

carpenter

a career

Carpenters build and repair a vast array of structures made of wood, wood-substitutes and other materials. Many work for construction companies, contractors and maintenance departments while others are self-employed. Carpenter is a nationally designated trade under the Inter-provincial Red Seal program.

Carpenters assemble and erect forms for concrete, wood and metal frame construction and use plans and instruments to prepare for excavating and shoring. On smaller projects, they direct concrete placement, and install exterior and interior finish materials such as siding, doors, windows and cabinets.

Carpenters also install floor beams, lay sub-flooring, erect walls and roof systems, and fit and install trim items.

Broadly speaking, the construction industry is divided between residential and industrial- commercial-institutional projects, and carpentry duties vary between these two types of work.



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carpentry apprenticeship program



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Carpentry Apprenticeship Program

The program will be delivered in the true apprentice way; it combines in-school and work-based training, all designed to meet the competency standards and profile defined by the industry, and normally takes a total of 4 years to complete. Over those four years, a student will spend 24 weeks in school (6 weeks per level), learning theory and the remainder working with their sponsoring company applying those new skills. An individual completing all four levels will obtain their BC certification and be able to write their Inter-Provincial Red Seal examination. This time frame requirement by ITA for the Red Seal carpenter is 5,000 hours of work based training.

Requirements for entry to the program are the MSEC entrance exam, required experience hours, ITA registration and the desire to learn.

The MSEC Difference – Métis Skills & Employment Centre prides itself in providing a fully supportive education experience. Apprenticeship staff are available to assist with financial concerns, ITA apprenticeship registration, transportation issues, employment placements and tutoring assistance. This program is available to all applicants who also receive the Aboriginal supportive nature of all of our programs. Carpentry, a career that can start today.

*"Plan well before you take the journey.
Remember the carpenter's rule:
Measure twice, cut once."
-unknown*

*"Any jackass can kick down a barn, but
it takes a good carpenter to build one."
-Sam Rayburn*



*Head Carpentry Instructor
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Carpentry Class at MSEC