

**SERIOUS TRAINING  
FOR SERIOUS WELDERS**



**READY ARC**  
**TRAINING AND TESTING**

**6-Month Welding Program**

**READYARC.CA**





# Ignite Your Spark

## Why Welding?

### Welding is both a skill and an artform.

You get to build something you can be proud of with your own two hands. You can travel if you want, or stay close to home. Welding jobs are EVERYWHERE, and there are endless career options in almost every industry.

### Will I like welding?

For starters, ask yourself: Do I enjoy...

- Working with my hands?
- Creating and building things?
- Solving problems?
- Being active?
- Working with people?

### What are my career options?

Opportunities in the welding trade are broad, and vary widely depending on the employer and the projects going on at any given time. Three main areas of focus include:

#### Custom Fabrication

Working from blueprints on projects that are usually deadline-driven.

#### Manufacturing

Usually working on an assembly line creating multiple pieces at once, or creating smaller parts for a larger piece.

#### Infrastructure

Working on single and very large projects for long time periods before moving on to the next one.



### Welders work...

- As boilermakers
- As pipefitters
- As iron workers
- In shipbuilding
- In oilfields & pipelines

### How much will I make?

As with most careers, wages vary depending on location, industry, experience, education and certification level. It takes time, effort and dedication to make your mark.

Most apprentices start out around \$16 to \$20 per hour. On the high side, we've seen Red Seal Journeymen make up to six figures a year.

"One of the great things about the welding trade and all the career paths that it brings is that welding is really everywhere. Welding appears in everything from the cars we drive, to ships, to aircrafts, to infrastructure, to consumer goods – and everything in between."

Craig Martin, VP Public Safety, Canadian Welding Bureau



# Why Train Here?

Ready Arc is The Real Deal



Ready Arc Training and Testing is New Brunswick's only recognized private welding school. We offer superior training that gets you into, or back to, the workforce sooner - and better prepared for the job.

Certified top-notch instructors and state-of-the-art facilities combine to provide the best hands-on program you'll find. If you're serious about connecting to a career in welding, we're the ones get you there.

## SPECIALIZED

Welding is what we do. We train welders - not hairstylists, plumbers, paralegals or bookkeepers.

Our focus is - and always will be - on providing the very best training for a successful career in welding. Our facilities, technology and curriculum reflect this.

## EXPERIENCED

With over 120 years of combined experience, Ready Arc instructors are certified, real-world welding experts.

They are passionate about our trade and equipped with the knowledge and best practices our students need for a successful welding career, hands-on and in the classroom.

## INDUSTRY-INVOLVED

Our curriculum is built to fit current industry needs, which means that you will graduate ready for today's workforce.

We work closely with industry and employers to tailor our programs and graduate work-ready welders.

## RECOGNIZED

We're the real deal: A registered occupational training organization, recognized by the Department of Post Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

This also means our students can be eligible for Canada Student Loans and government funding.

## CUSTOMIZED

Our students are individuals - not numbers. They have unique needs and different skill levels.

Ready Arc even rewards early program completion with the opportunity to challenge additional tickets or learn even more welding techniques.



# Meet the Experts

## Experience Makes the Difference



With over 120 years of combined teaching and real-world experience, the faculty and staff at Ready Arc are what truly set us apart. A passion for excellence drives this team, who dedicate their lives to equipping every student with the tools they need for a long and successful career in welding.

### STEVE BORDA • General Manager



Steve oversees the day to day operations here at Ready Arc. His extensive resume boasts over 30 years of experience in welding and fabrication, and many years spent instructing, training and supervising in a variety of areas including welding, mining and construction. Steve also holds numerous safety certifications that contribute to the success of our students. Steve is Red Seal Certified, an F4 Qualified Welder and a CWB Level 1 Weld Inspector (CSA178.2) with a B31.3 endorsement.

### ALAN MASON “BUTCH” • Shop Instructor



Butch is our primary shop instructor. He oversees all of the practical training of our pre-employment students as well as all journeymen training. Butch is a highly skilled welder with knowledge in virtually every welding process. His mild and patient manner and over 40 years of experience as a welder, ironworker and welding instructor makes him the perfect fit for the Ready Arc team.

