

Riverside Vocational Technical School

AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS:

Welding Instructors Charles Ward, EARU, Burt Van Horn, ORU, and Lee Huthchison, Varner Unit, attended a two day intense refresher course with the Welsco Training Facility consisting of hands on training in multiple welding disciplines. Included in this training was standard stick, MIG, TIG, spray and pulse welding. Training covered multiple types of welding machines, plasma cutters, benders and future technological trends and equipment. This also provided a chance to standardize RVT's welding programs and exchange instructional techniques.

The EARU CAT class designed and built a power point presentation highlighting courses offered at EARU campus. In working with EARU administration, they were able to add this presentation to the morning informational programing which plays in living areas each morning throughout the unit.

What can you learn at Vo-Tech?




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You can learn Welding





Facilities Maintenance Building Trades Technology



Heating Ventilation & AC




Computer Application Technology



Student Enrollment February Report as of 1/31/2020

	Enrolled	Completed	Removed	Interns
<u>Varner</u>				
Welding	15	0	2	1
Culinary Arts	11	0	1	1
HVAC	13	0	1	1
Plumbing	8	1	0	0
Residential Carpentry	11	0	1	1
Residential Electricity	15	2	0	2
CAT	5	1	0	0
Building Maintenance	10	0	0	0
	88	4	5	6
<u>Newport</u>				
Computerized Accounting	10	1	0	0
Cosmetology	15	0	2	1
Cosmetology Instructor	2	0	0	0
Horticulture	17	0	1	0
CAT	14	1	1	0
	58	2	4	1
<u>Ouachita River Unit</u>				
CAT	16	0	0	0
Building Trades Tech	15	1	0	0
	31	1	0	0
<u>Randall Williams Unit</u>				
Landscape & Design	13	0	2	1
<u>East Arkansas Unit</u>				
Building Maintenance	9	0	5	0
Welding	13	1	1	0
CAT	12	1	0	0
HVAC	8	1	1	0
	42	3	7	0
<u>Ester Unit</u>				
CAT	16	0	1	0
<u>North Central Unit</u>				
Horticulture	16	0	0	0

*CAT – Computer Application Technology



Michael Harmon, Horticulture Instructor at McPherson, Tonya Gates, RVT Deputy Director, Sherri Sanders, U of A Extension Agent, and Aaron Browning, Horticulture Instructor at North Central presented "Horticulture Prison Program Provides Purpose and Job Preparation in Arkansas" to the Arkansas Green Industry Association and Arkansas Turf Association in Hot Springs.

Horticulture Career Preparation Training has been developed with North Central Horticulture program, McPherson Horticulture program, and Randall Williams Unit Landscape & Design/Horticulture program, in partnership with U of A Division of Agriculture, Research & Extension, to offer an additional 40 hour Horticulture Course Program with "hands-on-real world" information to aid newly released inmates in becoming employable. The program includes:

- Turf Management
- Common Weeds, Diseases, Insects in Landscape and Turf
- Basic Soil Fertility
- General Pesticide Safety
- Trees for Arkansas Landscapes
- Plant Propagation – "Hands on"
- Plant Selection (annual, perennials, woody ornamentals sun vs shade)
- Cool & Warm Season Vegetables
- Tree Fruit Production
- Small Fruit Production
- Tomato Production in the Home Garden
- Soft Skills

Extension personnel teach the classes at each unit, typically spending one day per month at each location. Riverside instructors test the students. Students must receive 70% or better to earn a passing grade. A "transcript" of sorts will be on file for the inmate.

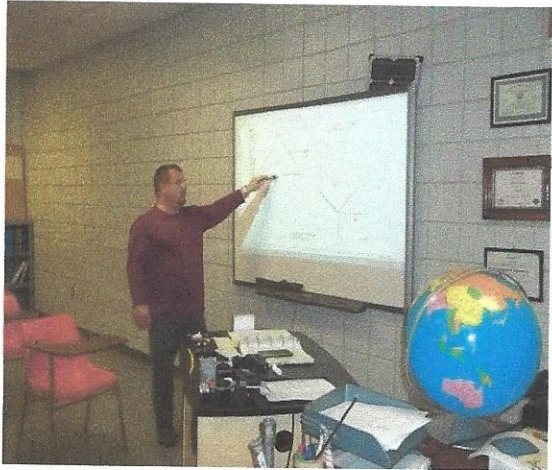
Upon graduation of the program, the student will receive a certificate of completion from the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture.

Upon release, the participant will be provided with a portfolio developed by Good Grid which will include all earned certificates during incarceration.

