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Student Employment Opportunities

Career Pathways

Career in welding requires problem-solving skills, hand-eye coordination, and effective communication skills. The more education and skill training you receive, the more success you may experience.

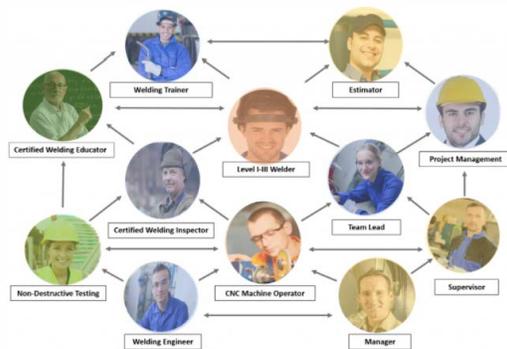
Understanding the growing business of welding and the ever expanding technologies is crucial; as is a willingness to relocate wherever the job requires.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, welders can generate anywhere between \$11.82 and \$24.94 an hour. The median wage for a welder is \$17.45. The number of job prospects is expected to increase by six percent over the course of the next seven years.

Information related to employment opportunities will be posted and updated on a regular basis and is made available to students and alumni at the Industrial Arts Institute Complex or by contacting the Student Services Department. Additionally, every IAI graduate will be placed on an e-mail listing and will be provided with career opportunities as we become aware of them.

Our goal is to expose students and alumni to the industry and ensure they are employed upon completion of our programs. These resources will provide support to our students and alumni so that they can explore job opportunities that may lead them to a successful careers.

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WHY BECOME A WELDER?

There is a growing demand for welders.

In 2019, there were 438,900 welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers, and growth for this career is predicted at 3%. While that's only average growth, the American Welding Society forecasts that there will be a 300,000 worker shortage by 2024. Why? The average age of a welder in the industry is 55, and as these older workers retire, there aren't enough younger ones to replace them. In fact, fewer than 20 percent of welders are under the age of 35.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021 and American Welding Society, 2021.



You will have opportunities to earn a great salary.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in May, 2020 that the mean salary for welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers was \$46,690, and a mean average hourly wage was \$22.45. Of course, salary depends on area, economic climate, and experience, but welders who bring integrity, workmanship, and pride to their work will be valued by their employers.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021

 <p>What do welders earn in Michigan?</p> <p>Salary and hourly rate are dependent on region, economic climate, and more...</p>	 <p>Do most welders work in manufacturing?</p> <p>Welders have many career options available to them...</p>	 <p>How long does it take to be a welder?</p> <p>Welders don't need a college degree to pursue their careers...</p>	 <p>What are my chances of getting a welding job?</p> <p>Not only does the American Welding Society predict a 300k worker shortage in the next 3 years...</p>
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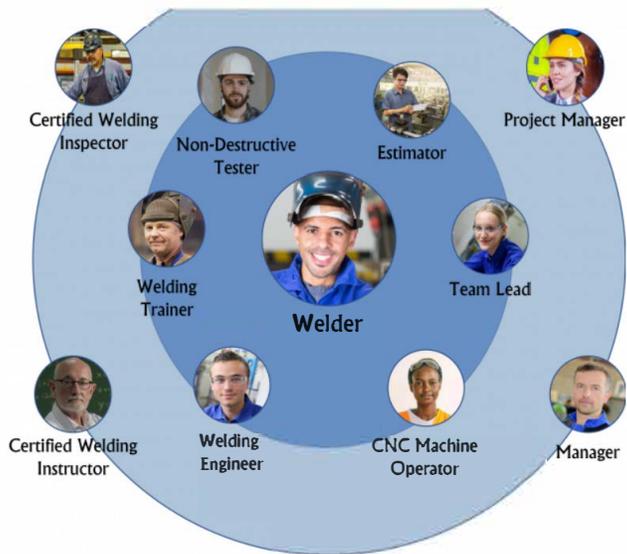
You don't need a college degree to be a welder.

You can definitely get a two- or a four-year degree in welding, manufacturing, or construction, but if you're interested in getting to work quickly, there are other options! Industrial Arts Institute's comprehensive industrial welding course prepares students for industry positions in just 19 weeks.

Welders have diverse career options.

Welders find lucrative careers in all types of manufacturing and can travel all over the country. Car racing needs welders. NASA needs welders. You can find them indoors, outdoors, and under water. Those pursuing a career in welding might also gain some industry experience and then open their own businesses, and they have the option to take work on the side to make some extra money. A welder's options are only limited by his or her imagination.





Career Paths for Welders

Become a welder and you can take your career in a dozen different directions. Not only do they need welders in a variety of industries, but welders can choose different career paths as well. A welder might follow their interests as a welding team leader or a project manager, or even get additional credentials to be a certified welding inspector or instructor.

Whether you want to build on your strengths or explore new and interesting areas, becoming a welder is a great place to start.

As an IAI student, you have a head start on your career.

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Apply at IAI Today!



I am especially grateful for the opportunity the institute provides where students can meet with employers...to show off our welds and skill sets for potential job opportunities.

Cody Kirshner, IAI Alumni & Professional Welder

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