



## Construction Trades

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### Course Overview

The Construction Trades program is a State of Washington approved pre-apprenticeship program designed to prepare students for direct entry into an apprenticeship by meeting rigorous academic and industry standards. This course covers both residential and commercial construction with an emphasis on job site safety through hands-on projects, guest speakers and field trips. Students will learn framing, roofing, blueprint reading, estimating costs, and site preparation. Students who meet ALL course competencies with a B or better will be granted preferred enrollment and advanced placement in the Carpenters-Employers Apprenticeship & Training Trust Fund.

### Course Units

- Safety
- Construction Math
- Hand Tools
- Power Tools
- Building Plans
- Communication & Collaboration Skills
- Employability & Life Skills
- Orientation to the Trades
- Green Construction
- Building Materials
- Site Layout
- Foundation & Concrete
- Floor Systems
- Wall & Ceiling Framing
- Roof Framing
- Windows & Exterior Doors
- Exterior Finish
- Roofing
- Insulation, Moisture Control & Ventilation
- Stairs
- Interior Doors
- Interior Finish trim
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Welding
- HVAC
- Alternative Energy

### Course Supplies

- Three ring binder with ruled paper
- Writing Utensils

**Course Fees** (fees are subject to change based on vendor adjustments)

- SkillsUSA Leadership \$20.00
- PCSC T-shirt Short Sleeve \$9.00 S-XL \$11.00 XXL  
Long Sleeve \$14.00 S-XL \$15.00 XXL

\* Students who undertake personal projects may incur materials fees.

**Certification**

- Forklift certification
- OSHA 10-hour safety course
- CPR/First Aid
- CITC Project Book Certificates.

\* Certificates will not be issued until all fines and/or fees are paid in full

**Apprenticeship Articulation**

Students who meet ALL course competencies with a B or better will be granted preferred enrollment and advanced placement in the Carpenters-Employers Apprenticeship & Training Trust Fund.

**Grading Policy**

Students are primarily assessed based on their mastery of course content and technical skill. The majority of a student's grade (70%) is based on summative assessments and (30%) is based on formative assessments.

**Grading Breakdown**

70% - summative assessments (tests, projects, labs, presentations, etc.)

30% - formative assessments (classwork, practice, quizzes, homework, leadership, employability, etc.)

**Grade Scale**

Percent	Letter Grade	Percent	Letter Grade
100-93	A	82-80	B-
92-90	A-	79-77	C+
89-87	B+	76-73	C
86-83	B	72-70	C-
69 and below = F			

**Homework Policy**

Although the majority of PCSC work is done during the class period, occasionally homework is assigned or classwork will need to be completed outside the school day. All assignments are expected to be turned in on time. Missing homework will be entered in the gradebook with a score of "0" until completed. Work submitted after the due date will receive a reduction in points. Teachers will set final dates, after which a late assignment will no longer be accepted. Teachers may also identify work that will not be accepted late. If a student knows they will be absent, it is their responsibility to make arrangements ahead of time to obtain class or homework that will be missed. Students with excused absences will have two days for every day absent to turn in missing work.

### **Redo Policy**

Redo opportunities are available to students who are working hard towards content mastery but need an additional testing opportunity to demonstrate proficiency. Students who are given a redo opportunity will be required to show effort and progress not only on the first assessment, but will also be required to complete work outside of class as directed by the teacher. **Redo opportunities may not be given to students who choose not to study or prepare for an assessment, who refuse to take an assessment, or who abuse the redo opportunity. Certain projects and assessments are not eligible for a redo opportunity, including final exams.**

### **Internet and Computer Access**

The Pierce County Skills Center uses the platform, Canvas, to manage digital classroom content. In many cases assignments will be distributed and turned in through this system. This means that students should have access to the internet and a device outside of school. If your student does not have access to these, please contact the main office (253.800.4800) for assistance. Hot spots and devices are available through students' home districts.

### **ParentVUE/StudentVUE**

Students and their parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to use ParentVUE/StudentVUE to monitor grades and attendance. [ParentVUE](#) is an online link provided through the school district website for you to access your student's course information, including grades, assignments, and attendance. If you do not already have an ID and Password contact the main office (253.800.4800) for your login information.

