

WELDING WITH PRINT READING



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The need for skilled welders is increasing, as many construction and manufacturing companies require some of welding, from the production of assemblies to maintenance and repair. The GACTC's welding diploma program will give you the skills and experience you need to obtain employment in welding in about 9 months. Within our 800-hour diploma program, students will obtain experience in the following areas to achieve sufficient skill level to acquire welding-related employment:

- Oxy-acetylene welding
- Brazing
- Oxy-fuel cutting (hand and machine operated)
- Air carbon arc cutting
- Shielded metal arc welding
- Gas tungsten arc welding
- Gas metal arc welding
- Flux core arc welding
- Practical math and blueprint reading



INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

The GACTC is an Accredited Testing Facility through the American Welding Society (AWS). GACTC welding students are well-prepared for AWS certification tests through more than 650 hours of hands-on experience. Certification opportunities include the following:

- AWS certifications, including GMAW 2G, SMAW 3G, FCAW 3G
- OSHA 10 hour-training



FINANCIAL AID

1. Apply online for the FSA ID username and password at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>.
2. File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). File online at [https://studentaid.gov/using your FSA ID](https://studentaid.gov/using-your-fsa-id). GACTC school code is 015272.
3. Complete the Student Loan Counseling and Master Promissory Note under the Loans and Grants tab at <https://studentaid.gov/>.
4. Carefully review any communication you receive from the our Financial Aid office and other student aid programs. All requests for information should be returned promptly to the appropriate department or agency, or call the Financial Aid office for assistance at (814) 505-1257 or financial.aid@gactc.edu.

APPLY NOW!



SCHEDULE

August 2025 through May 2026, primarily Monday – Thursday, 3:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

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2024-2025 Estimated Tuition & Fees

Tuition	\$9,625.00
Textbooks	
Textbooks *	\$400.00
Supplies	
Uniforms	\$96.00
Optional Laptop*	\$900.00
Fees	
Certifications	\$635.00
Welding Course Supplies & Materials	\$1,350.00
Comprehensive Fee	\$455.00
 Estimated Tuition & Fees	 <u>\$13,461.00</u>

Students may be responsible for other fees and supplies not listed above that may be required for program completion. See below for estimated out-of-pocket expenses.

Textbooks:

ISBN #	Title
9781133605782	Blueprint Reading for Welders, Spiral bound version (9e)
9780357561317	Welding: Principles and Applications with MindTap (9e)

* If you do not wish to receive the required textbooks and/or laptop from the GACTC, you may purchase the textbooks and/or laptop on your own. If you do not receive the textbooks and/or laptop from the GACTC, the cost of the textbooks and/or laptop as detailed in the fees above, will be deducted from your tuition statement. We recommend having access to a computer to use outside of class sessions.

Estimated out-of-pocket expenses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Auto-darkening Welding Helmet
- Boots (don't have to be steel-toed)
- Overalls in the color Duck

Out-of-pocket fees are subject to change. Price varies depending on factors such as size, store, etc.