Use your apprenticeship training toward earning a college degree with the Carpenters Union
DID YOU KNOW

that journey-level workers who have completed a four-year state-certified apprenticeship with the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters can apply that training directly toward a two-year college degree?
Within our Council’s six-state area, Des Moines Area Community College (Iowa), Hennepin Technical College (Brooklyn Park and Eden Prairie, Minn.), Metropolitan Community College (Omaha, Neb.) Madison Area Technical College (Madison, Wis.) and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (Green Bay, Wis.) award credits for the classroom work and hands-on training that members perform during their apprenticeship. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, members generally have about two-thirds of the credits they need toward a two-year degree.

The colleges’ two-year associate degrees respond to the growing role that formal education plays in the workforce. They also give members a head start toward pursuing a managerial role later in their careers, such as Superintendent or Project Manager. Having both a college degree and hands-on experience will help you better understand individual jobsites and the construction industry as a whole.
In Iowa, apprentices who earn their journey-level certificate will have earned 42 credits toward the 64 hour minimum to earn the Associate in General Studies degree. They will receive 10 credits for related classroom instruction that is completed in the apprenticeship program. They will need an additional 12 credits from general classes such as communications, social and behavioral sciences, math and science.

In Minnesota, apprentices who graduate to journey-level status will receive 47 credits for the instruction they receive during their Regional Council apprenticeship. They will need 19 more credits to complete an Associate in Applied Science degree in Apprenticeship Technology. Thirteen of the credits come from four General Education required classes; the remaining six credits are General Education electives. (Some of the required classes have prerequisites.)
In Nebraska, apprentices who have achieved journey-level status will have 56 credits from apprentice training and 15 credits from apprentice job training toward the 98 credits required for an associate degree. An additional 27 general education credits are required, including courses in technical writing, oral and written reports, applied mathematics, introduction to psychology or sociology, human relations skills and microcomputer fundamentals.

In Wisconsin, apprentices are automatically registered as technical college students at the above schools when they begin their apprenticeship. If they choose to enroll as college students, they can receive up to 50 college credits toward an Associate Degree, depending on the craft studied in their apprenticeship.

These partner colleges offer a variety of options for taking the required classes, including online, weekend and video courses, as well as self-paced study.
Earning a college degree in addition to your apprenticeship can help you “Build Your Life” in a variety of ways. It can mean more opportunities for advancement, which can often mean higher pay. It can mean more job stability and better job satisfaction. Not only can a degree provide these benefits to you, but it will have a long lasting impact on your family.

Joining the NCSRCC apprenticeship is the first step toward living your dream life. Achieving a college degree just might be the next step. Find out more today by calling:

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