

# LEVEL 3 PLATE WELDER APPRENTICESHIP

Subject Area  
Student Type  
Study Mode

Engineering  
Students aged 16-18  
Part Time

## What is the course about?

This apprenticeship will allow you to gain the practical experience and key knowledge to become a competent and successful Plate Welder. In this role, you will be responsible for the safety, quality and accuracy of your work while ensuring it conforms to a relevant plate welding specification.

## Why should I choose the course?

Apprenticeships allow you to learn the right skills, gain great work experience and earn a wage. As an employee in this occupation, you will be responsible for the safety, quality and accuracy of their own work whilst ensuring it conforms to a relevant plate welding specification. They work autonomously, or on occasion as part of a wider team, reporting to a workplace supervisor.

## What will I learn?

Over a period of 36 months on average, you will learn how to weld to an internationally-recognised quality standard, while developing the key skills essential to the role, such as working safely, planning and preparing welding activities, assembling welding equipment, and how to produce plate welds.

## How is the apprenticeship delivered?

This course is completed via part-time study, typically one day release in the college setting, accounting for the 20% off the job training requirements of an apprenticeship.

You will normally work around 30 hours per week, and no more than 40 hours (if you are under 18), which includes any training time at college (off the job) as well as on the job with your employer.

## What will the course lead on to?

After completing an apprenticeship, you could continue to train for an advanced, higher, or degree level apprenticeship, or a related vocational qualification.

## Are there any links with industry and university?



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This standard aligns with the following professional recognition:

The Welding Institute for Engineering Technician Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) (for electrical and mechanical)

## What support is available?

You will be allocated a designated tutor to guide you through your apprenticeship. We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if required, as well as a Wellbeing Team that is on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed.

Click here for learning support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/learning-support>

## Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

Warrington & Vale Royal College has a long history of delivering bespoke, high-quality apprenticeships across a wide range of sectors. We take pride in our apprentices and ensure they leave us with the skills they need to forge a career in their chosen industry. We work with all manner of employers to ensure all parties' interests are met throughout the apprenticeship journey. We also have a dedicated apprenticeship matching service which matches your skills to a suitable apprenticeship employer.

## What are the entry requirements?

Entry requirements for this apprenticeship programme are GCSE grades 9-4, or level 2 functional skills qualifications in English and maths. We will consider those who need to resit either their English or maths qualification, however those that need to resit both will not meet the entry requirements for this apprenticeship programme.

If you are required to resit either English or maths, you will be invited to undertake an initial assessment. If deemed suitable, you must be willing to achieve your level 2 English/maths qualification before the end of the apprenticeship programme as part of your study.



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