



Advantages of a Local 520 Apprenticeship

Here are some of the advantages of a Local 520 Apprenticeship:

1. **No Tuition.** Your training, including all your books, is completely paid for by a Training Fund that is part of our fringe benefit package. No student loan repayment to worry about.
2. **Training by Pipe Tradesmen.** All our instructors are Members who work or worked in the field.
3. **Combination of Shop Time and Classroom Time.** This is not a books and PowerPoint training program. Most courses include some shop time where you learn hands on.
4. **Earn While You Learn.** Our apprentices start out working for a Contractor and begin school in September. You take off one day every other week for class.
5. **Good Pay.** Apprentices currently start out at \$24.15 per hour. Apprentices get a raise every year that amounts to approximately \$2.00 per hour. After your apprenticeship you become a Journeyman. The current Journeyman rate is \$48.30 per hour.
6. **Health Care Benefits.** You get full healthcare benefits including medical, optical, dental, and prescription medication coverage starting the first day of the following month you have a work hour reported. In the future if you get married or have children, they are all covered under your benefit plan at no additional cost out of pocket.
7. **Retirement Plans.** You will have two retirement accounts. A defined contribution and a defined benefit. We also have a Golden 90 Program where your age and Golden 90 pension credits are added and allow for an earlier retirement potential.
8. **College Credits.** Apprentices who complete the Local 520 Apprenticeship program receive 45 college credits. We have a program in place that if you decide to pursue an associate degree in Construction Management and Supervision, after completion the Training Fund will reimburse you up to \$4,000.00.

Courses and Programs

Construction Program – Plumber/Pipefitter/Welder

Five Years.

School one day every other week September through July.

Courses in the 5-Year Curriculum:

Related Math

Related Science

Rigging and Rigging Safety

OSHA 30 Hour Construction Safety

OSHA Forklift and telehandler Training

Materials

Welding

Pipefitting

Copper Development Association Soldering and Brazing

Pumps

Gas Installations

Hydronic Heating and Cooling

Drawing Interpretation, Plan Reading (Basic and Advanced), and Related

CAD Drawing

Steam Systems

Water Supply

Drainage

Plumbing Fixtures

Tube Bending

Red Cross First Aid/CPR

Plumbing Code and Test Preparation (Elective)

ASSE/NITC Medical Gas Certification

ASME B31.3 PVC Bonding Certification

EPRI Industrial Rigging & Crane Signaling Certification

HVAC Service Program

Five Years.

School one day every other week September through July for Year One.

School has two nights a week every week September through May for Years Two through Five.

Courses in the 5-Year Curriculum:

Related Math

Related Science

Rigging and Rigging Safety

OSHA 30 Hour Construction Safety Certification

Materials

Welding

Pipefitting

Copper Development Soldering and Brazing / R78 Brazing Certification

Electricity

Arc Flash Safety

Customer Service

Plumbing Service and Repair

Combustion

Tube Bending Certification

Refrigeration

EPA Universal CFC Certification

Precision Measuring Devices

Start, Test, and Balance

Preventative Maintenance

Alignment

Variable Frequency Drives

Direct Digital Controls

Pneumatics

ASSE Backflow Prevention Certification

Plumbing Code and Test Preparation

Steam System Repair and Maintenance

EPRI Industrial Rigging & Crane Signaling Certification

Additional Training Available

Orbital Welding
RMD Welding
BuiltRite Refinery and Chemical Plant Safety Certification
CAD Drawing
Lokring Installer Certification
Various Trade Related Seminars and Certification Classes

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