

Montana to host the first ever dual enrollment conference in the West!

The National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) Western Regional Dual Enrollment Conference will be hosted at the new Missoula College in Missoula, MT April 3rd and 4th. In addition to speakers from across the country and attendees from across the Western US, this conference will feature breakout strands and best practice session on a wide variety of topics:

- Dual enrollment basics
- Building faculty/teacher collaboration
- Teacher training and professional development
- Rural and small school dual enrollment programs
- CTE dual enrollment and credential pathways
- Effective online/distance education models
- Creating a college experience in the high school classroom
- Advising and orientation for dual enrollment students

Registration is open at <http://www.nacep.org/calendar/western-conference/> and features a discounted conference rate for secondary attendees.

Free Welding Training for Teachers in February Focuses on Stackable Credentials via Acorn

Are you a teacher looking to grow and enhance your technical welding skills and learn about incorporating stackable, Industry Recognized Credentials into your high school classroom? Rev Up Montana and The Canadian Welding Bureau Group are offering an Education-Training Session the week of February 6, 2017. This training for college faculty and high school instructors, will be offered at no cost to educators.* All interested can contact Jon Vieth (contact information below) for further details and to get on the attendee list.

Participants will learn about CWBI Acorn. Acorn provides a complete training system that starts with career awareness at the grade school level and then delivers life-long on-going skills development and recognition. It is designed to provide convenience for all involved – training, content and support for instructors; education, practical experience and employability for students; and access to tools that help employers find, evaluate and hire the right staff.

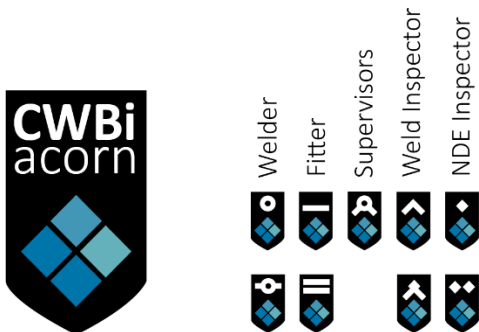
Developed specially to support a vendor-neutral “practical” learning style preferred by industry and students seeking employment within the skilled trades, Acorn strives to maximize learning opportunities through the use of hybrid and or traditional classroom and in-shop learning. With modularized learning and assessments, Acorn offers the flexibility of earning stackable credentials of value.

Acorn has been adopted by nearly 300 high schools and post-secondary schools across the US and Canada, and represents a fresh and totally modern approach to learning within the trade.

For more information, visit <https://www.cwbgroup.org/acorn> or contact:

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Acorn program is comprised of a number of standardized courses, with each course providing a self-contained teaching unit. Courses can be freely combined and reordered as needed to suit local needs, while still adhering to a standardized level of learning/ skills development. Acorn training programs are backed up by Acorn Assessments, which are comprehensive evaluations of a welder's demonstrable skills and knowledge. Assessments provide a standardized tool that easily allows employers to review the job-readiness of current and future employees.

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