



Apprenticeship**USA**



Apprenticeship is the best route to a career in a skilled trade. Such careers offer excellent wages and benefits.

Apprenticeship qualifications vary from one trade to the next, but most require a high school diploma or GED, your own transportation, physical ability to perform the work of the trade and the ability to work with your hands. An apprentice is a paid worker who is enrolled in a special training program administered by an employer or together with a labor organization or trade association.

Most apprentices work in trades' related to construction or machining and tooling industry. The typical program includes 2,000 hours of on-the-job training plus at least 144 hours per year of related classroom instruction. Apprentices earn about half the going tradesperson's wage to start. Pay is gradually increased over the length of the apprenticeship, until training is completed and the trainee graduates to full status.

There are trades in northern Illinois that offer apprenticeships for eligible, skilled workers, including:

Bricklayers

Carpenters

Painters

Electricians

Ironworkers

Laborers & Contractors

Masons

Plumbing and Pipefitting

Roofers

Sheet Metal

Operating Engineers

Tooling and Machining

For more information, contact the US Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship , located at 308 W. State Street, Suite 403 in Rockford. Phone: 815-987-4253

**Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers
Local #6 – Illinois JATC
661 Southrock Drive
Rockford, IL 61102
815.963.5311**

**Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters
Apprentice and Training Center
Rockford Campus
1117 Tebala Blvd.
Rockford, IL 61108
815.332.7006**

**District #30 Painter, Glaziers JATC
1905 Sequoia Drive, Suite 101
Aurora, IL 60506
630.966.1457**

**Northern Illinois Electrical JATC
619 Southrock Drive
Rockford, IL 61102
815.969.8484**

**Ironworkers – Rockford Area JATC
Local #498
5640 Sockness Drive
Rockford, IL 61109
815.873.9180**

**Illinois Laborers & Contractors JATC
R. R. 3, Box 138
Mt. Sterling, IL 62343
217.773.2741**

**Northern Illinois Cement Masons &
Plasterers JATC, Local #11
5640 Sockness Drive
Rockford, IL 61109
815.873.0346**

**Rockford Area Plumbing, Pipefitting &
Refrigeration JATC
4525 Boeing Drive
Rockford, IL 61109
815.397.0342**

**Chicagoland Roofer JATC
7045 Joliet Road
Indian Head Park, IL 60525
708.246.4488**

**Construction Sheet Metal Industry
3316 Publishers Drive
Rockford, IL 61109
815.874.6641**

**Operating Engineers JATC
19800 W. South Arenal
Wilmington, IL 60481
815.722.3201**

**Rockford Tooling & Machining Assn.
P.O. Box 5029
Rockford, IL 61125
815.227.4125**