

Architecture and Construction Career Cluster



The Architecture and Construction career cluster focuses on designing, planning, managing, building, and maintaining the built environment. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from architect, carpenter, and construction manager to electrician, plumber, and heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration technician.

Statewide Program of Study: Carpentry

The Carpentry program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities related to constructing, installing, and repairing structures and fixtures made of wood (including frameworks, partitions, joists, studding, rafters, and stairways). The program of study includes installing, dismantling, or moving machinery and heavy equipment according to layout plans, blueprints, or other drawings.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit



- Level 1 • Principles of Construction
- Level 2 • Construction Technology I
- Level 3 • Construction Technology II
- Level 4 • Practicum in Construction Technology
 - Career Preparation for Programs of Study

Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

Dual Credit Dual credit offerings will vary by local education agency.

Students should be advised to consider these course opportunities to enrich their preparation. AP or IB courses not listed under the Secondary Courses for High School Credit section of this framework document do not count towards concentrator/completer status for this program of study.

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intern with a carpenter to practice skills such as measuring materials and assembling structures • Participate in a pre-apprenticeship that includes activities like installing cabinets, drywall, and siding
Expanded Learning Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadow a construction manager to learn more about how construction teams work together to complete projects • Participate in SkillsUSA

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- NCCER Carpentry Level I
- NCCER Carpentry Level II
- NCCER Construction Technology Certification Level I
- **NCCER Core**



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Carpenter

Associate Degrees

- Construction Management
- Construction Engineering Technology
- Building Construction Technology

Bachelor's Degrees

- Construction Engineering
- Construction Science
- Construction Site Management

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Construction Engineering Technology
- Construction Engineering
- Construction Management
- Project Management



Example Aligned Occupations

Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers

Median Wage: \$44,699
Annual Openings: 758
10-Year Growth: 14%

Carpenters

Median Wage: \$46,272
Annual Openings: 5,623
10-Year Growth: 15%

Construction Managers

Median Wage: \$95,072
Annual Openings: 6,325
10-Year Growth: 24%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.



For more information visit: <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/programs-of-study-additional-resources>

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Course Information

	Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Level 1	Principles of Construction* 13004220 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Level 2	Construction Technology I 13005100 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Construction or Principles of Architecture Recommended Corequisites: None	
Level 3	Construction Technology II 13005200 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: Construction Technology I Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Construction or Principles of Architecture Recommended Corequisites: None	

* Indicates course is included in more than one program of study.

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Level 4

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Practicum in Construction Technology* First Time Taken: 13005250 (2 credits) Second Time Taken: 13005260 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: Construction Technology II; Building Maintenance Technology II; Electrical Technology II; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Refrigeration Technology II; Plumbing Technology I; or Mill and Cabinetmaking Technology Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Career Preparation for Programs of Study* First Time Taken: 12701121 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: At least one Level 2 or higher Career and Technical Education course Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	



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