



Apprenticeship gives your career an edge.

Here's how to get started.

1. Learn how Apprenticeship works.

Earn while you learn. An apprenticeship is both a full-time job and a full-time training program. Employers use it to prepare their full-time employees for skilled occupations, while paying a good wage.

Hands-on training. Apprentices receive most of their training on-the job from experienced journey workers and receive some classroom instruction, typically through the Wisconsin Technical College system.

Credential. Apprenticeships vary from 2 to 5 years, depending on the trade. Apprentices who successfully complete the program earn a nationally recognized credential as a skilled worker.

2. Prepare.

Competitive. Apprenticeship openings are usually at a premium, even in times of full employment. Many young people start their training directly after high school.

Requirements. Requirements are stringent and vary by trade. Apprentices must be 18 years of age or older. Graduate high school with the highest grade point possible, or earn your GED or HSED.

3. Choose a trade that suits you.

Construction. Most apprentices in Wisconsin work in the construction trades. These trades build and repair homes, commercial buildings, bridges, highways and more.

Industrial, Manufacturing & Service. Manufacturing and industrial trades make almost all of the products that we use. Service trades include utility workers, barbers, cooks, firefighters and more.

4. Start your career.

Similar to a typical job search, you must find an employer willing to hire you as an apprentice. Openings are sometimes listed on JobCenter of Wisconsin or technical college websites. In some cases, you may need to start work at an unskilled position before being considered for an apprenticeship at the same company.

For more information, contact the Bureau of Apprenticeship today!

Visit www.wisconsinapprenticeship.org or call 608-266-3332.

