



# WELDING CRAFT TRAINING PROGRAM

**Central Virginia**

**2026-2027**

ABC Virginia (ABC-VA) is an industry leader in apprenticeship and craft training programs. Companies that invest in employee development through apprenticeship programs attract a quality workforce of loyal and highly skilled employees, while closing the skilled workforce gap.

## **ABC-VA APPRENTICESHIP**

ABC-Virginia has a long history of providing high quality, student-centered learning with an emphasis on hands-on training. Our goal is to give individuals the opportunity to learn a trade, become skilled crafts professionals, earn a good living, and build Virginia.

Through our educational affiliate, National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), we use Contren, a competency-based, task-driven, and nationally recognized curriculum. ABC-VA instructors are required to complete a formal certification in order to ensure consistent delivery of the curriculum.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- 18 years of age or older
- Employed in the welding field
- Physically able to perform work in the welding trade
- Must be able to read and write in English
- High school diploma or GED equivalent

## **RELATED TRAINING**

By providing employers with the Advisory Apprenticeship Program Standards, ABC-VA delivers the related classroom training component of apprenticeship.

# **COURSE CONTENT**

## **LEVEL ONE**

- Welding Safety
- Oxyfuel Cutting
- Base Metal Preparation
- Weld Quality
- SMAW - Equipment and Setup
- SMAW - Electrodes
- SMAW - Beads and Fillet Welds
- Joint Fit-Up and Alignment
- SMAW - Open-Root Groove Welds - Plate
- CPR, AED & First Aid Certification

# 2026-2027 CRAFT TRAINING SCHEDULE

The term of the Welding Craft Training Program consists of two years or 4,000 hours (approximately 2,000 hours per year) of on-the-job training (OJT), and two years or 300 hours (approximately 150 hours per year) of related classroom instruction. OJT is administered by the student's employer. Related classroom instruction is administered by ABC-VA.

## DAYTIME CLASSES

**7:00AM - 4:00PM**

ABC-VA Central Virginia Training Facility  
1600 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228

Level I will be offered every other Friday beginning August 21, 2026.

## CALENDAR

A comprehensive calendar will be provided to all employers and students.

# 2026-2027 TUITION

Tuition is due at time of enrollment. Apprentices employed by ABC-VA members receive a discount. Tuition includes lab, materials and administrative fees. Tuition must be paid in full for apprentices to be considered enrolled.

**ABC-VA MEMBER** \$TBD

**NON-MEMBER** \$TBD

## DEADLINES

Enrollments received after August 3, 2026, will incur a late fee of \$50. Classes are closed to new enrollment after August 21, 2026. There are absolutely no refunds after September 1, 2026.



# 2026-2027 WELDING APPLICATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORING EMPLOYER:** ☐ ABC-VA Member Firm ☐ Non-Member Firm

Employer Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS LEVEL:** ☐ Level I

## LOCATION & TIME

ABC-VA Central Virginia Training Facility, 1600 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228

7:00AM - 4:00PM

## TUITION

ABC-VA Member: \$TBD

Non-Member: \$TBD

## REGISTRATION

An application must be completed for each individual apprentice. Tuition must be paid in full by August 3, 2026. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant or Applicant's Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

IN-PERSON: Visit us during office hours, Monday through Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM

EMAIL: Sherrie Dickerson / [sherrie@abcva.org](mailto:sherrie@abcva.org)

MAIL: ABC-VA Central Virginia Training Facility, 1600 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228

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## PAYMENT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

3% CC Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVC #: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_