

CARPENTERS

COLLEGE & CAREER PATHWAYS | ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

JOB DESCRIPTION

Carpenters do many jobs in construction, which can mean anything from framing a house to building stairs and door frames to putting in cabinetry or drywall. Carpenters typically work with wood, but often work with drywall, fiberglass, or other materials and work in all facets of construction, from large industrial jobs to small handyman jobs.



WHAT SKILLS & TRAINING ARE NEEDED?

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS:

- Attention to Detail: Carpenters make things that must be level and square. Often, they are a part of a larger piece of the building that must also be level.
- Manual Dexterity: Carpenters work with their hands, using saws, hammers, and many other tools. Steady hands are needed.
- Math Skills: Basic math is used every day by carpenters.
- Strength: Carpenters will lift heavy lumber, cement and other objects.
- Problem-Solving Skills: Not every job is the same, and carpenters need to be able to adjust plans to compensate for any environmental issues that come up.
- Stamina: Carpenters spend long days on their feet, often outside in all types of weather.

TRAINING: Carpenters learn their skills through an apprenticeship. In the program, which lasts 3-4 years, carpenters learn technical training and safety standards and building codes. In each year of the apprenticeship, apprentices are expected to complete 144 hours of paid technical training and 2,000 hours of on-the-job training. To start in an apprentice program, you must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma or GED, physically sound, a United States citizen or legal resident and pass a drug test.

HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS IS A GOOD FIT FOR ME?

- You enjoy working with your hands.
- You like to work on teams.
- You see projects through from beginning to end.
- You have patience with the ability to see a project through from beginning to end.

MEDIAN HOURLY EARNING

\$16.92

WHERE CAN I PURSUE ALIGNED TRAINING?

DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTHSHORE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Building Technology)

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