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Harvey Couch Business Park
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SAU Tech Welding Academy
103 Business Park Drive
Magnolia, AR 71753

More information on SAU Tech’s Welding Academy can be found at the address below.
www.sautech.edu/academics/welding

2017-2018 Academic Year
Welding Academy Test Dates

Saturday, January 13, 2018
Saturday, February 10, 2018
Saturday, March 10, 2018
Saturday, April 14, 2018

All tests start at 10:00 am at the Welding Academy location in Magnolia. Other times for testing can be arranged, if needed, by calling 870.390.0353 or 870.390.0740. Please bring gloves, welding jacket, hood and cap if possible.

Sign-up online for a test date!
https://sautech.formstack.com/forms/welding
Southern Arkansas University Tech Welding Academy

The Southern Arkansas University Tech Welding Academy is located in Magnolia, Arkansas in the Harvey Couch Business Park on Arkansas Highway 82. The Academy is a welding finishing school for people who already possess basic welding skills.

The demand for highly trained certified welders is ongoing in Arkansas, across the nation and overseas. Welders work on everything from assembling ships to welding underwater construction projects. The future for certified welders remains positive as welders are needed in a wide variety of industries and services. The SAU Tech Welding Academy offers day and night classes.

Day Classes 8:00 am to 2:00 pm (Mon. - Thur.)
Night Classes 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Mon. - Thur.)
(2 sections of Night Classes available.)

Running both day and night classes, the Welding Academy is expanding to serve 45 students. Applicants are ranked according to entrance testing results, interview and references.

The SAU Tech Welding Academy has an agreement with SAU in Magnolia for housing students who need a place to live while attending the Academy. SAU Tech also has housing available in Camden for students. The Academy starts each fall semester and students finish in May of the following year completing a nine-month program.

After graduating from the Welding Academy, you can further your education by earning the Welding Process Specialist degree. The Welding Process Specialist degree leads to the B.S. Welding Engineering Technologist degree from SAU.

Costs
The prices listed below are based on 2017-18 costs for the Academy. Housing, tuition and fee costs at SAU Tech and SAU are subject to change.

Fall: $6,795
Spring: $6,750
(Includes tuition, fees, books & supplies)

Housing
SAU Tech Housing Options (East Camden, AR)
On-Campus/Double Occupancy/No Meal Plan $1,200-$1,400* (per semester)
Off-Campus/Double Occupancy/No Meal Plan $1,400* (per semester)

OR
SAU Residential Hall Housing (Magnolia, AR)
Double Occupancy/Unlimited Meal Plan $2,355* (per semester)

SAU Housing Contact: Lillie Wright 870.235.4047
*Estimated prices are subject to change.

Paying for the Academy
To cover the cost of the Academy most students use a combination of scholarships, federal aid, student loans and payment plans. The best place to start to obtain help and information is SAU Tech's Financial Aid office. The investment you make in your future will more than pay for itself with your very first welding job! The college offers a 5 month payment per semester plan for you as well. Call 870.574.4511 for more information.

Steps to Enrolling
1. Complete the SAU Tech admissions application online at www.sautech.edu and provide the college all the documents that are required for admission. (Shot records, high school transcripts or GED, college transcripts. If you have not taken a placement test in the past 5 years, we offer the ACCUPLACER test every Tuesday at 9:00 am and 2:00 pm for $10. Call 870.574.4558 for more information.

2. After you start the admissions process, call 870.390.0353 or 870.390.0740 to schedule to take the Welding Academy no-fee entrance exam which includes a hands-on welding and written safety test. The exam dates are on the back of this brochure along with an online testing scheduling option. Applicants are notified by the third week in April of their acceptance or non-acceptance into the Academy.

3. Contact the SAU Tech Financial Aid Office to begin the process of applying for funding for the Academy. For assistance come to the main SAU Tech campus in Camden or call 870.574.4511. Payment or payment plans must be made by the last working day of June each year.

4. After completing the admission applications and applying for financial aid, it is time to apply for student housing. (See contact info on back of brochure.) To use your federal financial aid (Pell) to pay for housing at SAU, you must contact Lisa Holland at SAU Tech to start the process. 870.574.4503

Entry Test Information
Welding hood and gloves are provided at the test site. Applicants should come dressed for hands-on welding.

1. Applicants will perform the following:
   • A 3 G bevel weld on a steel plate
   • A root pass with 6010 or 6011 electrode may be run uphill or downhill
   • A cap with 7018 electrode run uphill.

2. Applicants will take a short written test about welding knowledge and safety.

3. Applicants will be interviewed by the Academy instructor.

4. Applicants must provide two names and contact numbers of references along at the time of the exam.

Gainful Employment Disclosure
http://www.sautech.edu/docs/gainful
Employment/Welding/Gedt.html

Southern Arkansas University Tech is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission.