

WHAT EXACTLY IS APPRENTICESHIP?

The San Diego Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Apprenticeship Program is a state and federally recognized construction training program. What makes apprenticeship unique is that it combines paid on-the-job training and work experience with formal classroom instruction. You are employed by a company where you receive hands-on training and attend class, typically at night, to receive your theory and technical training. All classes are affiliated with San Diego Community College. You receive college credits while training and tuition is free for apprentices. Apprentices receive regular pay increases as they advance through the three to five-year program, and family medical and dental benefits are provided as well. After successfully completing this program, you'll enter the work force as a state and federally recognized craftsman in your chosen field.



WHICH CAREER IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Go to abcsd.org to learn more, view a training video, and sign up to become an ABC Apprentice today.

SHEET METAL WORKERS make, install and maintain air conditioning, heating, ventilation and pollution control duct systems; roofs; skylights; and many other building products made from sheet metal and other materials. Some workers may specialize in testing, balancing, and servicing existing air conditioning and ventilation systems.

ELECTRICIANS install electrical systems in factories, office buildings, homes and other structures. Electricians read blueprints to locate outlets, circuits and panel boards. Those who work as commercial electricians may install, test or repair motors, transformers, generators or electronic controllers on machinery or equipment.

PLUMBERS install or repair water supply lines, drainage systems and gas systems in a variety of construction work environments. Plumbers measure, cut and install plastic, copper, steel and cast iron pipe. In the rough-in phase, plumbers may attach or hang pipes for connection to fixtures. In the trim-out phase, they may install sinks, toilets and appliances.

PIPEFITTERS install, maintain and repair many different types of piping used in buildings, factories and utilities. These systems are used to heat and cool buildings, carry water, provide gas and generate electricity. Pipefitters work from blueprints or drawings and perform such tasks as measuring, marking, cutting and threading pipe to connect pipe systems.

ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECH (EST's) install, connect, calibrate and service products that carry voice, video, audio and data within a structure. Some EST's work with fire and security alarm systems; others work with telecommunications equipment such as business telephone systems and computer networks.



HOW DO YOU QUALIFY?

There are several requirements you must meet before acceptance into the apprenticeship program. You must:



Be at least 18 years of age.

Have a High School Diploma, GED or High School Equivalency.

Be able to legally work in the United States.

Have proof of completing an algebra class with a grade of "C" or better. (For the Electrical Trade only.)

Have reliable personal transportation.

WHAT'S NEXT?

As a future apprentice, you must determine the trade you are interested in and complete an application. Visit www.abc.org for information. Applicants must:

- ★ Pass a written basic reading and math test.
- ★ Be interviewed by the apprenticeship committee.
- ★ Successfully complete a drug screening test.
- ★ Pass color vision screening for the electrical and EST trades.

Then you are off to work and training! You'll have taken the first step toward your new, rewarding career.

Earn While You Learn



APPRENTICESHIP PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR:

- ★ Rewarding Career
- ★ Paid On-The-Job Training
- ★ Family Medical & Dental Benefits
- ★ Great Pay with Periodic Pay Increases
- ★ Classroom Training with College Credit



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