Welding Certification Program

LEEPStart™

The Lincoln Electric Education Partner Schools Start (LEEPStart) Program delivers industry-leading welding certifications, recognized by leading educational institutions and the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3), preparing students for successful careers in today's dynamic welding industry.

LEEPStart™ programs introduce essential welding skills and concepts to students and instructors at high schools, career centers, and technical schools – providing the resources and certification they need to explore advanced career opportunities in welding.

Certifications

- **WSE** – Welding Safety Essentials
- **POW** – Principles of Welding
- **SMAW** – Intro to SMAW
- **GMAW** – Intro to GMAW
- **FCAW** – Intro to FCAW
- **GTAW** – Intro to GTAW
- **OFC** – Oxy-Fuel Cutting
- **PAC** – Plasma Arc Cutting
- **CAG** – Carbon Arc Gouging
- **MIW** – Math in Welding
- **FAB1** – Fabrication 1

Who Benefits from LEEPStart?

STUDENTS – Provides students a competitive advantage over non-certified individuals. NC3 certification documents skill, validates knowledge, and increases confidence, allowing students to accelerate their careers and command higher salaries.

INSTRUCTORS – Train-the-Trainer programs provide focused professional development for instructors, ensuring proficiency in delivering the curriculum. Instructors receive comprehensive access to teaching resources, quizzes, lab sheets, administrative reports and networking opportunities that boost overall academic performance.

SCHOOLS – Provides curriculum and resources necessary for standardizing welding education, increasing credibility, and driving graduation and retention rates higher. LEEPStart schools are listed as official NC3Start Schools at www.nc3.net/leadership-schools

INDUSTRY –Candidates with LEEPStart certifications are fully qualified and job ready. Certifications earned through the LEEPStart program ensure employees have standardized foundational skills necessary to succeed in the industry.

Get Started today! Contact us at LEEPS@lincolnelectric.com

Lincoln Electric is a proud partner of the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3). Certifications are developed and administered by NC3 and are compatible with other industry recognized certifications. For more information, visit NC3 at nc3.net.

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