CONSTRUCTION CAREER PATHWAY

CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

Construction Craft Laborer

Do You Like …

… building things?
… organization and detail?
… basic science and math?
… working with your hands?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps’ Construction Craft Laborer career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a construction craft laborer, including:

» Using basic construction materials such as concrete, lumber, sand, and bricks.

» Installing slopes and adjusting for changes in elevation on construction sites.

» Identifying and caring for different types of lumber and learning the use of each type.

» Using scaffolding, hand levels, transits, plumb-bobs, builder’s levels, and other tools on construction sites.

» Moving sand, gravel, concrete blocks, and other construction materials.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

» Integrity

» Dependability

» Attention to detail

» Safety and monitoring skills

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a construction craft laborer, including having:

» Strong math and reading skills

» A high school diploma or the equivalent

» Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests
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CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have gained the knowledge and skills to help you succeed in your career. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a center-based Construction training area can earn nationally recognized credentials from organizations such as the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

Students training in union-affiliated and national-contracted programs, such as the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC), International Masonry Institute (IMI), International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), National Plastering Industry Joint Apprenticeship Trust Fund (NPIJATF), Home Builders Institute (HBI), Transportation Communications Union (TCU), and United Auto Workers (UAW), can earn a pre-apprentice certificate of completion that offers registered apprenticeship opportunities and on-the-job experience.

CAREER OPTIONS

Most Construction Craft Laborer graduates work for construction contractors. Working hours for construction craft laborers vary. Most work normal day shifts, but many work weekends depending on the deadlines of construction sites.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most construction craft laborers is $32,000/year.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit www.mynextmove.org.