*CERRITOS COLLEGE WELDING TECHNOLOGY*

# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WELDING INDUSTRY

**The Welding Program currently has graduate students working at the following organizations and companies**

| ORGANIZATION OR COMPANY | AVERAGE HOURLY BASE RANGE |
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| 1. Metropolitan Water District | $20.00 - $40.00 |
| 2. Department of Water & Power | $25.00 - $46.00 |
| 3. Long Beach Gas Department | $22.00 - $37.00 |
| 4. Southern California Edison | $21.00 - $36.00 |
| 5. General Electric | $18.00 - $25.00 |
| 6. Disneyland | $22.00 - $39.00 |
| 7. Caterpillar | $18.00 - $29.00 |
| 8. Honeywell Industries | $19.00 - $29.00 |
| 9. American Airlines | $25.00 - $35.00 |
| 10. NBC Studios | $22.00 - $30.00 |
| 11. L.A. Public Works | $32.00 - $36.00 |
| 12. L.A. Dept. of General Services | $28.00 - $37.00 |
| 13. L.A. Parks & Recreation Services | $22.00 - $35.00 |
| 14. L.A. Unified School District | $24.00 - $34.00 |
| 15. Arco/British Petroleum | $24.00 - $39.00 |
| 16. Chevron | $25.00 - $38.00 |
| 17. Conoco Phillips | $22.00 - $38.00 |
| 18. Sheet Metal Union (105) | $18.00 - $37.00 |
| 19. Iron Workers Union (433) | $18.00 - $43.00 |
| 20. Pipe Fitters Union (250) | $21.00 - $36.00 |
| 21. Elevator Constructors (18) | $23.00 - $50.00 |
| 22. Pile Drivers Union (2375) | $20.00 - $36.00 |
| 23. Millwrights Union (1607) | $20.00 - $47.00 |
| 24. Operating Engineers (501) | $19.00 - $37.00 |
| 25. Underwater Welders *(See Note 2)* | $75.00 - $200.00 |

Note 1: Some of the above compensation rates are achieved after completing an apprenticeship program and or obtaining journeyman status.

Note 2: *Depending on dive depth and shark density in local dive zone area.*

**A recent survey was conducted of students that had started the Welding Program with no previous welding experience and later found employment as a direct result of their College training. The Survey determined that Graduate Welding Students entering the welding industry earn an average hourly rate of $19.44.** (This data was collected from a survey of 100 graduate students)