Do You Like …

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

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

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a painter, including:

» Finishing and protecting drywall.
» Removing old paint to prepare surfaces prior to painting.
» Mixing colors or oils to obtain desired color or consistency.
» Learning proper techniques to use brushes, rollers, and spray guns.
» Properly covering and protecting surfaces prior to painting.
» Creating and maintaining safe painting environments, including the proper use of ladders, scaffolds, lifts, and fall protection.
» Setting up, operating, and tending machines to coat or paint a wide variety of products.
» Painting walls, equipment, buildings, and other structural surfaces.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

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

» Integrity and dependability
» Steady use of hands and fingers
» Attention to detail
» Physical endurance

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a painter, 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
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 Painting graduates go to work as painters in the public and private sectors. Painters spend most of the time on their feet and must have physical strength and endurance to complete their tasks. Painters work with their hands all day and enjoy a team atmosphere when completing large jobs. Painters complete jobs on location, so it is common to travel quite a bit within the local area.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most painters is $37,000/year.

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