



ODCTE Testing Center Partners with the American Welding Society (AWS) for SENSE Completion

The welding assessments offered through the CareerTech Testing Center of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education can now be used to meet the completion requirements for Entry Level Welder through the AWS SENSE program starting July 1, 2007.

In order to obtain SENSE Entry Level Welder partial or full completion (listed on National Registry), a student must be enrolled at a SENSE participating organization, pass all performance measures, achieve a score of 75% or higher on each of the assessments taken, and achieve an overall score of 90% or higher on the Duty A: Demonstrate Safety Skills portions of the assessments taken. A student may take all five of ODCTE's competency assessments to apply for full completion or any one of the four welding processes assessments (4301, 4302, 4303, 4304) and 4305 Cutting Process Operator to receive partial completion.

The Testing Center offers our competency assessments to in-state students free of charge. Our assessments are also available to out-of-state students as well. For out-of-state students, there is a fee ranging from \$15.00 depending on the number of test purchased by an organization. For more information on ODCTE's assessments, please contact Jennifer Lathem-Palacio at jennifer.palacio@careertech.ok.gov or (405) 743-5160.

A \$15.00 fee per student is required by AWS when applying for full completion of Level I-Entry Welder SENSE certification. The Record of Successful Completion form that is to accompany the \$15.00 fee can be

obtained from the Level 1, Entry Level Welder CD provided by AWS to all SENSE participating organizations.

For more information on SENSE completion and the various completion requirements or information on how to become a SENSE participating organization, please contact the AWS Education Department at <http://www.aws.org/education/sense/>.

The Testing Center offers five different competency assessments based upon the nine modules that form the structure of the American Welding Society's Level 1—Entry Welder Program. Each of our five tests consists of the following areas:

4301 Shielded Metal Arc Welder encompasses AWS Modules 2, 3, 4, and 9, as well as a basic mathematical operations section.

4302 Gas Metal Arc Welder encompasses AWS Modules 2, 3, 5, and 9, as well as a basic mathematical operations section.

4303 Flux Cored Arc Welder encompasses AWS Modules 2, 3, 6, and 9, as well as a basic mathematical operations section.

4304 Gas Tungsten Arc Welder encompasses AWS Modules 2, 3, 7, and 9, as well as a basic mathematical operations section.

4305 Cutting Process Operator encompasses AWS Modules 2, 3, 8 (Units 1 through 4), and 9, as well as a basic mathematical operations section.