

Universal Technical Institute to launch Welding Technology program at Dallas-Ft. Worth campus

Program addresses growing demand for skilled welders; classes begin in January 2019

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Dec. 12, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Universal Technical Institute (UTI) is pleased to announce the expansion of its Welding Technology Training program to the UTI-DFW campus. Designed in partnership with Lincoln Electric, a global welding leader, the 36-week course prepares students to work in the transportation, construction, structural, pipe and fabrication industries. Classes begin in January 2019.

"We are thrilled to be the third UTI campus to welcome this outstanding program," said Jesus Miranda, UTI-DFW campus president. "The opportunities for skilled welders are abundant – and employers are ready and willing to pay for them. The expansion of this state-of-the industry program will enable us to better meet the needs of employers while providing yet another avenue for students seeking a rewarding, well-paying career."

The addition of welding at UTI-Dallas-Ft. Worth follows successful UTI welding program launches in Rancho Cucamonga (Los Angeles, CA) and Avondale (Phoenix, AZ) in 2017 and 2018. Classes at both campuses opened with strong student demand for the training and industry demand for graduates.

Welders are increasingly sought in industries ranging from automotive fabrication and motorsports to aerospace, energy and virtually every kind of manufacturing. By 2026, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects there will be more than 458,000 job openings for welders. Welders are particularly in demand for major infrastructure projects that keep our nation moving: vehicles, bridges, highways, office buildings, schools, pipelines, power plants, refineries, spacecraft and more.

"Lincoln Electric has a century-long commitment to educating welders," said Jason Scales, Business Manager-Education, Lincoln Electric. "With the critical shortage of welders today, we accelerated our efforts to provide educators at every level with skills and knowledge that employers demand. We are excited to expand our products, services and expertise to help the UTI team develop an outstanding welding education program."

The UTI Welding Technology curriculum was developed in collaboration with Lincoln Electric and prepares students for certification via the American Welding Society. The program is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) and complements UTI's core automotive, diesel, motorcycle, marine and collision repair programs across the nation.

About Universal Technical Institute, Inc.:

With more than 200,000 graduates in its 53-year history, Universal Technical Institute, Inc. (NYSE: UTI) is the nation's leading provider of technical training for automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians, and offers welding technology and computer numerical control (CNC) machining programs. The company has built partnerships with industry leaders, outfits its state-of-the industry facilities with current technology, and delivers training that is aligned with employer needs. Through its network of 13 campuses nationwide, UTI offers post-secondary programs under the banner of several well-known brands, including Universal Technical Institute (UTI), Motorcycle Mechanics Institute and Marine Mechanics Institute (MMI) and NASCAR Technical Institute (NASCAR Tech). The company is headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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About Lincoln Electric:

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