



Program Coordinator for Welding Technology: Eastfield College

Jeff Mitchell earned his bachelor's degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology from Texas A&M University-Commerce. Additionally he has two associate degrees. He first earned an associate degree in Auto Body Technology from Eastfield College and more recently earned an additional associate's degree in Welding Technology from Mountain View College.

He spent more than 20 years working within the auto body industry as a painter, metal technician, shop owner and auto body instructor. He began his teaching career in 1996 within Eastfield's Auto Body Collision Repair program and with Mesquite ISD as an Industrial Technology Metal Shop instructor teaching welding, small engine repair and sheet metal fabrication.

He has been certified through the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence as a master collision technician and was an I-CAR certified welding test administrator for many years. His welding experience began as a young boy on his grandparent's farm and has continued throughout his life both in the welding industry and as was often required, as a collision repair technician until he began his teaching career. Since that start to teaching in 1996, Jeff has always been helping others to develop their skills of welding.

Today, his focus is solely on the Eastfield College Welding Technology program that he started in 2010 that has continued to grow to its current levels of 40,000 contact hours or 300+ enrollments annually. The current program offers certificates of welding in Gas Metal Arc Welding, Shielded Metal Arc Welding and Gas Tungsten Welding with classes held mornings, afternoons and nights and up to six days a week. Continued growth goals are being planned within the program that could eventually double its size and support to industry and community. This will be accomplished by adding an associate degree in welding with emphasized studies in pipe welding/fitting, in fabrication, in automated welding/cutting processes and in additive weld manufacturing. This will give Eastfield College Welding Graduates higher level skill sets making them more valuable to industry while helping them earn increased wages.

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Education

Texas A&M University – Commerce, TX
B. S. in Manufacturing Engineering Technology
Eastfield College, DCCCD – Mesquite, TX
A.A.S. in Auto Body
Mountain View College, DCCCD – Dallas, TX
A.A.S. in Welding Technology
Mountain View College, DCCCD -- Dallas, TX
Certificate 1 in
Welding Technology

Teaching Experience

Mesquite ISD. TX Aug. 1996 – Aug. 2003
Teacher - Industrial Metal Technology

Eastfield College, DCCCD – Dallas, TX Aug 1996 - Present
Adjunct Instructor – Auto Body 1996-2003
Full time Instructor – Auto Body: 2003 to 2010
-Welding Technology: 2010 to Present
Program Chairs for Auto Body 2008-2010 and Welding 2010 to Present
I-CAR Welding Test Administrator and Program Instructor 1996 - 2010