

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION CAREER PATHWAYS



START

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



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



- 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



- 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



- 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



Great careers available in the highway construction trades

- Carpenters www.pnci.org
- Cement Masons www.cementmasons555.org
- Northwest College of Construction www.nwcoc.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.pybpd.org

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

