



# Welder Certification Program 2026 Updates



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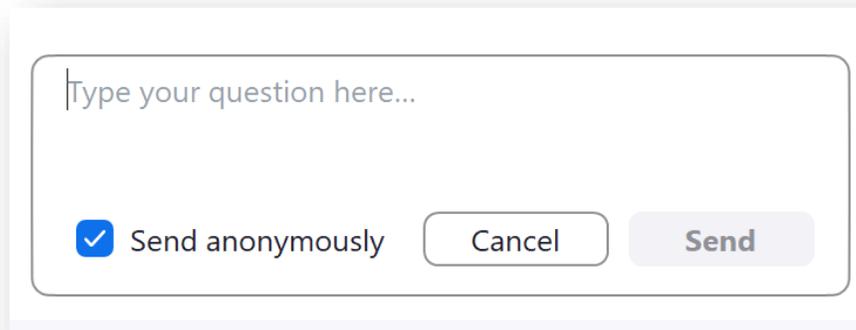
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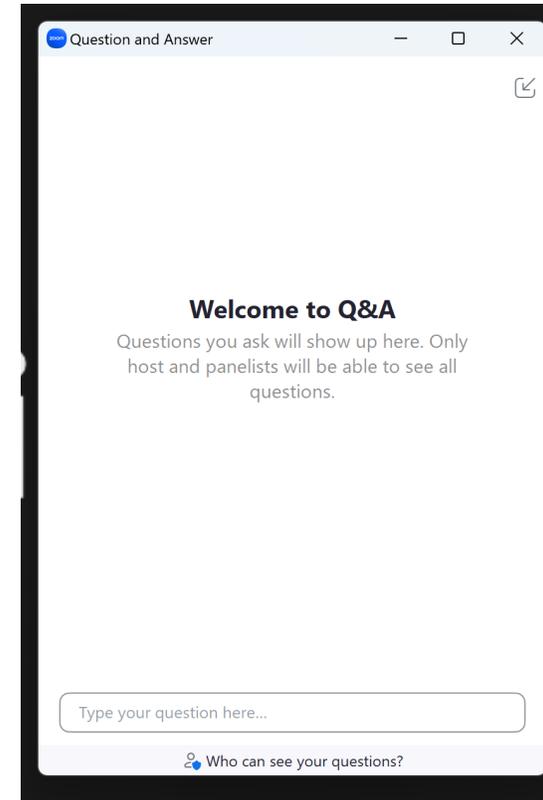


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# Program Overview

Developed in collaboration with Lincoln Electric Company and National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3), is designed to help you establish an internal welder training and certification program for your facility.

