

Careers in Welding

Career Options:

Pipefitter/Welder: Works on heating systems, air conditioning systems and other specialized piping by measuring, cutting, shaping, fabricating, threading, soldering, or welding pipes.

Production Line Welder: Welds metal parts on a production line.

Welding Fabricator: Prepare, fit and weld components to blueprint specifications.

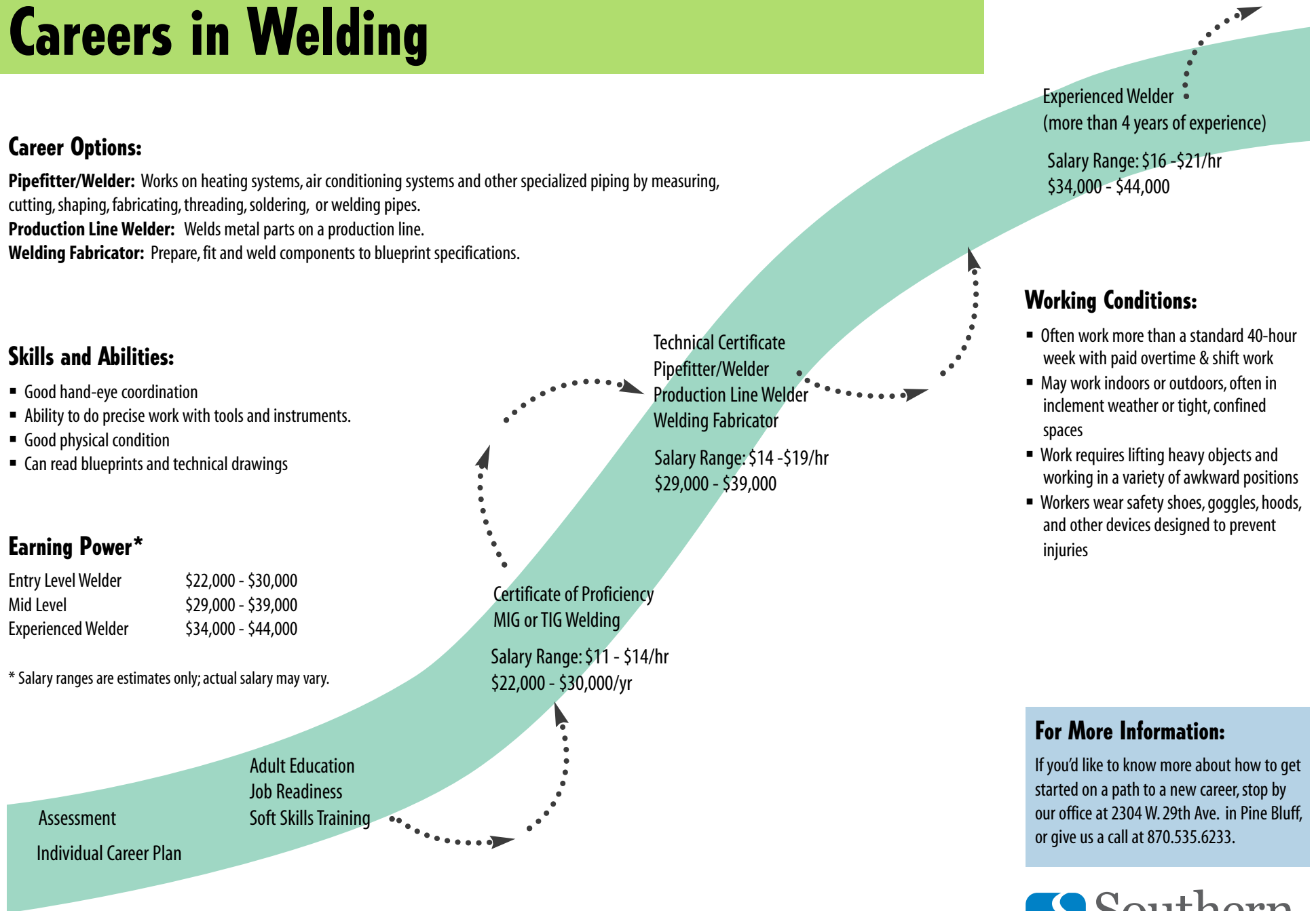
Skills and Abilities:

- Good hand-eye coordination
- Ability to do precise work with tools and instruments.
- Good physical condition
- Can read blueprints and technical drawings

Earning Power*

Entry Level Welder	\$22,000 - \$30,000
Mid Level	\$29,000 - \$39,000
Experienced Welder	\$34,000 - \$44,000

* Salary ranges are estimates only; actual salary may vary.



Working Conditions:

- Often work more than a standard 40-hour week with paid overtime & shift work
- May work indoors or outdoors, often in inclement weather or tight, confined spaces
- Work requires lifting heavy objects and working in a variety of awkward positions
- Workers wear safety shoes, goggles, hoods, and other devices designed to prevent injuries

For More Information:

If you'd like to know more about how to get started on a path to a new career, stop by our office at 2304 W. 29th Ave. in Pine Bluff, or give us a call at 870.535.6233.

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Before You Begin:

Assessment

Assessment of financial aid and support services needs, career interests and aptitudes assessment, and an academic skill assessment.

Individual Career Plan

Develop an Individual Career Plan that serves as a road map with short and long-term goals and taking you from choosing a career to becoming employed to reaching your short and long-term career goals.

Basic & Workplace Education

Some students may need to work on their basic and workplace education skills before starting a job or entering college.

A student's Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) score is used to determine the need for GED certification, Adult Education, Basic Skill Training, and WAGE certification.

Portfolio Credit*

Get a jump start on your education by turning your life and work experience into college credit. Students can earn up to 15 credits for technical courses identified with an (*) for education and learning acquired outside the classroom.

The Career Options	The Money You Can Earn	The Training You'll Need
<p>The Career Pipefitter Welder</p>	<p>The Money \$11 to \$14 an hour \$1,800 to \$2,500 per month \$22,000 - \$30,000 per year</p>	<p>The Training Earn a high school diploma Take courses in: Basic Welding TIG Welding MIG Welding</p>
<p>The Career Pipefitter/Welder Production Line Welder Welding Fabricator</p>	<p>The Money \$14 to \$19 an hour \$2,400 to \$3,200 per month \$29,000 - \$39,000 per year</p>	<p>The Training Earn a Technical Certificate Take courses in: Basic English Elementary Algebra Basic Welding* ARC Welding* TIG Welding* MIG Welding* Pipe Metal Layout</p>
<p>The Career Pipefitter/Welder Production Line Welder Welding Fabricator</p>	<p>The Money \$16 to \$21 an hour \$2,800 to \$3,600 per month \$34,000 - \$44,000 per year</p>	<p>The Training Earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree Take courses in: English Composition College Algebra Intro to Computers Intro to Quality Management</p>