



National Center for Welding Education and Training



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WELD-ED ANNOUNCES 2018 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Five-day Summer workshops equip welding educators with the latest in training techniques, technology and best practices.

LORAIN, OHIO (February 6, 2018) -- The National Center for Welding Education and Training (**Weld-Ed**) located at Lorain County Community College in Ohio, has announced its 2018 professional development workshop series, which includes seven state-of-the-art training modules designed exclusively for welding educators and industrial trainers.

The hands-on, instructional workshops offer welding educators a broad selection of affordable, interactive training conducted throughout the Summer at teaching facilities located around the U.S.

The seven workshop modules encompass virtually every aspect of the welding profession, including:

- Welding Metallurgy (two workshops offered)
- Joining and Cutting Processes (two workshops offered)
- Design, Assembly and Robotic Welding
- Welding Codes, Specifications and Safety
- Instructional Design and Teaching Strategies
- Non-Destructive Testing (NDT)
- Advanced Welding and Allied Processes

Each workshop encompasses five days of comprehensive training (Monday through Friday). Workshop participants earn four Continuing Education Units and 40 Professional Development Hours. Detailed descriptions, locations and easy registration for the professional development workshops can be found at www.bit.ly/WeldEd2018.

Weld-Ed Affiliates Save \$500 on Registration

Free Affiliate Membership at www.Weld-Ed.org

The regular cost of each workshop is \$999, but Weld-Ed is offering its "Educational Affiliates" a \$500 discount towards registration. Welding educators and instructors can become an Educational Affiliate by visiting www.Weld-Ed.org and completing a no-cost Affiliate membership application.

All workshop participants receive a complete set of classroom-ready training materials (print and electronic formats) and Weld-Ed merchandise. Lunch is provided at the training site each day and Weld-Ed will host a group dinner during the week-long session. Participants are responsible for travel, lodging and all other meals.

Class Size Limited to 20 Participants

Each Weld-Ed professional development workshop is limited to a maximum of 20 participants per location, and early registration is highly recommended to guarantee a spot, according to Weld-Ed sources.

The workshops utilize state-of-the-art technology, techniques and training methods to ensure welding educators are fully updated on the latest developments, trends, equipment and methods used in today's ever-expanding welding field.

The courses are specifically designed for welding educators seeking professional development as instructors in secondary and post-secondary welding programs. The qualification and certification standards for entry level welders and welding technicians, as established by the American Welding Society, will be covered in all seven modules.

"This year's professional development workshop series helps to fulfill Weld-Ed's goal of equipping educators with the skills and knowledge they need to greatly impact student learning," said Weld-Ed Interim Director, Michael Fox. "Our objective is to offer a cutting-edge learning environment facilitated by highly experienced instructors who provide welding educators with the tools to positively affect their students' ability to learn and succeed in this increasingly complex and rewarding field."

Past participants in Weld-Ed's professional development workshops have expressed overwhelming approval of the training, saying it increased their knowledge and preparedness to teach concepts to their students, and improved their conceptual understanding of the various topics discussed.

Most notable was the ability to take part in hands-on lab training, which helped to boost participants' confidence in using new tools and techniques, while motivating them to implement additional strategies in their own classrooms, according to post-workshop educator surveys.

Registration is currently open for Weld-Ed's professional development workshops. To register, visit www.bit.ly/WeldEd2018. Weld-Ed accepts all major credit cards when registering for the workshops.

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Weld-Ed Professional Development Workshop Participants Can Win a Lincoln Electric MIG Welder for Their School

Register by April 1st to be eligible to win.

Registrants for any of Weld-Ed's 2018 professional development workshops are eligible to win a MIG Welder for their school. The welders have been donated by Lincoln Electric, a leading industry affiliate and ardent supporter of Weld-Ed.

The Lincoln Electric MIG Welder features superior arc performance, forgiving arc and simple tapped voltage control to make dialing in the application easy.

To be eligible to win, participants must register for a 2018 Weld-Ed professional development workshop course before April 1, 2018 and attend the workshop. The prize drawings will be conducted at each workshop.

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About The National Center for Welding Education and Training (Weld-Ed)

Founded in 2007 through a \$5 million grant from the National Science Foundation, the National Center for Welding Education and Training (Weld-Ed) is a national partnership between the welding and materials joining industry and the nation's community and technical colleges and universities that is dedicated to expanding the role and pipeline of welding technicians in the industry. Weld-Ed brings together the American Welding Society (AWS), industry partners such as Lockheed Martin and Lincoln Electric, 140 business and industry affiliates, more than 80 educational affiliates, and ten Regional Center Partners from its Center, located at Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio.

The Center activities enable other community and technical colleges in the U.S. to partner with their local K-12 school districts, adult education and institutions of higher education to expand welding technician education in their area. Many of those same institutions -- as well as two-year colleges that are currently offering welding technician education -- are able to add welding specializations that better meet the needs of their regional welding employers. The project enhances and expands professional development opportunities for welding educators by developing a national welding education certificate program and a master welding educator certificate that can be offered by current and future Weld-Ed partners throughout the United States.

For more information, visit www.Weld-Ed.org or call (866) 529-9353.