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## **Porter and Chester to Initiate New Welding Program**

***Bridgeport Campus to Begin Program March 21, 2022***

**Bridgeport, CT**— Porter and Chester Institute Bridgeport campus is welcoming the first class of students to the new Welding Program set to launch on March 21, 2022. This program offers students the opportunity to receive a diploma within 10 months while also allowing students to utilize the asynchronous format and choice to enroll in either the day or night schedule. The day program is offered from 7am-3:30pm and the night program allows students to attend labs from 3pm-11:30pm while also completing the 30 hours of weekly instruction.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, about 49,200 openings for welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Graduates of the Welding program will be capable of Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW), Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW), Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW), and Flux-Cored Arc Welding (FCAW). The knowledge and skills that will be taught in this program will translate well into real world application for these welding students.

For those who would like to get involved in the Welding Program, you will receive hands-on training from qualified instructors, as well as work closely with the Career Service Advisors on campus to help you secure a job you are passionate about. To find out more about Porter and Chester and the programs they offer, visit [www.porterchester.edu](http://www.porterchester.edu).

**About Porter and Chester Institute:** Porter and Chester Institute (PCI), a private sector, post-secondary technical institution with nine campuses throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts, featuring eleven different career programs, supports committed students in achieving the technical and professional skills essential for their chosen career through industry-modeled, student-centered education and training. For more information, please visit PCI at [www.PorterChester.edu](http://www.PorterChester.edu) or call (800) 870-6789.

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