or</u> ENGL 2303 ORAL COMMUNICATION
Math (3/4 credit hours)
1. MATH 1104 APPLIED TECHNICAL MATH <u>or</u> MATH 1113 COLLEGE ALGEBRA
Computer Literacy (3 credit hours)
1. COMP 1113 COMPUTER FUNDAMENTALS
Social Science (3 credit hours)
1. HIST 2123 U.S. HISTORY BEFORE 1877 <u>or</u> HIST 2133 U.S. HISTORY AFTER 1877 <u>or</u> POLS 1143 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT <u>or</u> PSYC 1403 INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY <u>or</u> SOCI 1303 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
Welding Core (25 hours)
1. BUSN 1201 CAREER PREPARATION*
2. TECH 1003 INTRODUCTION TO BLUEPRINT READING*
3. TECH 1013 SHOP ESSENTIALS*
4. TECH 1303 INDUSTRIAL SAFETY*
5. WELD 1053 FUNDAMENTALS OF WELDING*
6. WELD 1113 FLUX-CORE ARC WELDING*
7. WELD 1123 SHIELDED METAL ARC WELDING*
8. WELD 1133 GAS METAL ARC WELDING*
9. WELD 1143 GAS TUNGSTEN ARC WELDING*
Other Technical Courses (20 hours)
1. Additional courses can be taken from WELD, MANF, MACH, HTDM, PTEC, BUSN, ISTC, HMTG, AMTG, DIGM, or TECH

Exhibit B

NCCER Welding Level I	TECH 1003 Introduction to Blueprint Reading TECH 1013 Shop Essentials TECH 1303 Industrial Safety WELD 1053 Fundamentals of Welding BUSN 1201 Career Preparation
NCCER Welding Level II	WELD 1113 Flux-Core Arc Welding WELD 1123 Shielded Metal Arc Welding WELD 1133 Gas Metal Arc Welding WELD 1143 Gas Tungsten Arc Welding