

LEEPStart Program Requirements Checklist



Program Overview

The LEEPStart (Lincoln Electric Educational Partner School Start) national program partners educational institution's welding technology programs with Lincoln Electric and NC3 to offer Foundational-level Welding Certifications to prepare students for a career in the modern welding industry.

The LEEPStart foundational certifications include:

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| Welding Safety | Intro to Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) |
| Principles of Welding | Oxy-Acetylene Cutting |
| Intro to Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) | Plasma Cutting |
| Intro to Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) | Carbon Arc Gouging |
| Intro to Flux Cored Arc Welding (FCAW) | |

Note: Schools seeking to certify students in more advanced welding topics should seek to participate in the full "LEEPS" program.

LEEPStart participating organizations will gain access to the following benefits:

- Access to all LEEPStart foundational certification curriculum including Instructor Guides, Classroom Powerpoints, Student Guides, Lab Sheets, and Quizzes.
- Access to the nc3certs.com certification portal for instructor access to curriculum, issuance of certifications to students, student qualifying exams, and administrative reporting.
- Unlimited free issuance of LEEPStart certifications to students
- Unlimited number of instructors (successful participation in the LEEPStart Train-the-Trainer course required for each participating instructor)
- Instructor Technical and Customer Support from NC3 in utilizing the certification portal and issuing certifications to students.
- NC3 new-school marketing and signage package with access to additional signage for purchase.
- Acknowledgement and listing of school on NC3's homepage as an official NC3 Certification Center.

To qualify for the LEEPS program you must complete the following requirements:

- NC3 LEEPStart Membership
- Successful participation in the LEEPStart Train-the-Trainer for each participating instructor
- Register and use Lincoln Electric *Education Resource & Purchasing Portal*

On behalf of _____ (school name), I look forward to providing my leadership support to meet the above requirements and the campus becoming a committed participant in the Lincoln Electric Educational Partner School Start (LEEPStart) national program in which my welding technology program will partner closely with Lincoln Electric and NC3 to offer Foundational Level NC3 / Lincoln Welding training and certifications to best prepare students for a career in the modern welding industry.

Name/Title (Please print) Signature Date

