

A close-up photograph of a welder's torch being used on a metal surface. A bright, intense blue and purple arc is visible at the point of contact, with a thick plume of white and blue smoke rising from the work area. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some structural elements of the workpiece.

READY ARC

**SERIOUS TRAINING
FOR SERIOUS WELDERS**

**6-MONTH
WELDING
PROGRAM**

WE'RE ALL IN

When it comes to the world of welding, that's what we are: All in. Since taking ownership in 2013, the team at Ready Arc has worked relentlessly to ...



CHAMPION SUPPORT FOR ALL THINGS WELDING.

Ready Arc has come a long way through careful planning and investment into what benefits welders, clients, and students - now and in the future. We're loud about it too. We put ourselves out there and we get involved.



FOSTER A SPARK IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF WELDERS.

We're in it for the long haul to support bringing young people into the welding trade, setting them up for success, and creating a sustainable career path. We take great pride in helping people see their own potential and supporting their individual journeys to success through hard work and expert guidance. We tell our students that if you're putting in the work, you'll see the rewards.



COLLABORATE FOR GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY IN THE TRADES.

We take pride in supporting growth, opportunity, and interest in the trades everywhere possible - within our shop and classroom walls, with government and industry, and in our communities and schools.

IGNITE YOUR SPARK WHY WELDING?

"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

WELDING IS BOTH A SKILL & AN ARTFORM.

Build something you can be proud of with your own two hands. Travel if you want - or stay close to home. Welding jobs are EVERYWHERE, with endless career options in almost every industry.

CAREER PATHS

Opportunities in the welding trade are broad and vary widely. Three main paths include:

CUSTOM FABRICATION

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

MANUFACTURING

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

INFRASTRUCTURE

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

WELDERS WORK...

AS BOILERMAKERS
PIPEFITTERS · IRON WORKERS
IN SHIPBUILDING
OILFIELDS · PIPELINES

DO YOU ENJOY?



WORKING
WITH YOUR
HANDS?



CREATING &
BUILDING
THINGS?



SOLVING
PROBLEMS?



STAYING
ACTIVE?



WORKING
WITH
PEOPLE?

WHY TRAIN HERE? IT'S THE REAL DEAL.

Ready Arc is New Brunswick's only recognized private welding school.

If you're serious about connecting to a career in welding, we're the ones to get you there. We get you into (or back to) work sooner, better prepared for the job than anywhere else. Certified real-world instructors and top-notch facilities provide the best hands-on program you'll find.

CONDENSED CURRICULUM

We get our students into - or back to - the workforce faster, with the opportunity to earn more tickets than anywhere in the Maritimes.

EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS

Our instructors boast over a century of combined industry experience. They're welding experts, passionate and equipped with the knowledge and best practices our students need to succeed.

INDUSTRY INVOLVED

Companies around here know we're serious about graduating job-ready welders and our curriculum is built to fit today's industry needs. They know you'll be getting your hands dirty with the pros in the shop, and they look to us when they need new recruits.

SMALLER CLASSES

Students aren't numbers here. They have unique needs and skill levels. A smaller class works for everyone. With this fast-moving course, it's crucial that our students stay on track - and they do it with guidance from our experts every step of the way.

GOVERNMENT-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 TSD funding.



READY IN 6 MONTHS ABOUT THE 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



PRACTICAL TESTS & CERTIFICATIONS

**Witnessed by NB Technical
Inspection Services, Dept.
of Justice & Public Safety:**

- 1 - F3B Plate Test (4 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 **2 provincial welding tickets and 2 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.

* Must achieve 70% average in class work and pass the above welding tests to meet graduation requirements.

GRADUATE WITH

900

**FIRST YEAR
APPRENTICESHIP
HOURS**



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

WHERE TO START BEGIN THE PROCESS

NEED-TO-KNOWS

We're Always Starting Soon

The course starts every March & September, so apply today!

Small Class Sizes

We only accept 10 to 12 students per class. If you're interested, start the process!