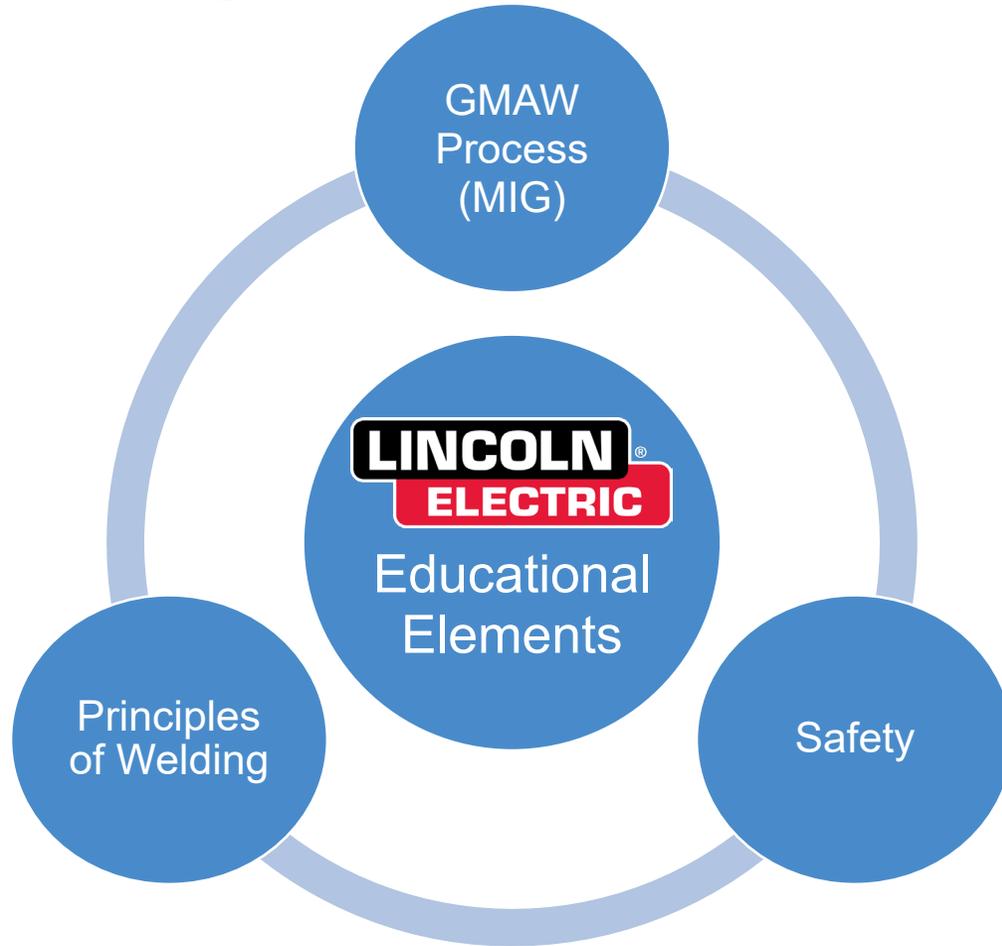


# Lincoln Electric Welding Technology & Training Center

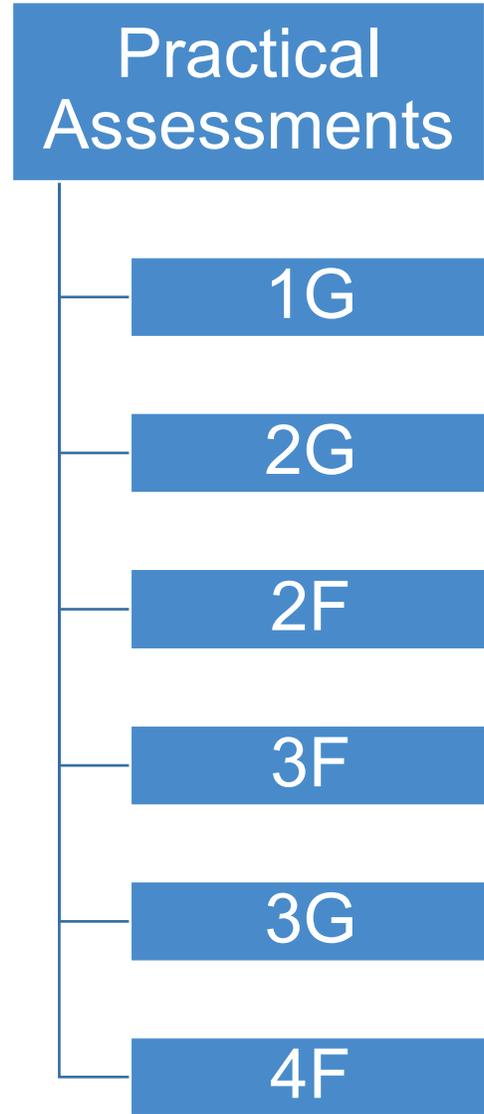
Located in Cleveland, Ohio



# Program Elements



Education  
Element Assessments  
in NC3 Portal



# Educational Elements

## SAFETY

- SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS
- PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
- FIRE SAFETY
- FIRST AID
- INSPECTING AND TROUBLESHOOTING
- ELECTRICAL SAFETY
- GMAW SAFETY
- ARC WELDING AND CUTTING EQUIPMENT SAFETY

# Educational Elements

## PRINCIPLES OF WELDING

- FOUNDATIONS OF ARC WELDING
- VARIABLES IN WELDING
- WELDING TECHNOLOGY
- VISION AND BODY POSITION IN WELDING
- INTRODUCTION TO WELDING JOINTS, POSITIONS AND SYMBOLS
- IDENTIFYING SHAPES AND DIMENSIONS OF METALS
- METAL PREPARATION AND FIT-UP
- WELDING STANDARDS
- WELD DISCONTINUITIES AND DEFECTS
- INSPECTING AND TESTING WELDS

