



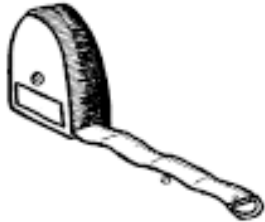
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Next Steps on the Pathway to a Career in Carpentry

Learn Math: It Pays.

What you study in the classroom will help you succeed in the field. Most carpentry apprenticeship programs require, at a minimum, a C or better in high school algebra. *The more math you know, the better your chances for acceptance into apprenticeship.* Register for these math and science classes:



Algebra
Applied Mathematics
Chemistry

Geometry
Physics
Trigonometry



Take Shop: Get Hands-on Experience.

Employers and apprenticeship programs are looking for applicants with *experience*. Enroll in your high school's trades-related classes. Sign up for woodworking, cabinetry, drafting, architecture, and engineering. Almost any class that applies math and let's you develop your mechanical abilities will earn you points toward apprenticeship.



If your high school does not offer shop classes, check out the class selection at your local community college or hardware stores.

Look for summer opportunities! Learn about the Oregon Building Congress and the Summer Construction Academy:
<http://www.obcweb.com> or call 503-685-8313.

Build Your Resume: Volunteer!

Volunteering in the realm of construction allows you to advance your career while you give back to your community. Many valuable skills and glowing recommendations can be gained by working with non-profit organizations that build or repair homes.

Contact Habitat for Humanity at <http://www.habitat.org/local/> to find local chapters or REACH Community Development's <http://www.reachcdc.org>

Be sure to secure *written documentation* of the work you do and classes you take, as well as written recommendations from supervisors or crew leaders.

Apply for Apprenticeship: Earn as You Learn.

Apprenticeship is *paid-on-the-job-training* to become a carpenter. You can apply to either the open-shop or union apprenticeship program in your area.



For more information, see the back of this page. ⇨

Ask about Apprenticeship: For a Focus on Carpentry.

The Bureau of Labor and Industries can provide contact information for all the carpentry apprenticeship programs in your area.



In Oregon, contact the Bureau of Labor and Industries Apprenticeship Division.

<http://www.boli.state.or.us/apprenticeship/index.html>

For information on becoming an apprentice call 503-731-4072 in Portland, 541-686-7623 in Eugene, 541-322-2435 in Bend or 541-776-6201 in Medford.

In Washington, contact the Department of Labor and Industries.

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/scs/apprenticeship/>

900 Ocean Beach Hwy, S-10 in Longview, WA 98632-4013

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. also lists apprenticeship openings and contact info:
www.tradeswomen.net

Union Carpentry Apprenticeship: Willamette Carpenters Training Center

6915 NE 42nd Ave.
Portland, OR 97218
503-287-3708

<http://www.wctcapp.com/index.html>

Open-shop Carpentry Apprenticeship: Associated General Contractors

9450 SW Commerce Circle
Wilsonville, OR 97070
503-682-3363

www.agc.org



What kind of carpenter do you want to be? Residential or Commercial?

Exterior/Interior Specialist
Piledriver
Trade Show Carpenter
Scaffold Erector

Are you interested in?

Metal stud framing
Hanging doors
Finish carpentry

Find a “Pathway” Job: Handle Materials.

Look for warehouse work or retail service positions with lumber and hardware stores. These jobs will give you hands-on experience with wood products and tools a carpenter would use. Jobs such as laborer, farmwork can prepare you for physical requirements.

Reach Out to Resources: Get the Tools to Succeed!

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. can assist you with career-counseling and resume-building, mock interviews and much more through our Pathways to Success program.

Contact OT’s Pathways program at 503-335-8200 x23.



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