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to apply, 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

If you're ready to start the process and your journey to becoming a welder, complete the pre-application form and we'll reach out to answer questions, provide information, book an in-person interview and give you a tour of the shop. After that, we'll formalize your application and guide you through next steps.

START THE PROCESS ONLINE



Scan the code
or visit our website to fill out a
pre-application form:

www.readyarc.ca/welding-program/apply/

SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE **FUNDING OPTIONS**

TUITION

This is for the entire program and includes ALL necessary materials.

\$13,920

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$300 registration fee
to confirm your seat
\$6,660 due 1st day of class
\$6,960 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 STARTED

Link to a variety of government programs:
www.studentaid.gnb.ca

Some students may also be eligible for financial assistance through the Training and Skills Development Program (TSD) by the NB Dept. of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour: Email dpetlinfo@gnb.ca

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

Canada Apprenticeship Loan
Apprenticeship Incentive Grant
Apprenticeship Completion Grant



SCAN THE CODE
to browse government
funding programs

STUDENTS SAY TAKE IT FROM THEM

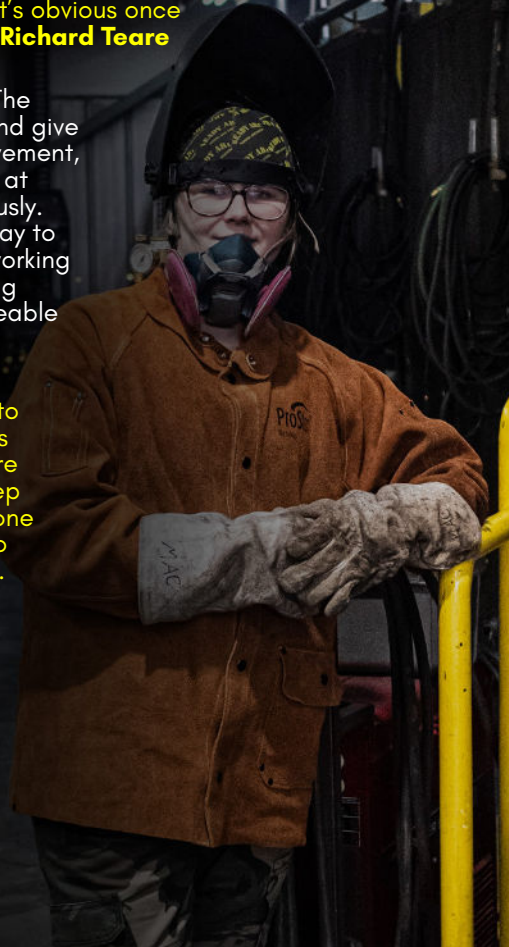
"At Ready Arc, you're not just a student number or a tuition cheque like so many other schools. They take your goals seriously, personally supporting you every step of the way. You get specialized training that you can't get anywhere else, from trained and experienced people that have been welding their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

"You get tons of time in the shop and the number of tickets you get here put it over the top for me - more than other programs. This is such a great place to be and learn. The atmosphere is really good, and the instructors constantly drive and push you to give it your all and that you can always be better. They really mean it when they say they want to produce the best welders here - it's obvious once you're here and learning from the pros." - **Richard Teare**

"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 for welding tests. This is a great place with knowledgeable and patient staff." - **Erica Comeau**

"Instructors are always nearby and ready to help if you have any questions, and always willing to show you how it's done. If you are ahead, they just let you be ahead and keep working to get better and better. If someone falls behind a little, they're always there to do whatever it takes to help you catch up. I'll be forever grateful for the skills and knowledge they gave me." - **Matt Russell**

"The instructors here are amazing. Steve is really good at explaining things and he's excellent at guiding you. And Butch, he'll teach you everything he knows and it's just amazing to see him give all that he's learned over the years back to us as students." - **Madison Thorne**



STAR STUDENT Q&A

JACK KELLY

Jack came to us after his (honours) graduation from Hampton High, where his passion to pursue a career in welding was ignited by teacher, James Keleman. It was through a new government and industry-funded welding shop and the first-ever Metal Processing Class at Hampton High that Jack got started on his road to Ready Arc.



