

Clark named national welding testing center



Clark's welding technologies program allows students – and now professional welders seeking national certifications – to demonstrate their skills.

The Clark College welding technologies program is proud to announce its accreditation as an American Welding Society (AWS) testing center. This accreditation makes national certifications available to both students and professional welders in the region who are seeking to advance their careers.

Beginning May 1, Clark will make a number of certifications available for testing. The most common is the Certified Welder (CW), which tests welders on procedures used in the structural steel, petroleum pipelines, sheet metal, and

chemical refinery
welding industries. Certifications available include Steel,
Stainless steel and
Aluminum. In conjunction with the AWS certification, Clark
College also offers
the Washington Association Building Officials (WABO) welding
certification at
the Clark facilities.

Fees for certifications
will start at \$300, with more-complex testing requiring up to
\$600. All testing
will be completed at the Clark welding lab located on the main
campus, at 1933
Ft. Vancouver Way in Building AA2. The college will provide
all the needed
steel, stainless steel, and aluminum materials required for
completing the
certification examination.

Professionals
interested in testing for either AWS or WABO certifications at
Clark College
may contact welding faculty member Brian McVay at 360-992-2359
or bmcvay@clark.edu
to discuss their certification requirements, the costs, and
testing schedules. For
more information about Clark College's welding technologies
program visit www.clark.edu/cc/welding.

"We are excited to be
able to serve our community by providing this unique testing,
which will help
expand the opportunities for career advancement in the
industry and support
this region's economy," said McVay, noting that the next-
closest AWS Accredited
Testing Facility is in Tacoma, Washington.

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