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### **COS Welding Department Has Much to Offer**

Weed / COS - Anything made of metal, no matter how big or small, can be welded. Examples are everywhere, from vehicles to ships, aircraft, rockets and more. Construction is a huge market, and buildings, bridges and highways would be impossible to build without welding, as would oil and natural-gas pipelines, giant wind turbines and solar panels. Welders help install and maintain boilers, air conditioning units, complex systems, and other large structures, as well as piping for industrial, commercial and residential facilities. Welding is even used by artists to create sculptures and decorative items.

There is almost no limit to what welding can do, especially since developments in the technology continually improve its accuracy, quality and versatility. Welding is, in fact, an increasingly high-tech skill. Welders are being trained to operate robots and other automated systems that use powerful lasers, electron beams and sometimes explosives to bond metals. The ability to work with computers and program software is consequently vital to the successful operation of these systems.

College of the Siskiyous offers many certificate and degree programs for students looking for specific areas of training and certification. Our Welding Program offers instruction in basic and advanced welding. All types of welding machines are covered in the instruction such as electric arc, oxyacetylene, gas tungsten arc welding, dual shield, and wire feed. The Program is designed to teach students welding of ferrous and non-ferrous metals. Instruction is given in various welding techniques, including flat, vertical overhead, horizontal, and pipe. Related technical phases of welding are also covered. Students may attain the craftsman level, learn layout and welding symbols, and become qualified to take a state-certified welding test.

With the demand for skilled welders rising and the technology of welding becoming more advanced, especially where automation is concerned, our students have a unique opportunity to learn a career that can be shaped around their interests. For more information about the Welding program offered at College of the Siskiyous, contact the Career and Technical Education Department by calling 530/ 938-5512 or send an email to [cteinfo@siskiyous.edu](mailto:cteinfo@siskiyous.edu).

COS offers a great education in a great location, where students are our number one priority! Students interested in Welding classes should register as soon as possible. Spring semester classes begin January 17. For class registration information, call the Enrollment Services Office at (530) 938-5500. The Weed Campus can also be reached by calling (530) 938-5555 or toll-free, (888) 397-4339. Register in person at the Weed or Yreka campus or register online (anytime) at [www.siskiyous.edu](http://www.siskiyous.edu). Registration fees are due when registering for classes.