### **Dual Credit & College Credit**

Students have the opportunity to earn college credits at local community and technical colleges. Students must earn a C or better and have met all course competencies. Dual credit opportunities are subject to change based on course offerings and approval at the community and technical colleges. Visit the [Dual Credit](#) page on the PCSC website for the most current information.

### **Leadership & SkillsUSA**

Leadership is a vital component of all career and technical education classes. Every day you will be required to demonstrate strong leadership and workplace skills: prompt attendance, professional and respectful behavior, problem solving, working with diverse groups, and strong communication.

Students have the opportunity to join SkillsUSA, a student leadership organization that includes teachers, high school and college students, and industry partners who are working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. Participation in SkillsUSA provides students with the opportunity to further develop the personal, technical, and workplace skills to better prepare them for career success. SkillsUSA activities culminate in regional career and technical competition events. Students who qualify may advance to state and national competitions.

### **Policies and Course Requirements**

Construction Trades is a professional, preparatory program, which can lead to apprenticeship, employment, or post-secondary placement. Student behavior is expected to be appropriate to those settings. The following highlight ways to exemplify this expectation.

- Always respect yourself, your environment, and the people around you.
- Handle yourself in a safe and professional manner.
- Always avoid horseplay.
- Always wear ANSI approved safety glasses at all times in the shop/work areas.
- Follow guidelines for appropriate shop attire.
- Stay within the classroom boundaries.
- Always avoid swearing and speaking about or alluding to inappropriate subject matter.
- Listen attentively during group instruction.
- Maintain a positive attitude and have fun!

### **PCSC Expectations & Policies – [Student Handbook](#)**

Students are expected to review and follow the school rules, procedures, and processes outlined in the PCSC student handbook and the district's [Student Rights and Responsibilities](#). Students will be held accountable for the rules outlined; claiming to not know about a rule does not excuse a student from the consequence.

### **Cheating/Plagiarism**

Cheating is by definition, an action done by a student to supply work for another student, or turn in work, use work, or rely on work that is not their own, other than in circumstances clearly understood to involve collaborative or group learning. The judgment of the teacher or staff member who discovers cheating is final. The first offense of cheating will be an F on the assignment/assessment. A second offense of cheating may result in an F in the program and removal from PCSC.

### **Electronic Equipment**

Personal electronic devices, including but not limited to, cell phones, can be a disruption to the educational process and are not permitted at school. The only exception to the following policy is if a teacher specifically grants permission for usage for educational purposes. Electronic devices are to be turned off and put away before entering the building. Students who continue to violate the electronic equipment policy can expect their device to be confiscated, a parent/administrative conference, and additional disciplinary action. Insubordination or argumentative behavior regarding device confiscation will result in further disciplinary action.

### **Food & Drink**

Food and beverages, with the exception of water, are not permitted in classroom areas. No water should be near laptop or desktop computers. A bottle refill station is located in the Rainier Building.

### **Hall Passes/Vests**

Students must have instructor permission to leave class and only one student is permitted out of class at one time. Passes are not to be requested during lectures or presentations. Any student out of class should have a hall pass with time and destination. Any student who needs to go to the parking lot during class must WEAR a classroom-provided safety vest.

### **Safety Policy**

Students are expected to use all tools and equipment safely and only in the manner in which the tool is intended to be used. Horseplay or unsafe behavior will not be tolerated and is grounds for dismissal from the program. Students must pass both a written and performance test at 100%

before using shop equipment. All equipment is to be used with proper safety precautions and supervision during class hours only. All accidents or injuries must be reported to the instructor immediately.

#### **General Safety Expectations – APPLIES TO ALL CLASSROOM, SHOP, OR CAMPUS SPACE**

- No horseplay (including but not limited to play fighting, running, and throwing things).
- Always wear ANSI approved safety glasses. Always wear the proper PPE (personal protective equipment) for the job.
- Secure loose clothing and accessories.
- Do not use a tool if you have not been trained or are not comfortable using it. If you are not sure, ask.
- Practice good housekeeping. Keep your work area clean and organized.
- Keep walkways clear of power cords and debris.
- Sweep your work area at the end of class.

#### **Dress Code**

This is a shop environment and clothing must be shop appropriate. The following requirements are in addition to the PCSC dress code outlined in the student handbook.

