



UNION BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES CAREER PATHS AND REQUIREMENTS

1 REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP

A registered union apprentice receives 3-5 years of training that combines supervised on the job experience with classroom instruction in a union training facility.

**Alternative paths to beginning an apprenticeship may include preapprenticeship, entry level employment or college education. These are not requirements to beginning a registered apprenticeship.*

2 JOURNEYPERSON

A Journeyperson is a professional craftsman that has completed the necessary years of apprenticeship training for their trade. Journeymen and women are qualified to teach apprentices about their specific craft and can participate in continuing education opportunities to further develop their own skills and knowledge.

3 JOBSITE MANAGEMENT

After you reach Journeyperson status, you can continue perfecting your trade, or choose to advance to another role. Possible career growth can include becoming a Foreman, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent or Owner. Roles in safety, estimating or management are also an option for someone with the right experience and interest.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Proof of High School Graduation or GED
- 18 years old or older
- Valid Wisconsin State Driver's license

CONSIDERATIONS TO JOIN THE TRADES

- Utilize WRTP|BIG STEP's apprenticeship readiness programs and services
- Take the Accuplacer test at WRTP|BIG STEP if you do not have recent ACT scores
- Take advantage of opportunities for industry certifications and work-based learning



For more info about union apprenticeship, visit our website: buildingadvantage.org