

Regional Welding Certification Center

Craft Training Center of the Coastal Bend in collaboration with Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, local businesses, and industry organizations has been designated as a Regional Welding Training and Certification Center. Funding for the development of this Regional Welding Certification Center has been provided by a grant from the Texas Workforce Commission, Contract 2210XSW000ARRA.

Training

The welding training provided by the Craft Training Center of the Coastal Bend (CTCCB) is intended to provide students with the needed welding skills required by local and regional businesses and industry. Welders applying for jobs in the Coastal Bend Region are expected to demonstrate their welding skills by passing an employer-administered or third-party-administered performance test. CTCCB's training is designed to develop the needed welding skills; however, CTCCB cannot guaranty that any individual student can ultimately meet the certification testing standards. The curriculum is the Contren[®] Learning Series, and all completed instructional benchmarks are reported to and maintained in the individual's file in the Automated National Registry through the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). Regional employer skill requirements have been added to the NCCER Contren[®] Curriculum where necessary.

Certification Testing

All certification testing meets AWS/ASME standards. The following tests are available:

Plate: 1G, 2G, 3G, 4G (V-Groove)

Pipe: 1G rotated, 2G, 5G, 6G

The following processes are available:

SMAW Shielded Metal Arc Welding

GTAW Gas Tungsten Arc Welding, Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG)

GMAW Gas Metal Arc Welding, Metal Inert Gas (MIG)

FCAW Flux-Cored Automatic Welding

SAW Submerged Arc Welding

All certification tests must be scheduled two days in advance. Call 361-289-1636 or XXXXXX to schedule a certification test.

Cost

Plate tests \$120 to \$280 depending on material thickness and metal used.

Pipe tests \$190 to \$280 depending on material thickness and metal used.