# Educational Elements

## GMAW PROCESS (MIG)

- PRINCIPLES OF GMAW
- GMAW SHIELDING GASES
- GMAW ELECTRODES
- GMAW MODES OF METAL TRANSFER
- GMAW EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

# NC3 Training Portal Resources



Lesson Plans



Student Handouts



Assessments



PPT Presentations



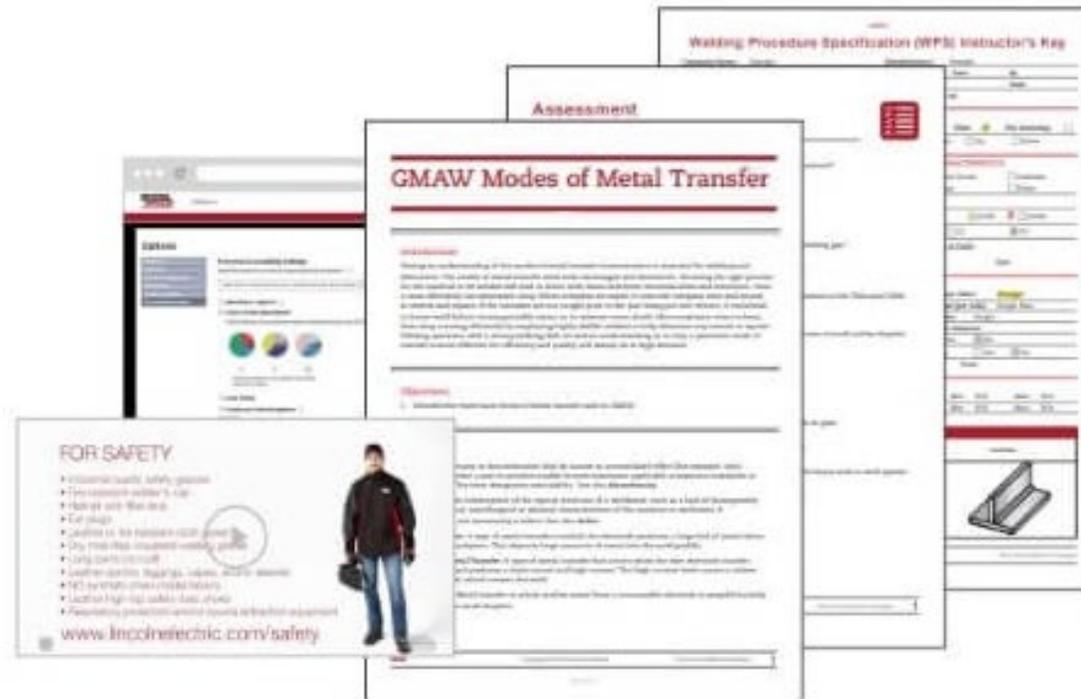
Lab Activities



Student Reference Guides



Videos



# Sample Certificate



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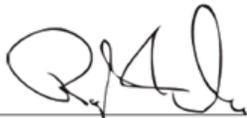
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Who has been formally evaluated for demonstrating the highest levels of knowledge and skills and, as such, is bestowed the following NC3 Global Credential.

**Introduction Shielded Metal Arc Welding**

COLLABORATE IN THE CLASSROOM. COMPETE IN THE MARKETPLACE.

  
Roger Tadajewski, NC3 Executive Director



THIS CERTIFICATE IS RECOGNIZED BY:



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Date Completed

**SAMPLE SCHOOL**

NC3 Certification Center

**SAMPLE NAME**

has displayed competency of this certification by passing the knowledge exam, the certified performance event, and the weld processes below. In addition to demonstrating at least 70% competency in the required welds, the student's performance event ensured the correct coupon, electrode, position, machine setup, technique, and work angle were used as well as PPE and cleaning.

E6010 Stringer Bead 10ga

E6010 2F (Horizontal) T-Joint 10ga

E6013 Stringer Bead 10ga

E7018 2F (Horizontal) T-Joint 10ga

E7018 Stringer Bead 10ga

E6010 2F (Horizontal) T-Joint 3/8 in.

E6010 2F (Horizontal) Lap 10ga

E7018 3F (Vertical up) T-Joint 3/8 in.

E6013 2F (Horizontal) Lap 10ga

E6010 3F (Vertical up) T-Joint 3/8 in.