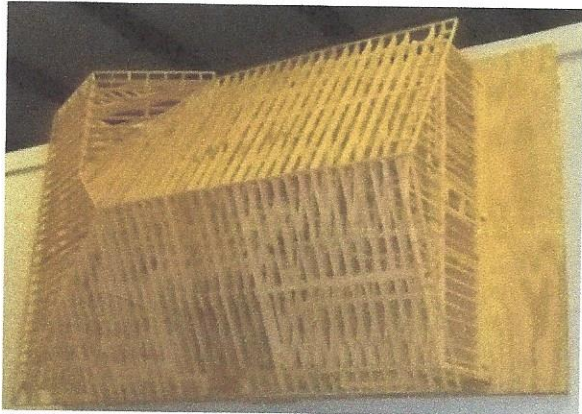
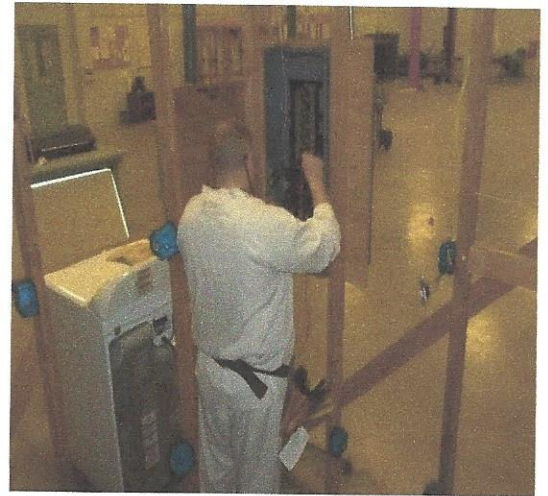
A Day with Riverside Vo-Tech at Varner Unit Campus



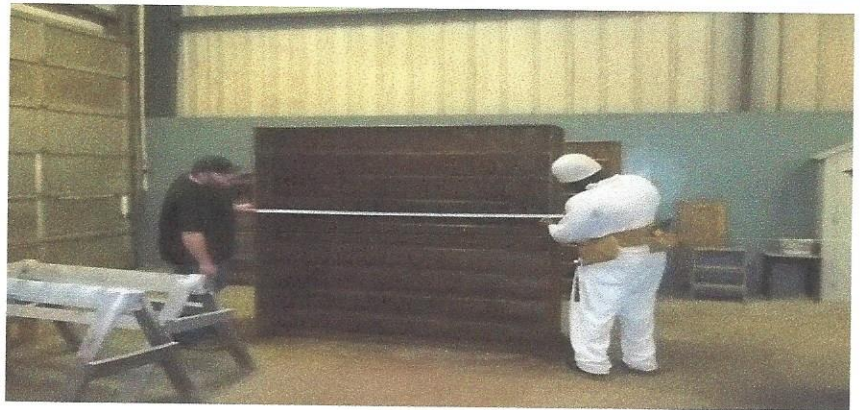
Welding Students Repairing a Trailer and Grill



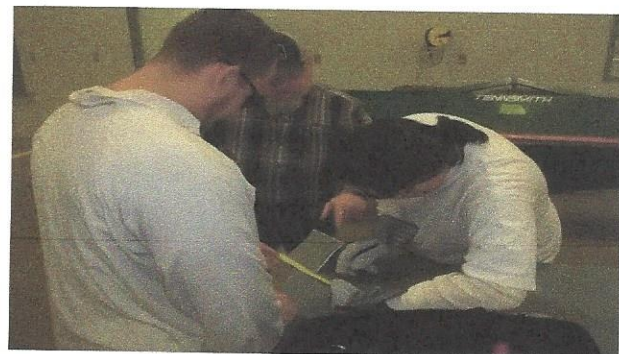
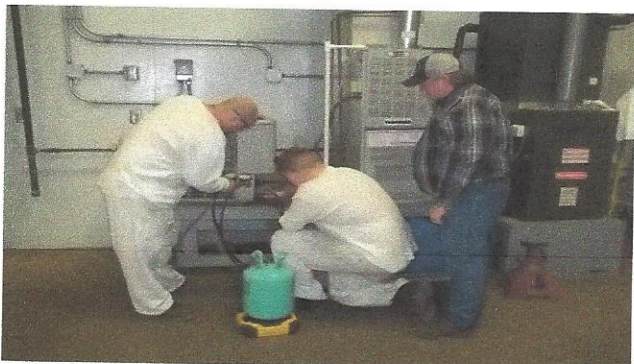
**John Chapman,
Electricity
Instructor, Teaching
a Lesson and a
Student Learning
How to Use a Meter
to Test a Circuit**



Miniature House Built to Scale



Carpentry Instructor, Matt Hudgens, Teaching Students How to Measure



John Woolley, HVAC Instructor, Teaching Students how to use Test Equipment and Work with Sheet Metal.