This program provides students with hands-on instruction in a variety of welding and metal fabrication processes. Upon completion students are prepared for careers in construction, fabrication and repair of industrial and transportation equipment including cars, ships, pleasure crafts and aircraft. They are also qualified for employment in the area of structural welding including the fabrication of bridges, steel structures, pipelines and boilers.

**Related Job Titles**
- Arc Welder
- Production Line Welder
- Underwater Welder
- Welder/Fabricator
- Welding Sales
- Welding Education

**Skills You Will Learn**
- Repair of broken or cracked metal objects
- Build up metal parts using electric welding or brazing equipment
- How to weld parts of products, such as pipelines, boilers, cars and airplanes using gas and electric welding equipment
- Shielded metal arc, gas metal arc welding
- Gas tungsten arc, flux core arc welding
- Oxy-fuel gas and plasma arc cutting

**Preferred Skills for Career Field:**
*You should prefer:*
- Working with machines and tools
- Doing precision work
- Making decisions based on measurable information
- Working from sketches, drawing or blueprints

**Career Ladder**
Most welders start as helpers or metal fabricators. Skilled welders may become inspectors, technicians or supervisors. With college training they may become welding engineers.

**Continuing Education**
- Ocean County Vocational Technical School
- Hobart School of Welding Technology
- Ohio Technical College
- The Lincoln Welding School
- Welder Training & Testing Institute
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Divers Academy of the Eastern Seaboard

*After completing two years of the program, students must successfully pass the American Welding Society (AWS) exam in order to receive certification.*