



# Cuyahoga Community College

## Industry Partnership and Accelerated Training Drive Success

**Accelerated training and strong industry partnership has led to student success at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C).** Tri-C has replicated a successful model of creating credit bearing, stackable certificates of training awards in alignment with the American Welding Society National Certifications. Each student can achieve two stackable short term certificates while earning a 1-year certificate of proficiency. This totals 31 credit hours and three credit-based awards toward an Associates degree in Integrated Systems Engineering Technology with an emphasis on Welding. The curriculum and hands on training is designed to prepare the student to take the national welding certification tests in accordance to American Welding Society standards and regulations.

Great Lakes Towing, Hosemasters, Ohio Grating, Anchor Manufacturing, Engineered Endeavors and Cargill have hired Tri-C's Ohio TechNet participants.

### Great Lakes Towing supported Tri-C's Welding program by hiring three students:

Raven was earning \$10/hour working in unskilled labor before enrolling at Tri-C. He excelled at welding, earning three American Welding Society (AWS) certifications during a ten-week training program and landed an internship at Great Lakes Towing. After starting the internship, Raven was hired on full-time with a pay raise, earning \$17/hour. "The entire experience has changed my life one hundred times over and I can finally say I have a career that will take me all over the world."

Before starting welding classes at Cuyahoga Community College, Don was employed full-time, but wanted to find a new career. Finding the schedule convenient and tuition affordable, he quickly signed up for the Fast Track Welding Bootcamp, earning four welding certifications and landing an internship with Great Lakes Towing that later turned into a full-time job.

Similarly, Darwin was feeling there was no way for him to advance within his current job. After completing the Fast Track Welding Bootcamp program and earning four welding certifications along the way, he was hired on for an internship at Great Lakes Towing. The internship opened the door for a full-time opportunity with this employer.

### About Us

Ohio TechNet is a statewide consortium of 11 Ohio community colleges, 290+ employers, and workforce partners that work to address the skills gap by developing targeted manufacturing training programs for transitioning adults.

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