### DONALD CURRIE “DON” • Classroom Instructor



Don's enthusiastic teaching style keeps Ready Arc students engaged and on their path to graduation day. His extensive experience teaching math for almost 3 decades means that he knows how to make the technical knowledge needed for a successful welding career make sense. Don holds a Bachelor of Education from UPEI and has enjoyed a tenured career with several area high schools. He has chosen to spend his retirement from the public school system with Ready Arc, and we couldn't be happier.

### JASON MARTIN • President



Jason provides direction for Ready Arc and is dedicated to the ongoing pursuit of new teaching methods and certifications. He spends most of his time managing behind the scenes and ensuring that the needs of today's students and industry are exceeded as Ready Arc continues to evolve. Jason holds Red Seal Qualifications as a Welder, Steel Fabricator and Ironworker. He is a CWB Level 2 Weld Inspector (CSA178.2) with endorsements and holds a Certificate of Competency as a Welding Examiner from ABSA.



# Work-Ready in 6 Months

## About Our Welding Program

### 420 HOURS IN THE CLASSROOM

- Blueprint Reading For Welders
- Math for Welders
- Welding Theory  
(Basic Weld Joints, Weld Types & Faults, Metallurgy, Basic Shop & Welding Safety, WHMIS, Hazardous Materials & Fire Protection, Oxyfuel, Materials Handling, Rigging, Hoisting, SMAW, GMAW, FCAW, Metal Identification, Production & Properties of Metal, Wire Feed Welding, Filler Metals & Feeders, Hardfacing, Distortion, Heat Treatment, Mild Steel Electrodes, Arc Air Gouging, Plasma Cutting & Gouging)

### 480 HOURS IN THE SHOP

- Shop Safety
- Power Tools
- Oxygen/Acetylene
- Cutting/Brazing
- Layout
- Fabrication
- Arc Gouging/Cutting
- Ironworker Operation
- Horizontal Bandsaw
- Shield Metal Arc Welding (Fillet, Butt, Groove)
- Flux Core Arc Welding

## GRADUATE WITH 900 FIRST YEAR APPRENTICESHIP HOURS

Our 6-month Welding Program is for those with little to no welding experience, but who are serious about building a successful career in the field. You'll work hard - and you'll be better prepared for the workforce sooner. You'll graduate in six months, not only with your Block One Apprenticeship Exam completed, but **READY** to work. Ready Arc teaches more than just what's required, so you leave with the confidence and skills to succeed.

### PRACTICAL TESTS & CERTIFICATIONS

**Witnessed by NB Technical Inspection Services, Department of Justice and Public Safety:**

- 1 - F3B Plate Test (4 Position)
- 1 - F3A Pipe Test (6G Position)
- 1 - F3/F4A Pipe Test (6G Position)

**Witnessed by the Canadian Welding Bureau:**

- CWB FCAW (4 Positions)
- CWB SMAW (4 Positions)

### WHEN YOU GRADUATE

You'll leave Ready Arc with a minimum of 3 provincial welding tickets. You'll also have the opportunity to earn 2 additional CWB tickets, which allows you to work with pressure pipe and structural steel.

Upon graduation, you'll write your Block One Exam - and will have already earned 900 hours towards your first year apprenticeship.

**CLASSES RUN MONDAY-FRIDAY 8am-4pm**



# Where to Start

## How to Apply for Our Next Class



### We're Always Starting Soon

The course begins in March and again in September every year - so apply today!

### Small Class Sizes

We only accept an average of 8 to 10 students per session. If you're interested, get started!

### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

To join our next class, you'll need to:

- Be a high school graduate
- OR have obtained your GED
- OR be a mature student (20+) who has also graduated or obtained a GED



### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- You'll fill out an application (available online)
- Send a current resume (if out of school 2+ years)
- Come in for a tour of the shop and classroom
- Meet with us for an in-person interview to determine eligibility (Interview is required. Can be completed via Skype for out-of-town students)

### START THE PROCESS ONLINE

Visit our website to fill out our application form:

[readyarc.ca/training/  
training-for-beginners/apply/](http://readyarc.ca/training/training-for-beginners/apply/)



### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

As New Brunswick's only recognized Private Welding School, we're proud to welcome international students into Canada and the world of welding through our 24-Week Beginner's Welding Program.

