

STAINLESS STEEL WELDING

Technical Diploma

Program Code: 30-442-7

Total Credits: 6

Mid-State's Stainless Steel Welding program prepares students for entry-level employment as a stainless steel welder in production, construction, manufacturing, and servicing industries. Experienced instructors will teach you basic TIG (tungsten inert gas) welding of stainless steel as well as fabrication, print reading, and more. Instruction will combine lecture with hands-on practice, giving you the confidence you need to start your career in this rewarding field.

To learn more about this program, visit mstc.edu/programs.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715-422-5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit mstc.edu/advising.

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

Complete the following steps to prepare for your New Student Advising appointment with your academic advisor:

- Submit a Mid-State application at mstc.edu/apply.
- Send official transcripts to:
Mid-State Technical College
Student Services
500 32nd Street North
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. Mid-State's Financial Aid team is available to assist with your FAFSA application and to answer your financial aid questions. Contact Financial Aid or schedule an appointment at mstc.edu/financial-aid.
- Set up student MyCampus account at mstc.edu/mycampus-assistance.
- Schedule a New Student Advising appointment at mstc.edu/advising.

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CAREER PATHWAY



Career pathways help you build your education step by step. Each stage offers one or more credentials that are recognized by employers and lead to real jobs—and you can keep building toward your career goals as you go.

Begin at any point.

Prior Learning

Credit for Prior Learning

- Certifications and Licenses
- Military Experience
- National/Standardized Exams
- Transfer Credit
- Work and Life Experience

Learn about Credit for Prior Learning at mstc.edu/cpl.

High School Credit

- High School Dual Credit
- Mid-State Fast Track

Learn about High School Credit at mstc.edu/dc.

Technical Diploma

- Stainless Steel Welding (6 Credits)
Start Your Career: Production Line Welder, Stainless Steel Welder, TIG Welder

Bachelor's Degree

For those interested in continuing their education, Mid-State offers transfer guides with various four-year colleges and universities. For more information, visit mstc.edu/transfer.

Other Options

Related Programs: Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Industrial Mechanical Technician, Manufacturing Operations Management, Metal Fabrication, Precision Machining Technician, Welding

Apprenticeship Opportunity: Ironworker

OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as a Stainless Steel Welding graduate, to be able to:

- Demonstrate industry-recognized safety practices.
- Interpret welding drawings.
- Produce gas tungsten arc welds (GTAW).

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Students are required to provide their own protective clothing and equipment. Details of the requirements and where they may be purchased are provided by the program instructor at the beginning of each semester.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Visit mstc.edu/studenthandbook to view Mid-State's student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State's Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

ADDITIONAL COURSES AS NEEDED

The following courses may be recommended or required if the student does not achieve minimum placement scores.

College Reading and Writing 1

10831104

3 credits

Provides learners with opportunities to develop and expand reading and writing skills to prepare for college-level academic work. Students will employ critical reading strategies to improve comprehension, analysis, and retention of texts. Students will apply the writing process to produce well-developed, coherent, and unified written work.

Pre-Algebra

10834109

3 credits

Provides an introduction to algebra. Includes operations on real numbers, solving linear equations, percent and proportion, and an introduction to polynomials and statistics. Prepares students for elementary algebra and subsequent algebra-related courses.

SAMPLE FULL-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

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Term 6 Credits	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
	30442104	Basic TIG (Stainless)	No	2
	30442105	Intermediate TIG (Stainless)	No	2
	30442106	Advanced TIG (Stainless)	No	2

Please Note

- Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) options are available for some courses. You can visit mstc.edu/cpl or contact your academic advisor for details.
- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Program completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability. For details, go to mstc.edu/schedule.
- Get the latest updates online at mstc.edu.

Advanced TIG (Stainless)

30442106

2 credits

Students learn advanced GTAW processes through the completion of stainless steel pipe weldments in the 5G and 6G positions.

Corequisite: Intermediate TIG (Stainless) 30442105

Basic TIG (Stainless)

30442104

2 credits

An introduction to the gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW) process commonly known as TIG. Topics include study and application of necessary safety and care of equipment and supplies. The student develops skills with the common production welding joints and materials all completed on stainless steel.

Intermediate TIG (Stainless)

30442105

2 credits

Intermediate GTAW weldments created in the horizontal and vertical positions on stainless steel. Pulsed current is applied to stainless steel weldments. Complete penetration groove welds in stainless steel are practiced and evaluated.

Corequisite: Basic TIG (Stainless) 30442104