This program teaches the basic fundamentals of construction, as well as touching on more in depth topics such as blueprint reading, framing, concrete block construction, roofing, sheathing, siding, drywall applications, door and window installation, interior finishes, and much more. Students are also exposed to various local companies and industry professionals who are seeking skilled employees, as well as colleges and technical institutes for continuing education.

Skills You Will Learn

- Estimate material requirements
- Prepare building sites
- Build and install foundation forms
- Install rough framing and roof components
- Install exterior and interior finishes
- Assemble and construct stairs
- Install climbing equipment and work platforms
- Safety regulations and requirements
- Computer use to aid designing and estimating

Related Job Titles

- Contractor
- Construction Inspector
- Form Builder

Career Ladder

Most start as apprentices or helpers and advance to journeymen with experience and training. With additional education, many move on to become supervisors or contractors.

Preferred Skills for Career Field:

You should prefer:

- Working with your hands
- Precision and detail work
- Seeing the results of your own work

You should be able to:

- Solve simple math problems quickly
- Read and interpret working drawings
- Use a computer for applications in the construction industry

Continuing Education

- Ocean County Vocational Technical School
- Ocean County College
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- New England Institute of Technology
- Carpenter’s Local 2018 Apprenticeship

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