



TRIANGLE TECH GRADUATE UPDATES

Check out our graduates and their success.

Evan Potter- Welding Graduate

“I chose Triangle Tech because I wanted to prove the fact that you do not need a typical four-year college degree to become successful. I did so by successfully completing and earning my Associates degree in Welding Fabrication and Specialized Technology. I confirmed my decision senior year of high school as I had multiple welding schools in mind but wanted to find the best, not only in training but also job placement. It was also important to find a school with good values and a family friendly feel. These values included: a hard-working attitude, a never give up mindset, always do your best work, respect, and caring for others always. Throughout my 16-month education period I learned as much as I possibly could and took many notes. Although it was difficult at times I pushed on knowing the end result would be worth it. Triangle Tech is a special place because everyone makes it feel like home. All the way from the student body to the instructors. One quote that I live by was taught at Triangle Tech by Mr. Benson and that was asking yourself when you’re finished with a project, “Would you pay for your work as a customer?” Not once was my answer no. I graduated Triangle Tech with four welding certifications allowing for many job opportunities across multiple industries. I already had a start date for employment with a large manufacturing company with full benefits and a really good pay rate one month before graduation thanks to the job placement program provided. I may build onto my degree later through engineering to become a Welding Engineer, only time will tell. One important trait that trades share is the variety of job fields within the trade itself always allowing for employment. Anytime I need help with my trade, I know that Triangle Tech’s door is always open and willing to help anyway possible. I cannot thank everyone enough for my success as a Triangle Tech graduate, all the way from the Maintenance manager to the instructors and advisors!”

Kalie Runyan - Electrical Graduate

When you hear the word “success” what do you visualize? When I hear it, I see an 18-year old girl, just graduated from high school going into a whole new world that seemed to be against the norm for a female. When I started at Triangle Tech, I knew nothing about electricity other than, if you touch it, it will hurt you. Luckily for myself, the instructors at Triangle Tech did their absolute best to explain every single element of the subject. This made it very easy to learn, even the hardest concepts of electricity. I absorbed every bit of information they provided me with. From residential, to PLC’s, to data and communications, to transformers, they taught all the biggest and smallest details that I needed to know in order to understand what I was learning. Then by the time fourth term was coming to an end, I had successfully completed each term with all A’s, earning myself a QPA of 4.0.

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Going into the real world was scary, they always say that it's a totally different ball game going from college to a job. I ended up getting a job at a local heat-treating facility about ten minutes from my house, thanks to Triangle Tech sending out my resume and transcript. I didn't even have to put in an application to get this job, and quite frankly, that made me feel very proud knowing they wanted me to work for them. A short week after my interview there, they told me the job was mine.

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Of course, they provided me with good insurance, paid vacation, and personal time. Upon starting there, I learned to mig weld, work on batch furnaces, overhead cranes, operate the scissor lift and forklift, run gas lines and of course, I got to do the electrical work that I learned in college. The facility was so impressed with my work that after only four months of working there, they sent me to second shift to be the maintenance supervisor, where I would be in charge of keeping the place running. This promotion has made me a very important part of the company, and has earned me a lot of respect from the man in charge. Overall, Triangle Tech gave me the opportunity to become an important member of the working world, making it possible for me to get the vehicle I've always wanted, move out of my parent's house and live comfortably all at the young age of 20. Triangle Tech opened so many doors that I never thought would be possible.

Jacob Schrek- RHVAC Graduate

I was attracted to the RHVAC field by its multiple career paths that it offers and the demand for new people in the RHVAC field. Triangle Tech was my choice for schooling because of its straightforward curriculum and accelerated pace. The small class sizes and knowledgeable instructors were also a factor in my decision. My biggest challenge in school was pacing myself and really getting familiar/comfortable with the type of equipment I was working on. The feeling of accomplishment and progress as I moved through the program is what kept me motivated throughout the 16 months.

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I had struggled and really learned to adapt to new or unfamiliar situations and to keep a steady effort at trial and error until I succeeded in what I set out to accomplish. I continued this pattern until it all paid off in graduation. My biggest goal was to simply find a career in the HVAC field and to build my skills beyond that of what I gained in school. I landed a full-time position as the lone mainte-

nance technician at a multi-story hotel in the State College area. My position involves all aspects of general maintenance including HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and even light carpentry. I heavily utilize my knowledge of electricity and the basic refrigeration cycle the most as key tools in solving issues. Try and try again is my best advice to incoming students. Try not to let things overwhelm you and keep a clear head, I've found it's almost impossible to do my job otherwise. I plan on continuing my work in the HVAC field while learning more about electricity and the principals of it, along with sharpening my practical skills of using tools and working with my hands.

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Lesly Belizaire- Carpentry Graduate

Lesly graduated high school and decided to go right to a local community college. He began taking business courses but realized something was missing. He enjoyed school but really liked to work with his hands. His uncle owned a construction business and Lesly would help him out from time to time. Once he realized that he needed a career that didn't involve sitting at a desk he immediately began to look into other options to continue his education. Enrolling at Triangle Tech was an easy decision for him. Quality hands on training and job placement assistance were the most important qualities he needed his school to have. Triangle Tech fit the bill. Working and attending school full time was a challenge but Lesly kept pushing forward. He was able to secure full time employment at a local carpentry company a few weeks prior to his graduation. He is hoping to continue learning and wants to advance with the company in the near future!