#### **Construction Trades Dress Code**

- Work style pants NO SHORTS OR SKIRTS OR SWEATPANTS.
- All leather water resistant work boots required – no tennis shoes, open toe shoes, sandals or slippers
- Work style rain jacket, much of our work is done in an open-air building and is very cold.
- No loose clothing
- Jewelry and/or watches must be removed
- Long hair tied back
- Safety glasses will be worn at all times in shop and other safety equipment and gear as directed

#### **Tools/Equipment/Technology**

All tools/equipment/technology are the property of PCSC, and although students will check out items for use during class, items are not to be removed from the classroom/shop area. Students are responsible for all items assigned to them until checked back in by the instructor. Any item removed from PCSC will be considered stolen property and the student will be subject to disciplinary action and reported to the Pierce County Sheriff's department.

#### **2nd Year Program - Enrollment Requirements**

Several PCSC programs have both a first and second year, however automatic enrollment in the second year is not guaranteed. PCSC 2nd year students are considered the leaders of the center. They are students who during their first year, earned no lower than a B grade, had excellent attendance (less than 10 per year excused or unexcused), and demonstrate responsible, respectful, and professional behavior. Most importantly, students must be able to self-manage and successfully work independently without teacher interventions. Instructor approval is required for 2nd year applications.



# PCSC STUDENT CALENDAR 2024-2025

PIERCE COUNTY SKILLS CENTER

AUGUST		FEBRUARY									
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F		
20-21 – PCSC Professional Learning Days				1 2	3 4 5 6 7						
22 – State Professional Learning Day #1										10 – Late Arrival	
26 – State Professional Learning Day #2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14 – Snow Make-Up Day or No School
★ 26 – PCSC Back to School Night 5 – 6:30 pm	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	17 – President’s Day – No School
27 – Back to School Prep / Staff	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	18 – Waiver Day #2 – No Students
28 – First Day of School	★ 26	27	★ 28	29	30						
30 – No School											
SEPTEMBER		MARCH									
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F		
2 – Labor Day – No School	2	3	4	5	6	3	4	5	6	7	3, 17 – Late Arrival
16 – Late Arrival	9	10	11	12	13	10	11	12	13	14	12 – End of 2nd Tri/Grade Prep Early Dismissal
27 – State Professional Learning Day #3 No Students	16	17	18	19	20	17	18	19	20	21	
	23	24	25	26	27	24	25	26	27	28	
	30					31					
OCTOBER		APRIL									
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F		
7 – Late Arrival		1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4	7-11 – Spring Break – No School
18 – Waiver Day #1 – No Students	7	8	9	10	11	7	8	9	10	11	21 – Late Arrival
	14	15	16	17	18	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30	31		28	29	30			
NOVEMBER		MAY									
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F		
18 – Late Arrival				1				1	2	12 – Late Arrival	
11 – Veterans Day – No School					5	6	7	8	9	23 – Snow Make-Up Day or No School	
26 – End of 1st Tri/Grade Prep Early Dismissal	4	5	6	7	8	12	13	14	15	16	26 – Memorial Day – No School
27-29 – Thanksgiving Break – No School	11	12	13	14	15	19	20	21	22	23	
	18	19	20	21	22	26	27	28	29	30	
	25	26	27	28	29						
DECEMBER		JUNE									
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F		
9 – Late Arrival	2	3	4	5	6	2	3	4	5	6	9 – End of 3rd Tri/Grade Prep Early Dismissal
Dec 23-Jan 3 – Winter Break – No School	9	10	11	12	13	9	10	11	12	13	12 – Last Day of School Early Dismissal
	16	17	18	19	20	16	17	18	19	20	19 – Juneteenth
	23	24	25	26	27	23	24	25	26	27	June 23-July 11 – Summer School, Session 1
	30	31			30					July 14-31 – Summer School, Session 2	
JANUARY		JULY									
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F		
13 – Late Arrival		1	2	3		1	2	3	4		
20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School	6	7	8	9	10	7	8	9	10	11	
	13	14	15	16	17	14	15	16	17	18	
	20	21	22	23	24	21	22	23	24	25	
	27	28	29	30	31	28	29	30	31		

**– KEY –**

- 📅 Late Arrival (No AM Session)
- 🕒 Early Dismissal (No PM Session)
- 🚫 No School for Students
- 🏠 Non School Days
- 📅 # Summer School, Session 1
- 📅 # Summer School, Session 2

Student Calendar = 178 school days for students and 2 waiver days for teachers.