



LEEPS

LINCOLN ELECTRIC EDUCATION PARTNER SCHOOLS

Lincoln Electric's Welding Certification Program

In Partnership with the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3)





Joining Forces to Advance Welding Education Standards



Lincoln Electric's LEEPS program, in partnership with the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3), provides schools with a complete suite of portable, stackable national welding certifications.

LEEPS supports welding schools and programs throughout the nation with the most comprehensive and relevant welding education tools and resources available for advancing skill levels and the preparation needed to succeed in specific welding fields.

Why You Should Apply for the **LEEPS Program**

As a LEEPS Center of Excellence, you gain a recognized leader in welding education and manufacturing as your partner, and an integral support system that will help you prepare more highly skilled welders to address critical workforce shortages in the welding industry.

Certifications are among the fastest-growing credential, and applicants with NC3 certifications listed on their resume are viewed as highly skilled and committed job candidates. Through LEEPS, you can provide welders with opportunities to earn nationally recognized welding certifications that can make them more competitive and expand job opportunities.



Nationally Recognized Certifications in:



**Welding
Safety**



**Shielded Metal
Arc Welding**



**Flux-Cored
Arc Welding**



**Gas Metal
Arc Welding**



**Gas Tungsten
Arc Welding**

LEEPS NC3 BENEFITS

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Vision & Benchmarking:

- Benchmarking to model campuses and programs
- Serve as National Center of Excellence model for other schools
- Opportunities to collaborate with NC3's network of educators and industry partners

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Instructor Training:

- Access to NC3 train-the-trainer events and certification curriculum
- Professional development opportunities for instructors to become national NC3 Master Instructors
- Instructor certifications provide accountability to validate programs

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Turnkey Certification System:

- Use of NC3's certification system and supporting materials
- Unlimited student certification issuance for all NC3 certifications
- NC3 certifications can be applied across several different industries creating flexible, stackable, and relevant credentials

Examples: Welding, Transportation, Manufacturing, Energy, Building Trades, Aviation, Digital Literacy and Agriculture

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Industry Partner Access:

- Opportunities for cross-promotion, co-branding, partner signage, web marketing
- Access to U/LINC welding curriculum
- Lincoln Electric driven certification valued by industry partners
- Direct engagement and program guidance from Lincoln Electric and other NC3 partners
- Lincoln Electric supported industry training opportunities

To qualify for the LEEPS program, you **must complete the following requirements:**

- ✓ **NC3 Membership**
- ✓ **Register and use the Lincoln Electric Education Resource & Purchasing Portal**
- education.lincolnelectric.com/portal
- ✓ **Equip school with a minimum of 80% Lincoln Electric welding and cutting equipment**
- ✓ **Incorporate use of at least ONE of the following Lincoln Electric Advanced Trainers:**
 - VRTEX® Virtual Reality Welding Simulator
 - REALWELD® Welding Training System
- ✓ **Instructor Certification Training and Specified Lab Equipment for each NC3 / Lincoln certification implemented**



How Do I Start a
LEEPS program?

Education Resource & Purchasing Portal

Access Lincoln Electric Welding Educational Materials and Resources



PORTAL BENEFITS:

The web-based portal provides qualified schools with 24/7 access for exceptional pricing on premium welding electrode and wire, welding gear, guns and expendable parts, fume extraction filters and more. Visitors to the portal can also download welding resources and tools, such as training documentation and videos.



Access a variety of classroom training and safety materials



Stream educational videos from a secure and approved portal



Exclusive educational pricing on premium electrode and wire as low as a \$1/lb



Special pricing on personal protection gear, expendable parts and Magnum® accessories



24/7 online order process and access to order history and tracking information



Affiliate online purchases with a participating distributor



Instant credit limit applied to your account for immediate purchasing



Free shipping on online orders greater than \$500 for the contiguous United States (standard shipping only)

The Equipment Welders Need to Perform at Their Best

Even the most talented welder can be limited by the quality of their equipment. The same sentiment holds true for welding programs. By requiring a minimum of 80% Lincoln Electric equipment, we can provide you with a full set of equipment options for maximum return on investment while addressing the strategic training goals you've set for your program.

Prepare More Students for Success **WITH ADVANCED WELDING TRAINERS**

Requiring the adoption of at least one advanced welding trainer into your program positively impacts welding skill development and progression. Choose from the VRTEX virtual reality welding simulator or the REALWELD welding trainer to augment the traditional training component of your instruction.



VRTEX Virtual Reality
Welding Simulators

- ✓ Save on materials
- ✓ Track performance
- ✓ Dual User + GTAW! *New!



REALWELD
Trainers

- ✓ Arc-on & Arc-off practice
- ✓ Instant performance feedback
- ✓ Guidance through audio coaching

A Full “LEEP” Forward for Your Welding Education Program



For more information, visit lincolnelectric.com/LEEPS or contact LEEPS@lincolnelectric.com

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