

Program Description

This introductory program prepares learners for entry-level positions as apprentice welders in most sectors of the economy including manufacturing, construction, transportation, resource extraction and resource development. Students engage in a variety of classroom and shop activities. In the classroom, they learn theoretical principles of welding. Shop sessions provide the hands-on opportunity to learn processes and master practical welding skills.

Credentials awarded include: advance credit for Levels 1 & 2 of the technical training component of the Welder Apprenticeship and 300 hours credit towards the workplace-based training component of their apprenticeship. After completion of the program, it is recommended students gain another 2,700 hours of hands-on field experience before returning to school for Level 3 technical training.

Intake Date

February 2022

Admission Requirements

- Grade 12 graduation or equivalent
- Placement on the Entry Assessment Test for English at an 0500 level
- Placement on the Entry Assessment Test for Math at an 0500 level

General Requirements

Good vision, unimpaired hearing, respiration and good health in general is recommended

Assessment

To complete an assessment (\$39.90), applicants must get a referral form from the Admissions Office to take to the Library Centre. You can book an assessment at 250-392-8020 or wmain@tru.ca.

Admission of Mature Students

Any applicant at least 19 years of age with a minimum two years out of school lacking requirements for a program or course will be considered for mature student status. Although the grade level requirements will be waived for students classified as mature, individual course prerequisites listed for the program or course being applied for must be met.

Program Cost Estimate

Tuition	\$2,940
Fees	\$754
Books & Supplies	\$1,630
Total Program Cost (approx.)	\$5,324

Supplies

- Students must supply own gloves, jackets, goggles, helmet and safety-toed boots (approx. \$200)
- Tools (approx. \$220)

How to Apply

1. Apply online at tru.ca/williamslake/registration or submit your application via email to wmain@tru.ca or use the paper application form at tru.ca/campus/admissions/apply
2. Pay the \$31.02 application fee Please call or visit the campus to pay your application fee. Your application is not processed until this fee is received
3. Submit official high school transcripts
4. Submit Assessment results

Next Steps

1. You will be contacted within 2 – 3 weeks to confirm we have received your application
2. Once Admissions has reviewed your application and applicable supporting documents, they will notify you about the admission decision
3. Use the checklist in this package to make sure you have included all supporting documents required for the program to which you are applying. *For trades programs, seating is limited and allocated on a first applied/first qualified/first admitted basis to students who have successfully met all program requirements*
4. Once you have been admitted, you will have to pay a commitment fee of \$500 prior to registration in courses

Need Advising?

For assistance in developing an academic plan to meet the Welder Foundation admission requirements, contact our TRU Academic Advising Office, 250-392-8000 or wlmmain@tru.ca.

Support Services

Information regarding various TRU support services, including disability services, services for Aboriginal students, counselling, sponsorship and student housing can be found at tru.ca/williamslake/student-services. For assistance with financial planning and program cost details use the Program Cost Calculator or contact TRU Student Awards and Financial Support at finaid@tru.ca or 250-828-5024 or tru.ca/awards

Re-application

If you were not accepted, or applied but did not attend last year, you must submit a NEW application and contact the Admissions Office to ensure all required documentation is still on file and complete.

Program Application Checklist

Please check off and include the following:

- Application form
- Application fee \$31.02
- Official high school transcripts
- Any post-secondary transcripts
- Successful Assessment

Need Help? Contact Us

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