



**Prison Education Initiative Statewide Articulation Agreement
Between
The Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology
and
The Tennessee Department of Corrections
For the Period of Spring 2020 through Spring 2023
For the Welding Technology program**

The Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology hereinafter referred to as the "TCATs" and the Tennessee Department of Correction hereinafter referred to as the "TDOC" have entered into a statewide partnership which promotes student transfer and program articulation. The partnership is for the purpose of providing eligible justice involved re-entry students the opportunity to receive clock hour credit upon successful completion of a qualified program at a TDOC facility as further defined below.

OVERVIEW

In accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), and the procedures established by the individual TCATs, identified in Attachment B, the parties hereby enter into this Agreement to provide the eligible prison transition students the opportunity to receive clock hour credit upon successful completion of a qualified program at a TDOC facility as outlined in "APPENDIX A."

The TCATs determine awarded credits based upon the completed coursework

1. TDOC will indicate on {student training record} the specific coursework completed, and certifications taken and passed (if known).
2. When evaluating student training record, the TCAT will award clock hour credit based on coursework identified in "APPENDIX A."
3. In addition, TCATs may also evaluate {student training record} on a course-by-course basis.
4. Students must meet the standards and follow the procedures of the individual TCAT student handbook and curriculum for the year they enrolled in the articulated course/program or follow the current year TCAT student handbook and curriculum.
5. This agreement will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the duly authorized signatories thereof.
6. The TCAT shall:
 - a. Designate a responsible party to provide oversight of details and disseminate general program information to students.
 - b. Determine course(s) to award clock hour credit based upon recommendation of content faculty.
 - c. Agree to review every three years the certifications/courses and/or Student Learning Outcomes for which clock hour credit will be awarded.
7. This agreement will commence the trimester following the signing thereof.



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APPENDIX A

Awarding of clock hours credit into the TCAT Welding Technology program

TCAT Course Title	Clock Hours	TDOC Course Title
WEL 1020- Shop Orientation & Safety WEL 1030- Cutting Processes WEL 1040- Basic Shielded Metal Arc Weld WEL 1050- Basic Gas Metal Arc Welding	396	NCCER Welding Level 1 Curriculum 2015 NCCER - Core Curriculum
WEL 2010- Blue Print Theory WEL 2020- Basic Gas Tungsten Arc Welding WEL 2030- Advanced Shielded Metal Arc Welding WEL 2040- Advanced Gas Metal Arc Welding	426	NCCER Welding Level 2
WEL 3010- Blue print reading WEL 3020- Advanced Gas Tungsten Pipe Weld	430	NCCER Welding Level 3
*Total clock hours credit hours available earn	1,252	

* A programmatic proctored assessment or skills demonstration exam may be administered by the TCAT to prove student's proficiency level.

Transfer Credit/Prior Learning Credit-Students desiring credit for prior learning must completed a *Previous Training/Experience Form* at the College. Students who receive credit for hours completed for previous education (other institutions, life experience, work credit, dual enrollment, etc.) will have their program length reduced. A student that receives transfer credit will have a maximum timeframe calculated based on the reduced program length.

Applicable TBR Policy: [Articulation and Transfer : 2.00.01.06](#)

APPENDIX B

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

Tennessee Board of Regents System Office and Colleges:

**Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Athens
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Chattanooga
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Covington
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Crossville
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Crump
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Dickson
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Elizabethton
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Harriman
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Hartsville
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Hohenwald
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Jacksboro
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Jackson
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Knoxville
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Livingston
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -McKenzie
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -McMinnville
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Memphis
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Morristown
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Murfreesboro
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Nashville
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Newbern
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Oneida/Huntsville
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Paris
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Pulaski
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Shelbyville
Tennessee College of Applied Technology -Whiteville**