### Designated Learning Institution

We are recognized as a Learning Institute by Citizenship & Immigration Canada and hold a valid Designated Learning Institution Number. This means that the Government of Canada officially permits us to accept international students and provide them with education at our school.

You can find Ready Arc on the Designated Learning Institutions list on the Government of Canada's website, along with other resources you'll need to prepare for studying in Canada. This can be a complex process, so be sure to do your research!

Our DLI# is 0138505979102

Ready Arc takes a personalized approach to admissions and will work closely with you to determine your eligibility. You can begin the process by filling out our online application form or by contacting us with any questions you have before we get started.

# Funding Options

Support is Available

## TUITION

Tuition to complete our program totals \$12,920. This includes ALL necessary materials.

Payments are as follows:

- \$300 registration fee to confirm your seat
- \$6,160 due on the first day of class
- \$6,460 due after 3 months.

## FUNDING OPTIONS

Attending Ready Arc's welding program makes you eligible for all forms of government funding.

We're happy to help as you develop your plan to fund your education here at Ready Arc and point you in the right direction. Just ask.



## RESOURCES TO GET YOU STARTED

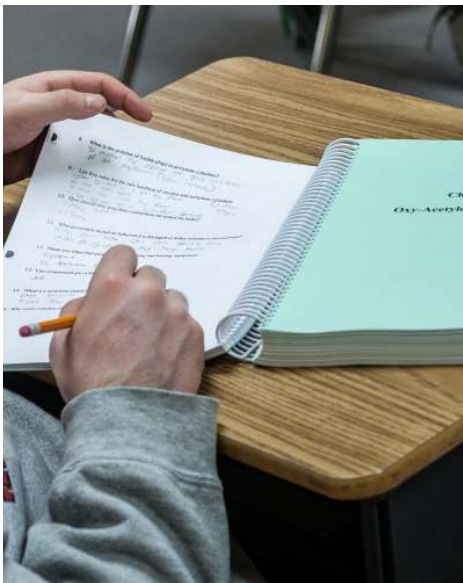
Link to a variety of government programs:  
[www.studentaid.gnb.ca](http://www.studentaid.gnb.ca)

Some individuals may also be eligible for financial assistance through the Training and Skills Development Program (TSD) by the NB Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

Email: [dpetinfo@gnb.ca](mailto:dpetinfo@gnb.ca)

Thinking ahead, there are also a variety of options that can help you pursue a registered apprenticeship after you graduate. Some include:

- Canada Apprenticeship Loan
- Apprenticeship Incentive Grant
- Apprenticeship Completion Grant







## Students Say...

### Take it From Them

"If you are entertaining the idea of becoming a welder, Ready Arc is the place to learn. The instructors are knowledgeable and patient. There is a great balance of academic and practical instruction. The only way to master anything is to practice, and Ready Arc offers the most available booth time out there. Smaller class sizes offer more one-on-one quality instruction. If you are willing to pull up your socks and learn as much as you can while you are here, the opportunities are endless when you leave."

**Ryan Nolan**

"Initially I was a little apprehensive about returning to school and my ability to learn and retain information. Looking back now, I'm proud to say that I have been very successful in achieving my educational goals, and a great deal of credit must be given to the staff at Ready Arc. From the way they presented themselves to always going the extra mile."

**Renaud Brideau**

"You will sweat. You will be burned. You will be frustrated at times. It's all worth it.

The sense of accomplishment when you pass your first ticket is next to none. This is a great school where the students come first. You won't be disappointed with your choice to enroll!"

**Eric Braam**

"Being in the welding trade for the last 30 years and in related trades, I felt as though I owed it to myself to do my homework when it came to choosing the proper welding school to achieve my career goals - as far as tickets, training and the best bang for my buck. I chose Ready Arc because they delivered the training and hands-on approach I was looking for, both theory-wise and practical. They were second-to-none. It was an intense 24 weeks, but it really covered all the aspects I needed for the trade. They have great teachers and instructors, with many years of experience in the trade and the teaching skills to pass it on to students. I would not only recommend this program for any new welder just coming into the trade, but also to the experienced welder looking to upgrade skills for career advancement."

