

### Program Information

The Anoka Technical College offers a 17-credit Pipe Welding certification which is designed for individuals seeking the highest welding skill level, the most demanding manual welding discipline.

Graduates from the Pipe Welding certificate have the skills required to master manual pipe welding and obtain the highest paying jobs in welding.

This program requires students to go full-time each semester students are required to take all courses.

### Career Opportunities

The diversification of the welding industry impacts virtually every industry around the globe. From the depth of the world's oceans to the far-reaching corners of outer space, there is a welding position for every hardworking, ambitious, smart individual who is ready and willing to constantly improve and strive for excellence. A career choice in welding offers a vast array of options for employment and continuing personal development. Welding is the most common way to permanently join metal parts. Heat is applied to the pieces that are being joined, melting and fusing them together which forms a permanent bond. Therefore, welding plays a key role in industry production lines, laboratories, research and development, national defense, sales and service, NASCAR and drag racing, custom motorcycle building, artwork, sculptures, pipelines, power plants, refineries, construction, maintenance, repair and much more.

Wage information is available from the Minnesota Department of Education and [Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development](#).

### Certifications

The Welding program not only provides students with a thorough background in welding and related theory, but also prepares students with the knowledge and skills needed to take three national certification examinations:

- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- American Petroleum Institute
- American Welding Society's Welding Code

### Admission Requirements

Successful completion of the Welding Fabricator Certificate or Welding AAS Degree program.

### Program Start Dates

Spring Semester .....January

### Course Prerequisites

Some courses in this program may require a prerequisite. Please see [course descriptions](#) for more details.

### Program Sequence

<b>Spring Semester</b> .....	<b>17</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> WELD 2012 GMAW 5G & 6G Pipe Welding .....	2
<input type="checkbox"/> WELD 2014 GTAW 5G & 6G Pipe Welding .....	5
<input type="checkbox"/> WELD 2016 SMAW 5G & 6G Pipe WeldingII .....	5
<input type="checkbox"/> WELD 2018 Blueprint Reading IV .....	5

### Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher to be eligible for graduation from this program.

### Faculty Contact

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For information on how to apply, to schedule a tour, or for service during summer hours, contact Enrollment Services at 763-576-7710 or [EnrollmentServices@anokatech.edu](mailto:EnrollmentServices@anokatech.edu)

*Also see: Welding AAS, Welding Technology diploma, Fabricator certificate, Basic Welding certificate, and Robotic and Laser Welding AAS and certificate*

