

Non-Credit Training Agreement

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Both the College and the school district agree that all course policies and practices are under the jurisdiction of the College. In consideration of this agreement, the parties agree to the following:

1. Student Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for enrollment the high school student must

- Attend a mandatory information session for parents/guardians/responsible adults and students.
- Meet all CTE-CE registration requirements, as well as other requirements that may be imposed by the school district.
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2. Eligible Courses

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The College will provide instruction and all course materials for the following NCCER courses:

First Year Students

- **Core Curriculum: Introductory Craft Skills**
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- **Plumbing, Level 1**
This course provides an introduction to the plumbing trade. Topic include introduction to the plumbing profession, safety and tools, introduction to plumbing math and drawings, plastic and copper pipe and fittings, cast iron and carbon steel pipe and fittings, introduction to fixtures and faucets, DWV systems, and water distribution systems.

Second Year Students

- **Plumbing, Level 2**

This course provides an intermediate study of the Plumbing trade, plumbing math two; reading commercial drawings, structural penetrations, insulation, and fire stopping, installing, and testing DWV piping, installing roof, floor, and area drains. Installing and testing water supply piping, types of valves, installing fixtures and valves, installing water heaters, basic electricity and fuel gas and fuel oil systems.

3. Instructor Qualifications

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4. Location, Size, and Student Composition of Classes

Courses will be conducted at VC Gonzales Center, which will provide a classroom and lab space for hands-on training. This space must follow NCCER guidelines and be inspected and approved prior to training. College instructors will access the classroom and lab.

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6. Schedule

Classes will follow the regular school calendar year. First-year students will meet during the third and fourth period block schedule. Second-year students will meet during the first and second period block schedule.

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8. Fees and Funding Provisions

a.

First Year Students (Core/Plumbing Level 1)

Textbooks	\$ 150
Online Testing Fees	\$ 20
Tool Kits	\$ 130
1 st Yr. Projects Supplies (Plumbing)	<u>\$ 200</u>

First Year Student (Core/Plumbing 1) (Cost Per student) \$500 per student

Minimum cost is for two students (\$500 x 2 students = \$1000)

Cost for Core/Plumbing 1 is (\$1000 + \$500 x each additional Plumbing 1 student)

Second Year Students (Plumbing Level 2)

Textbooks	\$ 100
Online Testing Fees	\$ 20
Tool Kits	\$ 30
2nd Yr. Projects Supplies (Plumbing)	<u>\$ 200</u>

Second Year Student (Plumbing 2) (Cost Per student) \$350 per student

Minimum cost is for two students (\$350 x 2 students = \$700)

Cost for Plumbing 2 is (\$700 + \$350 x each additional Plumbing 2 student)

- b. Gonzales School District is responsible for additional fees related to the College delivering instruction for Gonzales High School.

Instructor Costs (Core / Plumbing Level 1)	\$11,550
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- **Welding, Level 1**
This course provides an introductory study of basic welding processes. Course topics include: Welding Safety, Oxyfuel Cutting, Plasma Arc Cutting, Air Carbon Arc Cutting and Gouging, Base Metal Preparation, Welding Quality, SMAW – Equipment and Safety, Shielded Metal Arc Electrodes, SMAW – Beads and Fillet Welds, Joint Fit-Up and Alignment, SMAW – Groove Welds and Backing and SMAW – Open V-Groove Welds.

Second Year Students

- **Welding, Level 2/3 Combo**

This course is an intermediate study of welding where students will perform air carbon arc cutting and gouging activities: explain plasma arc cutting equipment and safe work area: demonstrate setup and use GMAW, FCAW and GTAW equipment: reading detail drawings: welding symbols: stainless steel groove and pipe welds: air carbon arc cutting: Plasma Arc Cutting, GMAW, FCAW, GTAW welding: SMAW open root pipe welds, GMAW – pipe, FCAW – pipe, GTAW – carbon steel pipe, GTAW – low alloy and stainless steel pipe and SMAW – stainless steel groove welds.

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8. **Fees and Funding Provisions**

a.

First Year Students (Core/Welding Level 1)

Textbooks	\$ 145
Online Testing Fees	\$ 20
Tool Kits	\$ 165
1 st Yr. Projects Supplies (Welding)	<u>\$ 950</u>

First Year Student (Core/Welding 1) (Cost Per student) \$1280 per student
Minimum cost is for six students (\$1280 x 6 students = \$7680)

Cost for Core/Welding1 is (\$7680 + \$1280 x each additional Welding 1 student)

Second Year Students (Welding Level 2/3)

Textbooks	\$ 210
Online Testing Fees	\$ 20
Tool Kits	\$ 60
2nd Yr. Projects Supplies (Welding)	<u>\$1 050</u>

2nd Year Student (Welding 2/3) (Cost Per student) \$1340 per student
Minimum cost is for two students (\$1340 x 2 students = \$2680)

Cost for Welding 2/3 is (\$2680 + \$1340 x each additional Welding 2/3 student)

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Instructor Costs (Core / Welding Level 1) (1st & 2nd period)	\$11,690
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- **Electrical, Level 1**
This course provides an introduction to the electrical trade. Topics include introduction to electrical circuits, theory, and safety; introduction to the National Electrical Code®; conductors and cable, device boxes; hand bending; and residential electrical services.

Second Year Students

- **Electrical, Level 2**

This course is a study in alternating current; motors theory and application; circuit breakers and fuses; conductor installations; terminations and splices; conduit bending; grounding and bonding; pull and junction boxes.

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Textbooks	\$ 230
Online Testing Fees	\$ 20
Tool Kits	\$ 150
1 st Yr. Projects Supplies (Electrical)	<u>\$ 200</u>

First Year Student (Core/Electrical 1) (Cost Per student) \$600 per student

Minimum cost is for two students (\$600 x 2 students = \$1200)

Cost for Core/Electrical 1 is (\$1200 + \$600 x each additional Electrical 1 student)

Second Year Students (Electrical Level 2)

Textbooks	\$ 105
Online Testing Fees	\$ 20
2nd Yr. Projects Supplies (Electrical)	<u>\$ 250</u>

2nd Year Student (Electrical 2) (Cost Per student) \$375 per student

Minimum cost is for two students (\$375 x 2 students = \$750)

Cost for Electrical 2 is (\$750 + \$375 x each additional Electrical 2 student)

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Instructor Costs (Core / Electrical Level 1) (5th & 6th period)	\$11,550
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