

# HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT APPRENTICESHIP FOR YOU

## A SIMPLE STEP BY STEP GUIDE



### Learn Your Options

Construction careers extend beyond electricians, plumbers, and carpenters. The industry also includes roles as project managers, safety directors, engineers, and administrators, offering a wide range of career opportunities. With so many different positions available, construction provides paths for many skills and interests.

- It's worth learning what the industry can offer you.
- About 75% of construction companies offer significant medical benefits.
- Wages are about 6% higher than the national average. Many companies still offer pension plans.
- Contact your local construction association, union, or apprenticeship provider. Ask what opportunities come with careers in construction.



### Do You Have a Career Pathway in Mind?

Yes → Move on to Research  
Not Yet → Start with Explore



### Research

- Look into apprenticeship programs offered in your area. Focus on programs related to your desired trade.
- Check eligibility requirements, If you meet them, great!
- If not, prepare yourself by obtaining a driver's license or earning a GED (if needed).



### Get Advice

Talk through your ideas with family, teachers, school counselors, or a career advisors.

They may Suggest options you haven't considered  
Help you create a plan to meet your goals.



### Explore

Ask Yourself:

- What do I like to do?
- Do I want to work indoors or outdoors?
- Do I like working alone or with others?

These questions can help narrow down your field of interest.



### Apply!

It only takes one phone call to start the process.  
Contact any apprenticeship program listed on the website  
They will be happy to guide you through the process.

Typically includes: An application and a interview.  
Then you are on your way to your new career in trades.

Apprenticeships offer flexibility. Providers websites usually include step-by-step instructions on how to get involved.



### Try It Out

- Visit career fairs and expos to learn more about different trades.
- Ask a local professional for a job shadow opportunity
- Watch "Day in the Life" videos on YouTube or TikTok.

These experiences can help you shape your ideal pathway and choose the right apprenticeship.

→ Move on to Research



### Secure the Bag

Just kidding. Kind of. Trades workers can earn an excellent living to support themselves and their families.  
Enjoy a positive work environment, and build something they can be proud of.

The average wage for a union construction worker is \$75,000. Construction careers provide opportunities for individuals from all backgrounds and can be a powerful stepping stone to real, lifelong success.