

Join the Paint and Coatings Apprenticeship Program

- Earn while you learn
- Apprentices start at 70% of Journeyman scale with regular increases.
- Plan for your future in a career with benefits for you and your family.
- Learn a trade that lasts a lifetime.
- Earn Community College credits while you train
- Enjoy the variety of different job sites.
- Become a craftsman and take pride in your work.
- Continue Learning and move up in your trade.
- It's a career that goes with you.



Get Started

Contact:

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Are **You** Ready to Get Started?



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Are you at a point in your life where you feel you need to start looking to the future? Maybe college isn't for you, but you aren't willing to settle for whatever job comes along. The Painter's Apprenticeship Program allows you to "earn while you learn" and gain the training and skills you need to be a valuable construction trades craftsman.

Why Be A Professional Painter?

First, the painting profession pays well, provides health care benefits, retirement benefits and continuing education. Second, it's not just a job, it's a career. You can go as far as you want. Numerous graduates launched their careers in the painting profession and now own their own successful contracting businesses.

Will I Like It?

The work of painting professionals is often in the public spotlight. Whether you painted a hospital, sports arena, bridge or new school, you can bet that thousands, maybe even millions of people will see your work!

Many professional painters enjoy their careers because they get the chance to work at different job sites. One week you may be painting an office building, while the next week you may be applying decorative finishes to a department store. As you build your training and job skills, you can look forward to a variety of new challenges.

How Much Do I Earn As An Apprentice?

An apprentice painter starts at 70% of Journey-level wage. With every 1,000 hours successfully completed on the job, apprentices get a raise in hourly wages.

What Does It Take to Complete the Program?

The program combines paid, on-the-job work with classroom instruction. It takes approximately three years to complete the apprenticeship program. To reach Journey-level status an apprentice must complete 432 classroom hours and 6,000 on-the-job hours.

What Will I Learn?

You learn surface preparation, coatings applications, wall covering installation, decorative finishes as well as color matching, specialty coating applications and wood finishing. Painter apprentices learn to master the "virtual paint machine." The machine mimics a power sprayer and measures not only a student's accuracy, but the amount of paint applied as well.

Extensive safety training is included in the program and is absolutely essential. Additional classes are: Blueprint Reading, Color Science, Sandblasting, Fall Protection, Lead Abatement, Graphics, Drywall, Advanced Drywall, CPR, Health and Safety and Traffic Control.

When Do I Go To Class?

Classes are held Monday through Thursday evenings and sometimes on Saturdays at the training center. Classes are scheduled during three school terms; fall, winter and spring.

Do I Have A Job During My Apprenticeship?

You will have job opportunities with the union contractors during your apprenticeship. Most employers will require a driver's license and pre-employment drug test and background check.

Do I Qualify?

You must be 17 years or older and have a high school diploma or GED equivalent. You must submit a copy of your high school diploma or GED certificate. Women, minorities, and military veterans are encouraged to apply. The program qualifies for VA Educational Assistance. Direct entry into the program is available for military veterans with Honorable Discharge and DD214 within the past 24 months. Graduates of approved Job Corp center pre-apprentice programs may also apply for direct entry.

How Do I Apply?

You must first fill out and submit your application in person. After review, applicants come to a question-and-answer orientation class. Members of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) then interview qualified applicants.