

YOU CAN IGNITE A SATISFYING, HIGH-PAYING CAREER

Are you interested in becoming a certified welder but worried that your reading and math skills might hold you back?

Elgin Community College offers the Accelerating Opportunity Program to assure success in one year! The Accelerating Opportunity Program is a new State of Illinois initiative which provides support in basic skills education while preparing students for the workforce in a vocational certificate program.



Elgin Community College Welding Career Pathway ACCELERATING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

MEET ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Complete intake application
- Take placement test
- Interview with Accelerating Opportunity Program Coordinator

ENROLL IN WELDING CLASSES

Complete 16 credit hours of welding and supplemental adult education support classes to earn the Basic Vocational Specialist certificate in welding. This prepares you to work as an entry-level welder, general laborer, factory assembly worker, or line welder.

TAKE ADDITIONAL CLASSES TO INCREASE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAREER AND SALARY ADVANCEMENT

- For a total of 33 credit hours, earn a Vocational Specialist in welding to work as a boiler maker, pipe/pipeline welder, steel erector, plumber's assistant, steel alloy metals repair welder, or to weld repairs on tool and die/molds.
- At 60 credit hours, an Associate of Applied Science degree in welding fabrication technology is awarded for careers as entry-level welding project manager, supervisor, or metal fabricator.



EARN BASIC WELDER CERTIFICATION IN JUST ONE YEAR!

Accelerating Opportunity Program

*Helping students get on a
pathway leading to solid
career opportunities*

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HOW DOES THE ACCELERATING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM WORK?

In addition to welding certification classes, students also receive additional help with reading, writing, and math from teachers in disciplines supporting learning for success.

EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES AND PLAN YOUR CAREER

Benefits of enrollment include:

- Personal coach to help you succeed.
- Teachers who help when you don't understand the reading, writing, and math.
- Classes that are relevant to a future job.
- Progressing with the same group of friends in your certificate program.



WHAT CLASSES WILL I TAKE?

First Semester

WEL 101 Welding 1
WEL 102 Welding 2
IMT 212 Metallurgy
Math and reading/writing

Second Semester

WEL 208 Welding III
WEL 120 Blueprint Reading for Welders
WEL 218/220 ARC or MIG Welder Qualification
Math and reading/writing

Graduate as a certified welder at the end of your second semester!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 847-214-6947.

I am interested!

Please fill out this form and submit to:

Kathy Meisinger
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Welder Program

Building K, Room K111.03
Elgin Community College
1700 Spartan Drive
Elgin, IL 60123-7193

Please print clearly:

Date _____

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____

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Cell Phone _____

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How did you hear about the program?

