PREPARE YOUR STUDENTS FOR A PROFESSIONAL CAREER
A PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE

High school students face some big choices after graduation; do they go into debt in order to obtain a college degree, or do they go straight to work and hope to make enough to support themselves and possibly a family some day? Apprenticeship with the Carpenters brings together the best of both options for the right type of student.

A tuition-free apprenticeship in the skilled trades brings together paid on-the-job training and classroom education. Students who show tremendous ability working with their hands, are able to apply STEM principals to the work they do and possess a strong work ethic will succeed in the skilled trades.

Professional carpenters help build the world around us. They work on many different types of projects; from bridges to medical facilities, schools and universities to sports arenas. Carpenters even work for power generation plants.

STUDENTS CAN CHOOSE THEIR CAREER FROM FIVE CRAFTS:

- **Carpenter**
  Includes wood framing, interior systems, concrete forms, interior and exterior finish.

- **Floor Coverers**
  Specialists in the preparation, installation and finishing of commercial and residential carpet, wood, laminate, resilient tile, vinyl, cork, rubber and other professional flooring.

- **Millwrights**
  Experts at the precise alignment, installation, overhauling and troubleshooting of the huge machinery on which our economy depends.

- **Pile Drivers**
  Build the foundations of our community. They drive, install, repair and remove the deep piles, foundations, steel sheeting and shoring upon which buildings, bridges, docks and other structures depend.

- **Cabinet Makers**
  Create custom woodwork for commercial, residential, institutional, and retail construction.
POST-SECONDARY CAREER OPTIONS

TRADITIONAL COLLEGE
- Four years of study
- $60,000 in student loan debt
- No guarantee of a job after graduation

UNREPRESENTED CARPENTER
- $30,000 salary
- No advancement
- No benefits

APPRENTICE CARPENTER
- Four-year Apprenticeship
- Earn while you learn format
- $30,000 starting salary
- Regular pay increases throughout Apprenticeship
- Benefits including health, dental and retirement funds
- NO STUDENT LOAN DEBT

CAREER PATH OF A PROFESSIONAL CARPENTER

Apprenticeship
$30,000 + benefits
NO STUDENT LOAN DEBT

Journeyworker
$60,000 + benefits

Superintendent or Project Manager
$100,000 + benefits

Foreman
$70,000 + benefits

Contractor
$200,000 + benefits

Early Retirement
Age 59

WINNER!

Earning potential will vary according to location and hours worked.
TRADE APPRENTICESHIP

Apprenticeship training programs give students a chance to learn and cultivate their skills through a combination of on-the-job training and school hours with no tuition costs. This method of training allows students to earn a living while learning their craft.

Though requirements can vary from state-to-state, an average apprentice will complete 7,000 hours of on-the-job training and 640 hours of classroom training.

CARPENTERS TRAINING INSTITUTE

Carpenters Training Institute provides apprentices with state-certified classroom education during their four-year training. Apprentices report to the institute four times a year for a week of classes covering a wide variety of topics. Besides developing their hands-on skills for the field, they also have classroom instruction to develop their skills in math, blue print reading, technology advances and OSHA standards.

The institute strives to create a professional, well-rounded carpenter. They offer additional classes in professionalism and communication, as well as industry certification and upgrade classes. These additional classes are open to all Carpenters from Apprentice to Journeyworker.
Students who show promise and are ready to commit to a career in the skilled building trades will be matched with a partnering contractor to begin their career as a professional carpenter right out of high school. Working with you, we can shine a spotlight on these elite students with an Career Signing Day event.

We believe students who are ready to make this commitment should be celebrated like student athletes committing to a college program. The event, held at your high school or the area Carpenters Training Institute, is open for all to attend including family, classmates, school facility and staff, local media and sponsoring contractors.

Career Signing Day brings excitement for students taking the first step in their professional life-long career.

“I’ve taken every single wood shop class there is... The next step after graduation; I’ll go right into work.”

Abby S.
2019 Signing Day student
CAREER CONNECTIONS

Help prepare students for a career as a professional carpenter with the Career Connections curriculum. Designed by professional carpenters with experience in the field and the classroom. This program introduces students to a career in carpentry and prepares them for advance training in an apprenticeship program.

The four-year program covers basic and intermediate carpentry, advance skills in residential and commercial construction, and the essentials of construction safety. Other books available include math for construction and an introduction to millwrights.

All books come with:
• an annotated edition that provides teacher class notes
• rubrics for each project
• project evaluations
• a tool operation safety checklist
• a comprehensive skills matrix
• estimated timeliness for teaching
• Virtual Shop software to see how the project is built step-by-step

Students who complete the program will be prepared to start their career as a professional carpenter right after high school. Certified graduates may receive advance placement in our apprentice program.

BRING STUDENTS TO A TRAINING FACILITY

Give your students an opportunity to experience an Apprentice training day first hand with a trip to the Carpenters Training Institute in your area. Contact your Business Representative to schedule a day and time.
Business Card placed here