**Douglas Reynolds**

"My time at Ready Arc gave me a great understanding of welding theory, math for welders and blueprint reading - and of course the skills necessary to become a really good welder.

After I completed my program, I had no problem finding a job in Alberta where I put to use what I had learned, as well as learning new skills like metal fabrication. Today, I am back at home in Saint John at a good paying job that I truly enjoy. I can honestly say if it wasn't for Ready Arc, I wouldn't be where I am today."

**Randy Richard**

"My experience at Ready Arc was great. The teachers here want to see you succeed and give you every opportunity available for improvement, from opening the shop early to extra help at lunch. They have changed my life enormously. I'm only 21 years old and am now on my way to becoming a journey-woman welder! I'm working in my trade and still come back to Ready Arc for welding tests. This is a great place with knowledgeable and patient staff."

**Erica Comeau**

# Star Student Story

## Meet Jenna Novak

In the early days of her career, like many of us, Jenna moved around. From odd construction jobs to senior care and a diploma in Criminology, she tried to find just the right fit. Also, as a single mother of two, there was a constant struggle to find a career that would support her family. Finally, she had to make the difficult decision to look for work in Alberta while her children stayed with family in New Brunswick.

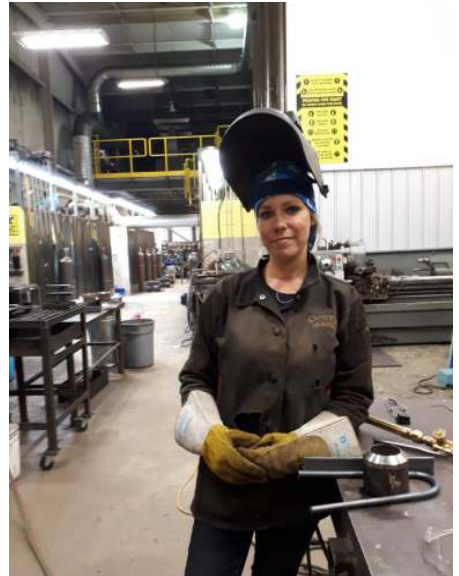
After four years of hard work as a welder's helper and travelling back and forth from Alberta, she was finally in a position to change her circumstances. She returned to New Brunswick and decided to pursue training in a career that would provide for her family while doing something she had come to love.

With a desire to make the most of her career, this self-driven single mom carefully weighed her options. Jenna saw that with the specialized welder training she could obtain through Ready Arc's 6-month Pressure Welding Program she could begin her new career.

Everyday for the next six months Jenna made the 1.5 hour trek from St. Stephen to Saint John for school. She worked hard in the shop and excelled in the classroom. While at Ready Arc she was able to gain certifications that most NB welders will readily recognize: F3B, F3(Approved), F3/F4(Approved), CWB FCAW (4 positions) and CWB SMAW (4 positions). She also passed her first year block exam for welders and had 900 hours accredited to her apprenticeship.

Jenna's dedication to her goals, along with the hands-on and specialized training she received paid off. Immediately upon graduation she landed an apprenticeship with one of New Brunswick's largest companies. This allows her to work, raise and support her family right here at home in New Brunswick.

In 2017, Jenna was chosen to participate in the Regional Education Welder Apprentice Retention and Development (REWARD) program, which was created to help address a looming shortage in the skilled trades sector. It was developed to target recent welding graduates and will provide intensive training enroute to Jenna becoming a certified journeyman.



**ARE YOU OUR NEXT STAR STUDENT?**

**"At Ready Arc, you're not just a student number or a tuition cheque like so many other schools. They take your goals seriously, personally supporting you every step of the way. You get specialized training that you can't get anywhere else, from trained and experienced people that have been welding their entire life. They live and breathe welding – you can't ask for anything better than that." - Jenna Novak, Ready Arc Graduate**







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