Jack was one of 8 students from his class to successfully test and receive CWB welder qualifications through Ready Arc's partnership with area high schools. Inspired by this, Jack's teacher pushed him to apply for the CWB Joseph G. Doria Exemplary Student Award. Jack was the only Canadian student, and first-ever Ready Arc student, to be chosen for this honour.

We chatted with Jack on graduation day about his experience...

WHAT WERE YOU UP TO BEFORE COMING HERE?

After graduating high school, I worked my summer job at Easy Kleen, an opportunity I got because of my high school welding class. It let me get some experience before I came here. My teacher also helped me apply for the CWB scholarship, which I ended up getting. That made my decision even easier.

WHAT MADE YOU CHOOSE READY ARC?

Steve's visit to our class to talk about welding and career opportunities, along with my teacher telling me that this was the better program helped make my decision. The fact that it's a shorter program with the ability to earn more tickets than other courses, plus the student success rates from past classes, made it a pretty easy decision.

SO, HOW WAS YOUR SIX MONTHS WITH US?

I love the teachers, I learned so much in the shop. We started with the basics, and once it got more challenging, I felt motivated to work at getting better. The instructors told us that they weren't going to babysit us to get our work done, but they were there to help every step of the way. It was our responsibility to get in that booth and work hard - you need the work ethic to get it done. I think that really prepared us to go into a job later and not be lazy or expect to be babysat.



SCAN THE CODE
to meet more
Star Students

YOU MADE IT TO GRADUATION DAY. WHAT'S NEXT?

I definitely want to be an industrial welder, ideally a pipe welder. I'm looking to get into an apprenticeship. I'm so pleased with how my experience here prepared me for the next steps in my life. It actually wasn't at all what I expected and it's clear that they want you to succeed. I definitely learned life lessons for the future.

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

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. As a single mother of two, there was a constant struggle to find a career to 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, travelling to and from Alberta, she was finally in a position to change her circumstances. She returned to New Brunswick and decided to pursue 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 Welding Program, she could begin her new career. Everyday for six months, she made the 1.5 hour trek from St. Stephen to Saint John where 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, combined with her hands-on and specialized training, 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 2017, Jenna was chosen to participate in the Regional Education Welder Apprentice Retention and Development (REWARD) program, created to help address a looming shortage in the skilled trades sector. It was developed to target recent welding graduates and provide them intensive training enroute to becoming a certified journeyman. Jenna worked her a** off through this program - and in 2020 she reached her goal of becoming a Red Seal Welder!



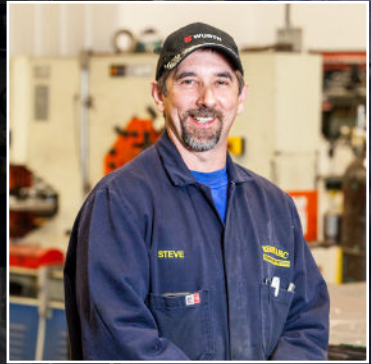
Now almost 7 years in with the same company, Jenna sits on the examination committee with her union. They work with apprentices throughout the apprenticeship process. Jenna mentors other female welders too, both in and out of the union, helping them establish their welding career and dial in their skills. Most recently, in 2023, Jenna's union chose her to represent them in Washington, DC for a Women in Trade Conference (all expenses paid!).

Jenna says, "Looking back it's all kind of surreal how far I've come since I took the leap to take the welding course. I just keep moving forward, and my journey all started with Ready Arc!"

100+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE **OUR EXPERTS**

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 many areas including welding, mining and construction. Steve holds numerous safety certifications that contribute to the success of our students. He is Red Seal Certified, an F4 Qualified Welder and CWB Level 1 Weld Inspector (CSA178.2) with 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.



JASON MARTIN • PRESIDENT

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



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