

**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
1. Metropolitan Water District	\$30.00 - \$52.00
2. Department of Water & Power	\$32.00 - \$66.00
3. Long Beach Gas Department	\$26.00 - \$47.00
4. Southern California Edison	\$21.00 - \$46.00
5. General Electric	\$28.00 - \$35.00
6. Disneyland	\$32.00 - \$53.00
7. Caterpillar	\$27.00 - \$39.00
8. Honeywell Industries	\$24.00 - \$34.00
9. American Airlines	\$25.00 - \$39.00
10. NBC Studios	\$22.00 - \$36.00
11. L.A. Public Works	\$32.00 - \$41.00
12. L.A. Dept. of General Services	\$28.00 - \$42.00
13. L.A. Parks & Recreation Services	\$27.00 - \$38.00
14. L.A. Unified School District	\$24.00 - \$42.00
15. Arco/British Petroleum	\$24.00 - \$56.00
16. Chevron	\$28.00 - \$58.00
17. Conoco Phillips	\$32.00 - \$58.00
18. Sheet Metal Union (105)	\$28.00 - \$52.00
19. Iron Workers Union (433)	\$28.00 - \$53.00
20. Pipe Fitters Union (250)	\$31.00 - \$56.00
21. Elevator Constructors (18)	\$28.00 - \$75.00
22. Pile Drivers Union (2375)	\$30.00 - \$66.00
23. Millwrights Union (1607)	\$28.00 - \$57.00

24. Operating Engineers (501)	\$27.00 - \$59.00
25. Underwater Welders (See Note 2)	\$75.00 - \$200.00

**Note 1:** The average hourly wages reflected above are rough estimates and are affected by annual Union contract negotiations, seniority, certifications, qualifications, positions etc., these all affect hourly compensation. Some of the above compensation rates are achieved after completing an apprenticeship program and or obtaining journey level status. So the above compensation rates are estimates only and only based on hourly wages and do not include the benefit package that an employee would typically receive as their total compensation package. One example is to use the Local 105 Sheet Metals Union, which has a journey level hourly wage of \$58, but when the full benefits package is added, the total hourly wage is \$95 per hour.

**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 \$26.44. (This data was collected from a survey of 100 graduate students)