E7018 2F (Horizontal) Lap 10ga

E6010 3F (Vertical down) T-Joint 10ga



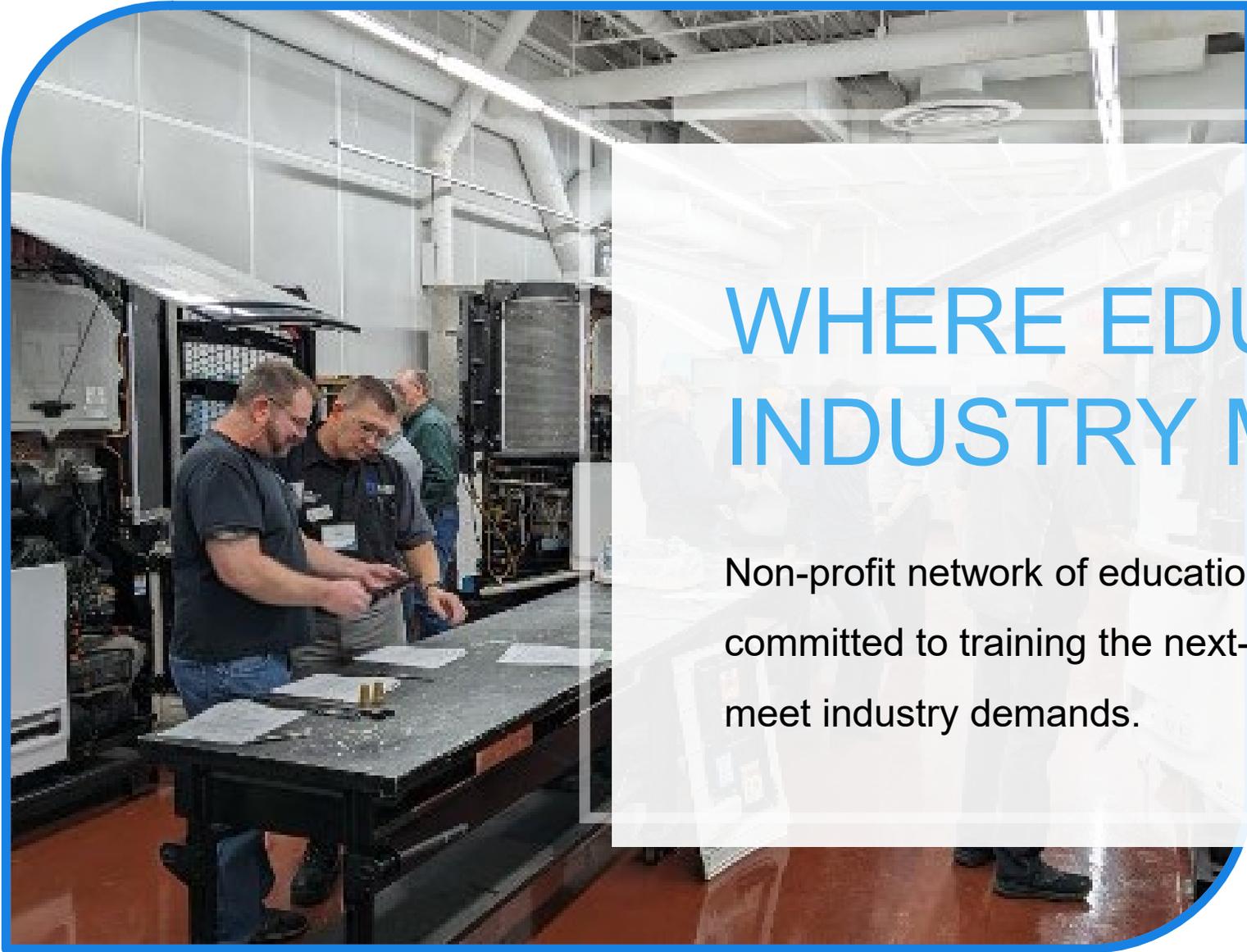
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# WHERE EDUCATION & INDUSTRY MEET

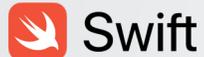
Non-profit network of education providers and corporations committed to training the next-generation of skilled workers to meet industry demands.





