

MEMORANDIUM OF AGREEMENT
Associate in Applied Sciences (AAS)
Welding Technology (WL)

This agreement is made between Mountwest Community & Technical College (MCTC), hereinafter referred to as the "**College**", and the Robert C. Byrd Institute, hereinafter referred to as "**RCBI**", for the period beginning August 1, 2020 and ending midnight of June 30, 2022. The purpose of the agreement is to **continue** a cooperative relationship whereby the College will award the appropriate degree in Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Welding Technology (WELD).

1. GENERAL

- A. The College through authorized personnel shall cooperatively plan with the Director of RCBI or his/her designee and the respective courses which are to be offered at RCBI under the terms of this agreement, and in accordance with academic requirements for the degrees identified in the above paragraph.
- B. As appropriate courses shall be designed and taught to meet requirements as set forth by the American Welding Society (AWS).
- C. The scheduling, content, and length of the programs are to be mutually agreed upon by the designated College and RCBI representatives and made a matter of written record for the benefit of all parties involved.

2. FACILITIES

RCBI will provide the College, in regard to the program identified above, its facilities and equipment in accordance with the following guidelines:

- A. Classrooms will be furnished by RCBI for technical courses identified with the designators MFE, MT, and WELD.
- B. RCBI will provide offices for RCBI faculty members employed in the degree program.

3. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- A. Classrooms, machines, equipment and tools will be furnished, maintained and the usage of equipment shall be scheduled through the Director's office at RCBI.
- B. RCBI shall be responsible for providing the welding materials required for the instruction of the technical courses.

4. FACULTY/STAFF

- A. RCBI shall employ qualified technical faculty and designate a faculty or staff individual to serve as the site coordinator for the program.
- B. The respective technical faculty shall be appointed to serve as faculty members in the Career and Technical Program Division of the "College." Faculty must meet the requirements as outlined in Institutional Board of Governors Policy H-19 Adjunct Faculty Qualifications, Appointments and Instructional Load (Part of Faculty Personnel Policy).
- C. The College will be responsible for securing adjunct or full-time faculty contracts to deliver all general education courses and sufficient technical courses to constitute at least 51% of the program.
- D. When it is necessary, and agreed to by both RCBI and the College, the College may employ the RCBI technical faculty as an adjunct instructor to teach technical courses at RCBI. These amounts paid to the RCBI faculty will be agreed upon in advance of all courses by all parties.

- E. Faculty will meet all reporting and grading deadlines required of instructors.
- F. The faculty's official email will be via the college's email address. Faculty desiring to use another email address must forward their email to the preferred email address.

5. TOOLS, TEXTBOOKS, INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, NIMS CERTIFICATION EXAMS, AND USE OF EQUIPMENT.

- A. Tools, textbooks, other instructional materials, and equipment used in technical courses shall be selected in accordance with AWS, local professional agencies, and the program requirements.
- B. Any broken or missing tools from the materials list provided must be replaced by the student.

6. CURRICULUM

- A. Course requirements and credit hours for each AAS program shall be determined in accordance with the appropriate national standards committee, local agencies and Associate of Applied Science degree requirements of the "College."
- B. All courses taught at RCBI sites will be designated with the campus code of "B."

7. STUDENTS

- A. The registrar of the College shall maintain the official records of each student and issue grades and other records in accordance with policies and procedures of the "College."
- B. Students enrolled in these programs will receive the same level of student support services available to other students to include: library services, academic advising, and use of on-campus facilities and services.
- C. Although the College is an open admissions institution, students must meet specific requirements for admission. Prior to completing the first semester students must take the appropriate placement exam and score at a pre-determined level. Individuals who do not successfully achieve the desired score of the welding placement exam prior to completing the first semester are ineligible to continue in the program. Students who show serious deficiencies in academic courses will be referred to the Vice President of Student Services for academic consultation.

