



STEM Career

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STEAMFITTER AND PIPE WELDER (APPRENTICE) UA LOCAL 85



Why become a pipe
welding apprentice?

CORE TASKS

- Take various measurements to ensure pipe is properly fit
- Prepare pipes and fittings so they can be properly joined together
- Use multiple processes of welding to join pipes and fittings

OUTLOOK



**Increasing job
demand**

Look also at
occupations as
a Welder or as
a Carpenter



ANNUAL SALARY RANGE

\$33,210–\$92,130

MICHIGAN



\$31,790–\$73,170

**NORTHWESTERN
MICHIGAN**

- Salary information from O*net

Jason's suggestions for pursuing pipefitting:

Explore the career field to make sure its what you want to do, if it is then take classes towards it. Anything like construction, auto cad and drafting, woods shop, metals shop, auto mechanics all would be ideal classes because they are all hands on classes and they get thinking mechanically on how things work, operate and why things are done in a particular order.

HIGH SCHOOL CAREER TECH OPTIONS



- Charlevoix Emmet ISD Career Tech Programs: Construction Technology; Drafting and Design; Welding Technology
- Northwest Education Services Career Tech Center: Construction Trades; 3D Drafting; Welding
- Wexford Missaukee ISD Career Tech Center: Applied Construction Technology; Welding Technology

PIPEFITTERS OFTEN END UP WITH A CERTIFICATE OR AS A JOURNEYMAN

- Kirtland Community College
- Northwestern Michigan College
- Westshore Community College
- Pipefitters, Plumbers and HVAC Techs Local Union 85

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