

Welding Boot Camp – Program Overview



The Program

Welding Boot Camp is an 8-week* certificate program on the essentials of welding. Gateway, in partnership with the Racine County Workforce Development Center and private industry is offering the Boot Camp program to address the need for welders in the in the Gateway district. Area employers have several hundred job openings for welders. The Boot Camp was designed as a fast-track curriculum to train people in welding so they can quickly get in the employment pool for these job opportunities.

**Boot Camp 3 was modified into a 16-week, half-day program.*

Curriculum

Course		Credits	Lecture Hrs	Lab Hrs
Gas Metal Arc Welding	442-321	3	36	72
Welding Print Reading & Fabrication	442-324	2	36	36
Applied Mathematics	804-370	2	72	-
Workplace Safety	625-123	2	36	-
Lean Operating Techniques	182-150	1	18	-
Lecture courses are held at the Racine County Workforce Development Center.				
Welding courses are held at Bert Jenson & Sons, Racine.				

Instructors

Ken Karwowski	262-741-8368
Rick Lofy	262-564-2576
Craig Maeschen	262-564-2414
Bob Marcella	
Kim Weckerly	262-564-2752

Enrollments and Employment

The Boot Camp was designed for dislocated or underemployed workers. Recruitment for the program is done through the Racine County Workforce Development Center.

Program Cost

Current cost - \$1,536 per student

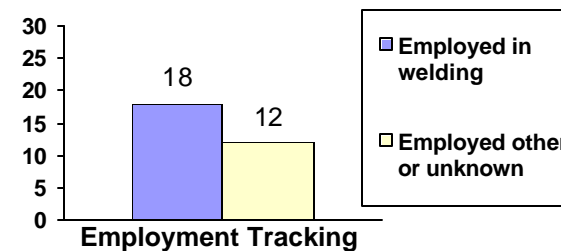
Case Management

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Boot Camp Enrollments

		enrolled	finished
Boot Camp 1	October 17 – December 14, 2006	18	15
Boot Camp 2	March 26 – May 18, 2007	16	15
Boot Camp 3	January 29 – May 29, 2008	11	

Post-Boot Camp Employment



Note: Employment figures are for participants that respond to post-Boot Camp tracking and are accurate at the time of report preparation.

Boot Camp participants' average hourly starting wage in welding: \$12.45

Companies that have hired Boot Camp participants:

American Bin and Conveyor
Bert Jenson & Sons

Thermo Transfer
Toppers

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