



Consider Careers In Skilled Trades

What are skilled trades?

Skilled trades represent work in a particular trade or craft which requires unique skill. These trade careers often offer one-two year training programs either as an apprentice or while on the job. Among some of the most popular skilled trade careers are:

- Automotive service and body repair technician
- Barber and hairstylist
- Construction, Painting, Appliance Repair
- Culinary - Cook, baker, chef
- Electrician
- Heavy equipment operator
- Landscape architect
- Mass transit operator
- Painter
- Pipe layers, plumbers and pipe fitters

By choosing a career in a skilled trade, you get to experience firsthand what it's like to develop a production schedule for a new car release, plan and cook a full menu, style hair, pick the right construction material based on climate and age of the building, wire a circuit board, paint a house, install a sink and so much more!

What do skilled trades pay?

A lot! Skilled Trade jobs have well-paying jobs with opportunity for advancement. Here are a few examples...

Construction Manager

- Average hourly pay—**\$48.56**
- Top-end hourly pay—over \$76.71
- Main tasks—Planning, overseeing, and handling the coordination of construction or maintenance activities (including budgeting and scheduling) related to specific building projects

Aircraft Mechanic

- Average hourly pay—**\$30.07**
- Top-end hourly pay—over \$44.27
- Main tasks—Inspecting, repairing, adjusting, or overhauling airplane or helicopter engines and other important systems

Automotive Mechanic

- Average hourly pay—**\$20.51**
- Top-end hourly pay—over \$31.46
- Main tasks—Inspecting, troubleshooting, and repairing motor vehicle engines and other important systems and components

Electrician

- Average hourly pay—**\$27.84**
- Top-end hourly pay—over \$44.56
- Main tasks—Wiring buildings for electrical power, lighting, or communications systems (and maintaining or repairing those systems)

How do I train for a skilled Trade?

There are a variety of training opportunities for skilled trades. Some training is offered through community colleges, apprenticeships, or programs such as Job Corp. Utilize the resources at the bottom of the page to explore training opportunities.

Is an Apprenticeship for me?

- It's a job. But it's also school.
- Mostly, though, it's a great opportunity! An apprenticeship is a good way to prepare yourself for the future with on-the-job training in a highly skilled trade career.
- An apprenticeship is a paid job. Someone who is new to the field (the apprenticeship) learns the skills needed for the job. Apprentices are trained by master craftsmen, who are experts in their field. They share their skills and knowledge to help the apprentice become an expert too.
- An apprenticeship is also a school. Apprenticeships include classroom lessons to make sure the apprentice masters all aspects of the job.

Apprenticeship Fun Facts:

- Apprenticeship mean real skills and real careers.
- Valuable skills credential.
- Paid education and on-the-job-training that prepares you for a lifelong career.
- Financial independence with benefits and retirement
- Complete a training free, no debt!
- Diversity of work and opportunities to grow professionally.
- Satisfaction of walking away from a job and saying "I built that!"

Check out these resources for more info:

Oregon Apprenticeship & Trade Schools To Explore:

SCHOOL NAME	WEBSITE
Oregon Apprenticeship Locator	http://oregonapprenticeship.org/trade-locator/
Build Oregon	www.build-oregon.com
Oregon Tradeswomen	http://www.tradeswomen.net/
Job Corps	www.jobcorps.gov/centers/or.aspx
PCC Apprenticeships* <i>*Check all OR community college websites for apprenticeships</i>	www.pcc.edu/programs/apprenticeship/
Northwest College of Construction	www.nwcoc.com
Oregon Culinary Institute	https://www.oregonculinaryinstitute.com/
Aveda Institute Portland	https://www.avedapdx.com/
Concorde Career College	www.concorde.edu/campus/portland-oregon
Vocational Outside Line Training Academy	www.nwlinejatc.com

