



National Center for Welding Education and Training



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WELD-ED OFFERS SUMMER WORKSHOPS FOR WELDING EDUCATORS

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

ELYRIA, OHIO (March 3, 2021) -- The National Center for Welding Education and Training (**Weld-Ed**) has announced its 2021 professional development workshop series, which features seven state-of-the-art training modules designed exclusively for welding educators and industrial trainers.

The hands-on instructional workshops offer participants a broad selection of affordable interactive training conducted this Summer at teaching facilities located across the U.S.

The curriculum-focused workshops encompass virtually every aspect of today's ever-evolving welding profession, including:

- Welding Metallurgy
- Joining and Cutting Processes
- Design, Assembly and Robotics
- Welding Codes, Specifications and Safety Inspection
- Instructional Design and Teaching Strategies
- Non-Destructive Testing (NDT)
- Additional 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 (with the exception of the three-day NDT workshop, which offers 2.5 CEU's and 30 PDH). Detailed descriptions, training locations and registration links for each workshop can be found at <https://bit.ly/welded2021> .

Weld-Ed Affiliates Save 90% on Registration

Free Affiliate Membership at www.Weld-Ed.org

The affiliate cost of each workshop is just \$99 and includes a complete set of downloadable, classroom-ready training materials and Weld-Ed merchandise. Lunch will be served at the training site each day, and lodging will be provided for non-local attendees. Participants are responsible for travel and all other meals.

The affiliate rate represents a 90% discount off the standard workshop cost of \$999 for non-affiliate and general admission participants. Any welding educator or instructor can become an Educational Affiliate for free by visiting www.Weld-Ed.org and completing an Affiliate membership application.

Class Size Limited to 14 Participants

Each Weld-Ed professional development workshop is limited to a maximum of 14 participants per location to comply with social distancing safety guidelines at each facility, and early registration is highly recommended to guarantee a spot, according to Weld-Ed sources.

(Because of the unpredictability of the COVID-19 pandemic, in the event that a workshop is postponed or canceled, all participants will be notified one month prior to the session and a full refund of the registration fee will be issued.)

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 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 enhance 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 <https://bit.ly/welded2021> . Weld-Ed accepts all major credit cards for the workshops.

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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. The partnership 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, Miller, and Lincoln Electric, more than 400 business, industry and educational affiliates, and ten Regional Center Partners from its Center, located at Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio.

The Center's 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.