Do You Like …

... working with your hands?
... organization and detail?
... listening to others?
... solving problems?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps’ Facilities Maintenance career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a facilities maintenance worker, including:

» Using carpentry and masonry skills to maintain existing facilities.
» Learning to properly use tools and equipment to repair facility structures and systems, including plumbing and electrical.
» Maintaining systems that keep a building safe and secure, and that control its environment.
» Finishing and sealing building surfaces.
» Developing skills in landscaping to maintain the facility’s grounds.
» Building cabinets (optional).

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

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

» Attention to detail
» Dependability
» Cooperation
» Independence
» Problem-solving
» Integrity

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a facilities maintenance worker, including having:

» Basic 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
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 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 Facilities Maintenance graduates go to work for commercial buildings, schools, or residential complexes. Facilities maintenance workers spend most of the workday on their feet, overseeing the general condition of a building. Normal tasks include routine repairs and preventive maintenance to ensure the building systems operate efficiently. Most facilities maintenance workers are employed full time, while others work evening and weekend shifts or are on call for emergency repairs.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most facilities maintenance workers is $37,000/year.

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