

CARPENTER

Nature of the Work

A Carpenter is probably the most widely known of the building trades craftsperson for two reasons: Carpenters are a member of the largest group of building trades workers and are employed in almost every type of construction activity. Through home and industrial building, the work touches the lives of more people than any other craft. Carpenters cut, shape, fasten wood and similar materials. They erect wooden framework in buildings including sub-flooring, partitions and rafters. They install molding, wood paneling, cabinets, window sashes, doorframes, and doors, and hardware, as well as build forms of concrete work, building stairs and laying floors. They use a wide variety of power and hand woodworking tools.

Working Conditions

Since much of the work is done outdoors, working conditions are governed by the weather. The Carpenter does a great deal of standing, lifting, carrying and stooping - some climbing and balance which varies with the job and the particular assignment. Many hazards exist, including possible severe cuts and the possibility of falls.

Interest and Personal Qualities

The Carpenter should enjoy doing precision work, should have pride in their craftsmanship. They must be able to work without close supervision and be able to adapt to a wide variety of working conditions.

General Qualifications

- Age 17 or older.
- Minimum education - high school graduate or equivalent.
- Good physical condition - must be able to perform the work of the trade.
- Manual dexterity and the ability to solve arithmetic problems quickly and accurately.
- American citizenship or declaration of intent.

Admission Requirements of JATC

- Medical declaration
- Transcript of high school records and diploma
- Birth certificate
- Written examination by the Joint Apprenticeship Committee
- Personal interview

Terms of Training

- Length of indentureship - 4 years.
- Minimum hours of related classroom instruction - 168 each year.
- Indentured to the Joint Apprenticeship Committee and assigned to a contractor employer of carpenters.
- Length of probationary period - 90 days.

Recommended High School Courses

Advanced Math, Algebra I, Geometry, Mechanical Drawing, Trigonometry, General Science

Available Applications

Michigan Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Fund
P.O. Box 259
Stevensville, MI 49127
Phone: (269) 429-2272
Fax: (269) 429-2273 James Hahn, Training Director
E-mail: realapprenticeship@ameritech.net
Website: www.realapprenticeship.com

UNION CONTACT INFORMATION Western, Southwestern and Northern Michigan

Grand Rapids/Muskegon Carpenters' Local #100 140 N. 64th Ave. Coopersville, MI 49404 888-311-6245	Kalamazoo/Battle Creek/Benton Harbor Carpenters' Local #525 3617 Gembrit Circle Kalamazoo, MI 49001 800-655-3907	Northern Lower Peninsula Carpenters' Local #202 2410 Industrial Dr. Grayling, MI 49738 989-348-8542
Career Opportunity Consultants		
Tom Stark 616-837-1500	Jason Winfield 269-345-8601	Vic Walter 231-932-8946

All applicants are afforded equal opportunity without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age or disability.

ADDITIONAL STATE-WIDE CARPENTER APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING CENTERS

Fennville Training Center

4880 126th Street
P.O. Box 670
Fennville, MI 49408
Phone: (269) 561-8115 Dale Stark, Coordinator
FAX: (269) 561-8125
E-mail: fennjatc@wmwisp.net

Mason Training Center

681 Dart Road
Mason, MI 48854
Phone: (517) 676-4101
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Bob Bochenek, Instructor/Coordinator
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Grayling Training Center

2410 Industrial Dr.
Grayling, MI 49738
Phone: (989) 348-8542
FAX: (989) 348-9292
James Klumpp, Instructor/Coordinator
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Saginaw/Flint Training Center

3160 Commerce Centre Dr.
Saginaw, MI 48601
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FAX (989) 755-5859
James Klumpp, Instructor/Coordinator
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Marquette Training Center

1221 Division Street
Marquette, MI 49855
Phone: (906) 225-0703
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Brian Kerrigan, Instructor/Coordinator
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Website for all programs: www.realapprenticeship.com

Union Contact Information:

Lansing

Carpenters' Local #1004
2310 W. Washtenaw St.
Lansing, MI 48917
888-502-1004

Jackson

Carpenters' Local #1004
3101 Allied Dr. Suite D
Jackson, MI 49201
517-787-5771

Saginaw/Midland/Bay City

Carpenters' Local #706
1400 W. Genesee Ave
Saginaw, MI 48602
888-683-7706

Flint

Carpenters' Local #706
6459 Pierson Rd
Flushing, MI 48433
810-487-1234

Upper Peninsula

Carpenters' Local #1510
1219 1st Ave. South
Escanaba, MI 49829
800-248-1134

Carpenters' Local #1510
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Marquette, MI 49855
906-228-2913