

Phase 110 Career Preparation

A student's final phase prior to introduction into the employment market with options for shop or field welding. Instruction in application for employment, preparing a resume, weld testing rigors, proper appearance, and job attitude. Lab competencies are directed toward 5G and 6G pipe welding using 6010 and 7018 electrodes including TIG in various combinations with bend tests. Additional lab welding competencies are individually specified for each student by the instructor to prepare the graduate for employer weld tests in the graduate's selected specialty of welding.

STRUCTURAL WELDER

The Structural Welder program is a subset of the Master Welder program and consists of phase courses 101, 102, 103, 104, and 110. Phase 110 lab competencies are focused upon structural welding skills. Lab sessions for Phase 110 require 7.5 hours per day rather than 5. The program consists of five-three week phase courses for a total of 15 weeks, 16 semester credit hours, and 405 contact hours of instruction. Phase 110 contains 4 semester credit hours with each of the other four phase courses at 3 semester credit hours. The program objective is to prepare a graduate for job entry as a structural welder.

PROGRAM REVISIONS

The content of any program at TWS may be revised to address the requirements of industry employers, technology changes, or instructional needs of TWS without additional training cost to a student.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of TWS is to produce "World Class Welders and Welding Inspectors." TWS trains its graduates with the skills, knowledge, and workplace attitudes essential to enter the profession of welding or welding quality assurance/quality control inspection. Graduates who put forth the dedication, commitment to excel, and workplace experience in their welding or inspection profession can achieve world class levels of performance.

VISION STATEMENT

TWS has as its vision the addition of campus training locations to facilitate student access and employer access to graduates. Being recognized as one of the highest quality providers of career education resulting in an outstanding return on investment for our students is our purpose.

SCHOOL HISTORY

The main campus in Tulsa, Oklahoma was started by two pipeline welders recognizing a need for trained pipe welders, and they founded TWS with the first class beginning January 1949. In 1961, Dan Derrick, a welder, acquired the school. Five years later the school was moved into a new facility at 3038 Southwest Boulevard in Tulsa. In 1972, TWS was acquired by Noel

Adams who operated the institution until he retired in October 1990. TWS moved into a new campus near The University of Tulsa in January 1999. TWS is an Oklahoma corporation and registered as Tulsa Welding School, Inc. TWS is a 100% owned subsidiary of T.H.E. Inc., a Delaware corporation.

On or around September 10, 2008, 100% of T.H.E. Inc. stock was purchased by TWS Acquisition Corporation. The TWS Acquisition Corporation is owned by the following: Summer Street Capital II, L.P., HSBC Private Equity Partners II USA LP, and Lawrence E. Brown. Lawrence E. Brown is President/CEO.

Tulsa Welding School, Jacksonville branch campus, was started in November 2001 to address the needs of employers and students along the Eastern sector of the United States. The Jacksonville Campus is a Florida corporation and registered as Tulsa Welding School/Jacksonville Campus, Inc. and is a 100% owned subsidiary of Tulsa Welding School, Inc. in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Officers of the Florida are Michael McQueeney, Chairman and Lawrence E. Brown, President.

ACCREDITATION, APPROVALS, LICENSES, MEMBERSHIPS

Tulsa Campus:

- * Accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology
- * Licensed by Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools
- * Licensed by Arkansas State Board of Private Career Education
- * Approved by Kansas Board of Regents
- * Approved to operate by the Missouri Department of Higher Education
- * Registered with New Mexico Commission on Higher Education
- * Approved and regulated by the Texas Workforce Commission Career Schools and Colleges Section 101 E. 15th Street Austin, Texas 78778-001
- * Licensed by Louisiana Board of Regents
- * Registered with Nebraska Department of Education
- * Registered with Iowa Secretary of State
- * Member of American Welding Society
- * Member of The American Society for Nondestructive Testing
- * Member of Tulsa Chamber of Commerce
- * Member of Oklahoma Private School Association

- * Approved to participate in various federal job training programs.
- * Approved for eligible students to attend through sponsorship by Bureau of Indian Affairs or Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies
- * Approved for Veterans Educational Benefits

Jacksonville Campus:

- * Accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology
- * Licensed by Florida Commission for Independent Education,
325 West Gaines St., Suite 1414,
Tallahassee, Florida 32399.
Toll-free phone number (888) 224-6684
- * Approved by Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission
- * Licensed by the Kentucky State Board of Proprietary Education
- * Authorized by Tennessee Higher Education Commission. This authorization must be renewed each year and is based on an evaluation by minimum standards concerning quality of education, ethical business practices, health and safety, and fiscal responsibility.
- * Approved to operate by the Missouri Department of Higher Education
- * Registered with New Mexico Commission on Higher Education
- * Registered with Iowa Secretary of State
- * Licensed by Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education
- * Member of American Welding Society
- * Member of Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce
- * Member of Better Business Bureau
- * Member of Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges
- * Approved for Veterans Educational Benefits

STUDENT SERVICES

TWS provides a multitude of student services from initial enrollment through graduation. Those services are listed as follows.

GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

Graduates in good standing are provided assistance in job search preparation as well as ongoing access to employer job openings. The Employment Department maintains computer files on hundreds of welding employers nationwide and receives constant contacts from employers to hire TWS graduates. Please contact staff in the department at any time to obtain updates about recent graduate success and opportunities. Due to individual differences and personal attributes, neither TWS nor any

other institution can guarantee graduate employment. Graduates remain in good standing provided they do not default on repayment of their student loan or school account balance obligation, if such applies.

STUDENT HOUSING

A TWS staff member works with new students to assist them in securing housing in both the Tulsa and Jacksonville area. A majority of the housing referral is with apartment complexes the school has previously inspected. Rooms in homes or home rental may be available to meet student needs. Please contact the housing advisor for current housing information at the Tulsa campus and the student employment/housing advisor at the Jacksonville campus.

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

Most students elect to work a part-time job while attending school to assist with living and school expenses. Also, students save a portion of their earnings to pay for relocation expenses in securing their first welder position after graduation. Students are encouraged to obtain a part-time job as soon as they begin school in order to build their financial resources while attending school. The Employment Department provides student assistance with part-time employment. TWS provides job opening leads for a student to pursue, and the individual student has the responsibility to interview and obtain a job.

ADVISING

Students may receive advisory services from an instructor, Director of Training, Student Advisor, or any other member of staff while attending TWS. Students are encouraged to seek out assistance when they need help.

FINANCIAL AID

Staff are available in the Financial Aid Department to assist students with application for grants and loans they may be eligible for under the Federal Pell, Federal SEOG, and Federal Family Educational Loan programs. Services also apply toward other agency sponsorships and financing alternatives.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The following policies and procedures are subject to change as required by accrediting, licensing, approval agencies, or school administration as deemed necessary. The latest Catalog Addendum (attached), which is an integral part of this Academic Catalog, reflects revisions to the entire Academic Catalog. Always refer to the Catalog Addendum for a complete update on TWS information. The Academic Catalog and catalog Addendum are periodically revised and kept updated.