



## TOM NELSON

SENIOR TRAINING COORDINATOR  
KENNECOTT UTAH COPPER CORP. (RETIRED)

Education Path:

**Apprenticeship:** Boiler  
Maker Welder Layerout (BWL)

**Apprenticeship:** Millwright

Work Path:

BWL/Millwright (25 years)

KUC Papa New Guinea: Instructor/Consultant (7 years)

Present: Lab Coordinator/Adjunct Instructor SLCC Welding

*"I believe that pursuing a degree at SLCC is a way to secure a great future in the welding trades...it is evident that companies are pursuing graduates that have a degree." -Tom Nelson*

Tom has served on SLCC's CAC since 1997. He currently works as the lab coordinator/adjunct instructor for the Welding program at the college. He is in charge of the tool room, repairing welding equipment, ordering materials, and of course teaching.

Tom says, "Being involved in welding has giving me a great career, with opportunities that wouldn't be available without the knowledge and years of experience that I have acquired."

According to Tom, careers in metal fabrication are always available. There is a shortage of qualified welder/fabricators all over the country. Pay scales are good with companies offering high wages and benefits for qualified applicants.

Away from work, Tom enjoys being with his family, gardening, boating at Lake Powell, fishing, and bowling.