

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION CAREER PATHWAYS

Where to start?

- Build your career awareness by asking your family and friends about careers and people to talk to
- Look online for info and training through pre-apprenticeships, community college, technical programs, apprenticeships, WorkSource and Job Corps
- Seek out informational meetings, and be prepared and on time

Why work in construction?

- Jobs with good pay and health insurance
- Hands on work you can be proud of – build your community
- Job skills you can take anywhere and a pathway to a lifelong career
- No student debt

What should you know about construction?

- Challenging, but rewarding careers
- Outside work and hard, physical labor
- Need to budget carefully (travel, reliable transportation, slow times, and layoffs)
- Drug tests (clean & sober workers)
- Workers must always be on time with a good attitude

START



Attend information sessions

- Learn about career opportunities at pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship sessions
- Determine what's right for you and what skills you need to get started



Apply to pre-apprenticeship training

- Participate in a free boot camp or training program to get a broad overview of opportunities in construction
- Visit apprenticeship training centers
- Build hands-on construction skills, math competency and physical fitness
- Get career advice and meet mentors
- Demonstrate your strong work ethic



Apply to a community college, technical program, Job Corps or WorkSource

- A variety of school and training options might fit your needs at different points in your career
- Career options can include construction trades, management, technology, engineering, architecture, inspection, union organizing and many others
- You can also begin as an apprentice and then go back to school



- Complete your training
- Continue to build your career with specialized skills, as a project manager, foreman or superintendent
- The sky is the limit – return to school or open your own business

Apply to become a registered apprentice

- Check application requirements and make sure you have the skills and experience to become an apprentice
- Complete your application to one or more apprenticeship programs
- Earn while you learn – build your pay along with your classroom & job skills
- Access well-rounded, 2 – 5 year apprentice training programs – the union programs are free to you



Graduate / Journey Out



Great careers available in the highway construction trades

Carpenters www.pnci.org

Cement Masons www.cementmasons555.org

Northwest College of Construction www.nwcc.com

Ironworkers www.iw29appr.org

Laborers www.osilaborerstraining.org

Operating Engineers www.oetraining.org

Knife River Oregon JAC Light Paving & Grading Operators 503-944-3500

Pre-Apprenticeship Programs

Constructing Hope www.constructinghope.com

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. www.tradeswomen.net

Portland Community College www.pcc.edu/programs/apprenticeship/pre-trades.html

Portland YouthBuilders www.pybpdx.org

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For more information on all training programs, go to www.oregon.gov/boli/ATD/