



Welding Technology Program Application Packet Fall 2026

**Application Open Date:
February 9, 2026**

**Application Close Date:
June 5, 2026**

Packet Includes:

- Program Guide
- Program Information
- Welding Technology Program Application

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Karen Alexander, Director, Student Accessibility and Testing Services 503.399.5276

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Welding Technology Program

An application is required for these limited-enrollment Welding Program options:

WELDING CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

- Three-term certificate designed to be completed in **10 months**
- Current curriculum for this program can be found at: catalog.chemeketa.edu

WELDING FABRICATION AAS DEGREE

- Six-term degree designed to be completed in 21 months
- Follows certificate curriculum for three terms, then adds three terms of advanced courses
- Current curriculum for this program can be found at: catalog.chemeketa.edu

Program Details

- New students are admitted fall term only.
- Programs require full-time attendance.
- Enrollment is limited to 32 students per year.
- Students must have their tools, textbooks, and protective equipment by the start of fall term.

Prerequisite requirements

This program does not have prerequisite requirements for entrance. However, the program curriculum includes general education courses that require prerequisites if you place below MTH052 Introduction to Algebra and Geometry, **and/or** WR088 Introduction to Technical Writing 1. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all prerequisites have been met before applying for program entrance.

You may not submit an application before you have fulfilled all of the required prerequisites.

Required Tools

The first-year *Required Tool List* is provided at the mandatory program orientation.

Drug Testing/Criminal Background Check

This program does not do drug testing or background checks.

Many employers will require pre-employment drug testing and may also do a criminal background check. If a student is unable to pass a drug test or has a felony conviction, opportunities for employment may be limited.

Vision

Welding requires good vision. Minimum acceptable vision requirements to be successful are 20/40 vision and Jaeger eye chart J2 at 12 inches with or without corrective lenses. If corrective lenses are required to reach this minimum, they must be worn during lab sessions.

AWS Testing

Students may take a plate certification test at the end of term three. Students who pass the test receive the appropriate American Welding Society certification.

Welding Technology Program Estimated Costs

Costs are estimated and subject to change without notice. Effective as of winter term 2026. Costs assume all courses are needed for each term, following the program curriculum.

Visit chemeketa.edu/cost-aid/tuition-fees/ for current tuition and fee rates.

Term 1	Amount
Year 1 Tool	\$929
Fees & Textbooks	1,534
Tuition	1,664
Term 2	Amount
Fees & Textbooks	1,458
Tuition	1,872
Term 3	Amount
Fees & Textbooks	1,232
Tuition	1,664
Certification Testing	600
Term 4	Amount
Year 2 Tools	673
Fees & Textbooks	1,095
Tuition	1,560
Term 5	Amount
Fees & Textbooks	1,620
Tuition	1,872
Term 6	Amount
Fees & Textbooks	679
Tuition	1,144
Estimated total	\$19,594

Welding Technology Program • Steps to Apply

1. APPLY TO CHEMEKETA

- If you are not a current student at Chemeketa, apply for admission at: go.chemeketa.edu/apply.**
 - **Apply for admission starting **SUMMER term 2026****
 - *If you are returning to Chemeketa after being gone two years or more you must update your student account. Follow the instructions for RETURNING STUDENT.*
- Complete the new student orientation, placement assessment, and advising requirements.**
 - *These are separate from the Welding Program entrance requirements and must be completed before you will be allowed to register for any classes at Chemeketa.*
- Complete the WorkKeys (NCRC) Exam requirement.**
 - *The WorkKeys Assessment is **separate** from the placement assessment and advising requirements and must be completed **before applying** to the Welding Technology Program.*
 - *Chemeketa's Testing Center on the Salem Campus offers the WorkKeys Assessment by appointment. If you are applying to a Chemeketa program that requires taking the WorkKeys, **the fee is waived one time**. All others are charged a \$40 proctoring fee payable by cash or check. Find more information and study material at: ACTworkkeys-assessments/preparation.org. To schedule an appointment with the testing center call 503.399.6556 or [visit Chemeketa.edu](http://visit.chemeketa.edu).*

2. APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Applying for financial aid is not required but is encouraged. Apply as soon as possible to get the maximum amount available to you. Find financial aid application instructions at: go.chemeketa.edu/financialaid. The deadline to apply for financial aid for fall term is in August. Don't wait to apply!

3. SUBMIT A WELDING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Email your completed application form to appliedtech@chemeketa.edu. Use the subject line: Welding Program application.

Application Deadline

Application must be submitted by **June 5, 2026.**

Applications received after the close date may be considered only if the program has not been filled.

Required Program Orientation

Applicants must attend a program orientation on **June 16** at the Salem Campus in order to enter the program. The orientation will include program and textbook information, policies and procedures, and tool requirements.

Program Communications

All communication from the program will be via email to student *My Chemeketa* e-mail accounts only. Applicants should check their *My Chemeketa* email daily starting **June 1** for program orientation details.

Welding Technology Program • Application Form • Fall 2026

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Name: _____

Student K Number: _____

Chemeketa Email: _____

_____@my.chemeketa.edu

Select the program you are applying for:

- Welding Fabrication AAS Degree
- Welding Certificate of Completion

List your Work Keys Scores:

Applied Math _____

Workplace Documents _____

Graphic Literacy _____

Check each box to agree with the statement:

- I have read the program application guide.
- I am a current Chemeketa student and can register for classes summer term 2026.
- I have verified that I can access my student My Chemeketa email account.
- I understand that I am required to attend the welding program orientation in order to enter the program.
- I understand that I am required to have my tools, textbooks, and equipment by the start of fall term.
- I meet the minimum acceptable vision requirements with or without corrective lenses.

Full Name: _____

Date: _____

Email completed form to: appliedtech@chemeketa.edu