8. ASSESSMENT

- A. Degree programs shall follow the College guidelines to complete the following.
 - 1. A Program Assessment Plan which is updated annually.
 - 2. An Annual Assessment Report and Improvement and Implementation Plan that includes and analysis of results for both program and courses assessment details about how the results for the assessment report will be used to improve instruction, courses, and the program.
- B. The RCBI Workforce Advisory Board shall also serve as the advisory committee for the Welding AAS and Certificate Degree programs. The committee will meet twice per year including a representative of the College in accordance with AWS certification requirements.
- C. Copies of Advisory Board meeting minutes will be forwarded to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

9. TUITION AND FEES

- A. Students enrolled in these programs shall pay the current or appropriate tuition and

fees of the College and the appropriate course and/or program fees. Tuition and fees shall be assessed over the following terms:

1. Fall (16 weeks)
 2. Spring Term (16 weeks)
 3. Summer Term (10 weeks)
- B. The College shall pay to RCBI seventy-five percent (75%) of the total tuition and fees and off-campus fee not to exceed 12 semester credit hours per student.
- C. The College shall reimburse to RCBI (100 %) of the course lab fees set at \$175 per WL credit hour taught by RCBI. The Welding Program, course lab fees will be used to purchase program books, tools, supplies, equipment and necessary software.
- D. The College will provide RCBI necessary information at the end of each semester so that the College can be invoiced appropriately.
- E. Students will be responsible to obtain course materials including textbooks for general education and support courses that are required for their degree program.
- F. Student refunds will be per the college refund policy.

10. STUDENT TERMINATION FROM THE PROGRAM

Termination of a student enrolled in these programs shall be in accordance with policies jointly established by the College and "RCBI."

11. GRADING

All coursework shall be graded in accordance with the policy and procedure of the "College."

12. PRIOR LEARNING CREDIT

Students who possess knowledge or skills from prior experiences may receive credit according to the prior learning policies of the College. The policies are described in the catalog under the heading *Credit by Examination and credit for Knowledge, Life Work Experience or Skills.*

13. PROGRAM PROMOTION

- A. All program promotion activities will be conducted collaboratively by the College and "RCBI." Materials will reference the nature of the collaborative program and that the technical coursework is provided by RCBI and the degree is earned from the "College."
- B. All program promotional items/materials must be reviewed by the College's Marketing and Printing services to ensure compliance with the College's print standards contained in Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations Administrative Procedure.

14. AGREEMENT ALTERATIONS OR TERMINATIONS

- A. Either party to MOA may request a change in the agreement pending a thirty (30) day written notification to the other party. Such changes shall not affect any class currently in session unless specifically indicated in the notice of change.
- B. Either party to MOA shall have the privilege of terminating this agreement upon written notification to other party sixty (60) days prior to the end of the fiscal year.
- C. Such termination shall not affect any currently enrolled students. If the Welding programs are terminated, currently enrolled students shall have two years to complete the program requirements. The written notification shall contain the reasons and /or conditions upon which the termination is requested.

- D. In event there is an alteration in program funding, the above language regarding agreement alterations or termination is suspended and immediately void.
- E. Neither party to this agreement shall be obligated, as a matter of contract between the parties to this agreement, to defend or indemnify the other party to this agreement against any claims of third parties. Provided, however, that nothing in this agreement shall be construed to constitute a waiver or diminishment of, or substantive or procedural limitation upon, any claims for common law or statutory contribution or indemnity that either party to this agreement may have against the other party to this agreement under applicable law.
- F. Both parties to this agreement shall maintain liability insurance \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, disability and death of workers and other persons and \$1,000,000 per occurrence for property damage caused by operating, handling or transporting the equipment during the term of this MOA.
- G. Special Comment: It is understood that the technical courses may begin at a time or location where students may be enrolled. RCBI will inform and complete appropriate forms prior to the beginning of each technical program. Either party to the MOA shall have the privilege of terminating this agreement upon written notification to other party sixty (60) days prior to the end of the fiscal year. Such termination shall not affect any currently enrolled students. If the Welding program is terminated, currently enrolled students shall have two years to complete the program requirements. The written notification shall contain the reasons and /or conditions upon which the termination is requested.
- H. This MOA shall be governed by the laws of the State of West Virginia.

Robert C Byrd Institute

Mountwest CTC

Charlotte Weber

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Charlotte Weber, Director and CEO

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5-27-2020

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Date

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Suggested list of courses for which instruction will be paid for by Mountwest Community and Technical College to fulfill Higher Learning Commission requirements. This list may be modified by Mountwest as needed to meet requirements.

Welding Technology

General Education and Support Courses

COM 125	Interpersonal Communication	3*
ENL 231	Technical Report Writing	3
EC 102	Basic Economics	3
IT 101	Fundamentals of Computers	3*
MAT 135	Math for Machinist Technology	3*
HMN 235	Leadership Studies through the Hum	3

Technical Courses

MFE 220	Computer Aided Design	4*
WELD 120	Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW)	6*
WELD 120L	Shielded Metal Arc Welding Lab	4

*Note: These courses are included in the certificate to provide 19 hours of MCTC instruction toward the certificate program.