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Photo Caption: A student practices his skills in New River’s welding lab located on Fairfiew Road in Lewisburg, W. Va.

NEW RIVER QUALIFIES AS REMOTE TEST FACILITY FOR WELDING CERTIFICATIONS

[LEWISBURG, W. VA.] The welding lab at the Greenbrier Valley Campus of New River Community and Technical College in Lewisburg, W. Va. has been qualified by the Welder Training and Testing Institute (WTTI) in Allentown PA., as a remote test facility for welder certifications. WTTI is an accredited test facility through the American Welding Society, and the welding certifications awarded by New River will be nationally recognized.

Sean Davies, visiting instructor of welding, explained that once instructors feel that a student is ready for a certification, they will send a certification registration form to WTTI with the
appropriate fees (fees differ depending on the test requested). WTTI will send a certification test kit, and Davies will supervise the test at New River’s facility. He will then return the test sample to WTTI’s lab for processing. WTTI will issue a laboratory test report, welder qualification document, photo ID card and a welder qualification maintenance log for each passing test.

“This qualification will give students who have the appropriate skills an opportunity to complete a nationally recognized welding certification test in a familiar environment,” Davies said.

The welding lab is located in on Fairview Road in Lewisburg. A component of the college’s Machine Tool Technology program, welding has experienced tremendous enrollment growth since it moved to the Lewisburg facility from Caldwell in 2008. For further information about welding and other programs on New River’s Greenbrier Valley Campus, call (304) 647-6560.

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