

Alexander Dennis- Welding Graduate

I decided to attend Triangle Tech because I wanted a profitable and stable career. I selected welding because it seemed fun and achievable to me. While I was attending Triangle Tech, my biggest challenge was balancing work and school. My advice for current Triangle Tech students is to keep going strong and to apply themselves. The hard work pays off in the long run.

I liked how personable the instructors and staff were at Triangle Tech. I also liked the amount of hands-on training offered here. I enjoyed the ASME SEC. IX Welding the best. Upon graduation and earning my degree, I wanted to obtain a good job and a skill that could never be taken from me.

I had a new job lined up after my graduation from Triangle Tech. Currently, I weld track vehicles at BAE Systems in York, PA. My future goals are to continue learning my trade and eventually become a CWI.

Evan Sander- Electrical Graduate

I chose the electrical program because it presented a mental as well as a physical challenge. The electrical side of the trades gave me an opportunity to work with my brain as much as with my body. I have also always had a fascination with electrical energy and how it is the backbone of the modern world.

I chose Triangle Tech because of the length of the program. A 16-month program stood out to me because I would get my education and be working well before those that attended a four-year program offered by other schools.

The main challenge I faced was balancing going to school and working full time. I had to make time to study and complete my assignments. Most of the time I was up at 6 am for school and didn't complete my day until 11 pm after I had finished my evening of work.

The largest motivation I had during school was knowing it would all be worth it. I understood right away that the program was not just treated as school, but as a simulation of how the working world would be when

I was finished. I also kept motivated by working a rather undesirable job knowing that I would not have to return to that grade of work or to the people that work there. My goals for after graduation were to find a good company to work for, and look for the opportunities to show my skills and move up in that company.

From the first semester, I knew this program was the right one for me. The learning curve was fairly steep at first. I maintained good study habits as well as used outside resources to get myself familiar with terms, code, and theory. Each semester presented a new set of challenges that built off what I learned in the previous semester. Through the entire course, I kept my goals for graduation in mind by achieving a 4.0. I knew that everything I learned was going to apply to when I started work.

I have gained a great deal of experience in my two years of experience at Tri-M. Notable achievements I have earned include: certification in Swagelock gas piping systems which are used for monitoring in the gas field, exothermic welding, and I am about to be sent to Corning's headquarters in North Carolina to receive intensive training in fiber optic systems and its applications. In two years, I have increased my salary by \$8.50 per hour and have received a company vehicle and a fuel card. I will be earning my journey person license in the next calendar year.

My duties at The Tri-M Group, LLC include, pulling, splicing, testing, and troubleshooting fiber optic cable, installing and testing security and automation systems including door access/controls, installing, maintaining, and mapping data systems, and managing small teams of people under the forepersons.

I use the training and skills in every aspect of my career. The most valuable skills I learned at Triangle Tech include, bending conduit, running and terminating wire, learning the code book so I know my work is acceptable, and keeping professionalism and neatness in my work.

The advice I can give to anyone considering or currently going to school at Triangle Tech is take your



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education seriously. The program is not just school, it is a simulation of the working world. Everything you learn and do in school is going to transfer directly to your career. You also need to keep an open mind

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out of school. I've been employed there for about a year. One day I hope to open my own company doing installations and service work in HVAC.

Meredith Elvey - Welding Graduate

I decided to attend Triangle Tech because I wanted a degree in the skilled trades and I 'd always had an interest in welding. I wanted to be able to commute from home every day and Triangle Tech in Chambersburg was closest to me. My biggest challenge through school was working a full-time job after class each day.

My favorite part of the program was 4th semester pipe welding. The environment here was something I liked. The fact that the school is small was positive for

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welding abilities through receiving my Associate's Degree in Welding and Fabrication Technology. I first started welding with my Pap, he let me try it when I was young. I've loved welding ever since then. One of my biggest challenges while attending Triangle Tech was the commute. I had an hour drive (over two mountains) in the morning and the afternoon each day that I attended school.

The instructors and their helpfulness is the thing I liked best about attending Triangle Tech. Third term structural D11 class and fourth term pipe were my favorite areas of study in this program. My goal was to secure a good welding job prior to my graduation day, which I achieved. My advice to current students is to work hard and do your best each day.

As I mentioned, I achieved my goal of having a job offer prior to graduation. Currently I am a Welder at BAE Systems in York, PA. I work on ACVs (Amphibious Combat Vehicles) for the US Marine Corps. I definitely hit the ground running after my time here at Triangle Tech. My future goal is to start my own Excavating and Welding Business.

Zachary Zydyk - Electrical Graduate

I chose Triangle Tech in Bethlehem because it had the most accredited programs and opportunities in the area for a person like me who was looking to change careers. Out of all of the trades, I knew the least about Electrical and I wanted to further my knowledge. I wanted a challenge. I learned that I really loved it. Balancing a school/family/work life, while maintaining a High Honor Roll ranking and great attendance was