# NATIONAL RECOGNITION

NC3 INDUSTRY PARTNERS IN EDUCATION



## OVER 200 CERTIFICATIONS OFFERED ACROSS

TRANSPORTATION | ADVANCED MANUFACTURING | BUILDING TRADES | SAFETY





## INDUSTRY MEMBER RESOURCES

- Onboarding for new NC3 Industry Members
- Strategy development for training programs and upskilling employees
- Programming to discuss workforce development and industry/education partnerships within the NC3 network



# FAQs about NC3 Membership

**1. How much does NC3 membership cost?**

NC3 Membership starts at \$5,000 per year.

**2. We have multiple training locations. Do they all have to join separately?**

Every training location must be an NC3 member. Additional locations can join for \$1,000 per year per training location.

**3. How many certified trainers is a company required to have?**

At least one. One trainer can be leveraged at multiple training locations.

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# FAQs about the Training Program

- 1. How much does the training program cost?**  
The Train-the-Trainer program for 5 days (M-F) costs \$1,195 NC3 Member; \$1,295 NC3 Non-Member plus travel expenses and the program for 3 days (M-W) \$795 NC3 Member; \$895 NC3 Non-Member plus travel expenses.
- 2. Can multiple companies share a trainer?**  
Yes. You can collaborate with an academic partner and/or other companies to share a certified NC3 instructor. Each location where training occurs must maintain their own NC3 membership and equipment.
- 3. Does the welding certification expire?**  
No. The certification has no expiration date.
- 4. Do the trainers need to be re-certified?**  
Yes. Trainers need to recertify online at no additional cost every three years.

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# **Virtual Train-the-Trainer Options**

## **Basic Welding Print Reading**

Lincoln Electric and their master trainers offer this live virtual training program that prepares you for the exams and labs needed to become an NC3 certified instructor. We recommend the self-study Welding Math and Measurement certification as a prerequisite, but it is not required.

## **Thermal Cutting**

Thermal Cutting certification training including certifications in Plasma Cutting, Oxy Fuel, and Carbon Arc via Zoom. NC3 will deliver the same high-quality training that prepares you for the exams, labs, and performance assessments needed to become an NC3 certified instructor.

# Work Truck Industry Welder Certification Program

## HOW IT WORKS

### STEP 1

#### GET PREPARED

- Identify company trainer
- Become NC3 member *(optional at this step)*

### STEP 2

#### TRAIN-THE-TRAINER

- Register for course
- Complete required pre-work *(an average of one hour)*
- Attend and successfully complete Train-the-Trainer session
- Get certified as a trainer

### STEP 3

#### TRAIN YOUR TEAM

- Become NC3 Member *(required at this step)*
- Develop company-specific training plan
- Conduct training for employees
- Award certifications to those who pass the assessments to those who pass the assessments

### STEP 4

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Re-certify company trainer via online assessment every three years *(no additional cost)*
- Welding certifications never expire
- Additional training course options available to all NC3 members

# Registration is open! In-Person Training

**Welder Certification**

**Train-the-Trainer Session**

**FOUR PROCESS (SMAW, GMAW, FCAW, GTAW)**

Location: WSU Tech – Wichita, Kansas

June 22-26, 2026

Cost\*: 5 days (M-F) \$1195 NC3 Member; \$1295 NC3 Non-Member

3 days (M-W) \$795 NC3 Member/NTEA Member; \$895 NC3 Non-Member/NTEA Member

\*(plus travel expenses per attendee)



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# In-Person Training

**Welder Certification**

**Train-the-Trainer Session**

**FOUR PROCESS (SMAW, GMAW, FCAW, GTAW)**

Location: Gateway Tech – Racine, Wisconsin

July 20-24, 2026

Cost\*: 5 days (M-F) \$1195 NC3 Member; \$1295 NC3 Non-Member

3 days (M-W) \$795 NC3 Member/NTEA Member; \$895 NC3 Non-Member/NTEA Member

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# Virtual Training

## Basic Welding Print Reading

Dates: April 8 & 10, 2026 | 10 am – 1 pm ET

Cost: \$495 members | \$595 nonmembers

Sessions held virtually via Zoom



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# Virtual Training

## Thermal Cutting

Dates: April 20, 22 & 24, 2026 | 10 am – 1 pm ET

Cost: \$695 members | \$795 nonmembers

Sessions held virtually via Zoom



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**Questions?**

# Thank you!



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