VENTURA COLLEGE CAREER PATHWAYS



WELDING

Welding Operator

Associate in Science Degree

27 Units

Certificate of Achievement

27 Units

Ventura College's Welding Technology offers numerous training options. Students can enroll into process-specific courses such as shielded metal; flux core, gas metal, or gas tungsten arc-welding to acquire skill sets on ferrous and non-ferrous metals. VC offers a one-year vocational Certificate of Achievement degree, or a two-year Associate of Science degree, which commonly leads to supervisor and shop management opportunities. This course also provides for internship positions.

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JOB TITLE	AVERAGE SALARY	PROJECTED JOBS	PROJECTED GROWTH
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23,700

+15-21%

Welders read blueprints, work orders, or production schedules to determine product or job instructions or specifications. Set up and operate or tend welding, soldering or brazing machines that weld, braze, and solder metal products, components or assemblies.

Welder Fitter \$17.66/hr.-\$36,720 108,500 +3-7%

\$16.54/hr.-\$34,410

Fitters use hand-welding or flame-cutting equipment to weld or join metal components or to fill holes, indentations or seams of fabricated metal products. Weld separately or in combination, using aluminum, stainless steel, cast iron and other alloys.

Structural Iron/Steel Welder \$22.18/hr.-\$46,140 58,100 +22%

Having a certificate improves the opportunities for hire in this growing field. Structural iron and steel workers install iron or steel beams, girders, and columns to form buildings, bridges, and other structures.