Pipefitting DIPLOMA

Program Overview
Pipefitters install, maintain, and repair high and low pressure steam systems, high and low pressure hot water systems, snow melting systems, refrigeration systems, heating, gas and oil piping, pneumatic, electronic controls, air conditioning and also provide instrumentation and valve repair. These skills are used working in residential, commercial, and industrial installations. These systems are installed in all types of weather conditions.

Applicants must be high school graduates or the equivalent and should enjoy working in a demanding trade that requires both mental alertness and physical stamina. Pipefitters do heavy lifting and are required to work both indoors and outside, often times in confined spaces.

Career Opportunities
Pipefitters, Steamfitters, and HVACR Technicians work in all aspects of the heating, air conditioning, refrigeration, and temperature control fields. They are also employed at oil refineries, chemical plants, food processing facilities, manufacturing plants, retail and food store fronts, and ice rinks. Maintenance pipefitters work in a variety of environments such as universities, schools, government agencies and utility companies.

Program Outcomes
1. Apply math and science skills to designing and operating process piping systems.
2. Install, maintain, and repair heating and cooling systems under supervision of a licensed pipefitter.
3. Install and repair process piping systems under supervision of a licensed pipefitter.

Program Faculty
Wyatt Carlson
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Student supplies and tools costs
Text rental $100.00
PPE-Tools estimated at $150.00
All classes must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

Program Requirements
☐ Check off when completed

Course | Cr
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PIPE 1410 Pipe Science/Math | 5
PIPE 1451 Pipe Shop 1 | 4
PIPE 1452 Pipe Shop 2 | 4
PIPE 1540 Electric Controls | 3
PIPE 1550 Basic Gas | 3
PIPE 1555 Basic Electricity | 2
PIPE 1560 Basic Refrigeration | 4
PIPE 1565 Heating and Cooling 1 | 4
PIPE 1570 Heating and Cooling 2 | 4
PIPE 1575 Pipe Blueprint Reading | 2
PIPE 1580 Pipe Welding 1 | 3
PIPE 1585 Pipe Welding 2 | 2

Total Program Credits | 40

Restricted Enrollment
The Pipefitting Diploma is a restricted enrollment joint program offered through the St. Paul Pipefitters Local 455 and Saint Paul College. Admission to the Pipefitters Apprenticeship program is required for enrollment in this program.

Contact Wyatt Carlson at wyatt.carlson@saintpaul.edu for application information.

Minimum Program Entry Requirements
Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

Reading: Score of 261+
Arithmetic: Score of 250+
Spatial assessment required: Score 70+

Assessment Results and Prerequisites:
Students must maintain a GPA of 2.5 to continue in the program.

Students are accepted through St. Paul Pipefitters Local 455 JAC; 651.846.1699 or www.local455jac.com.