

# CARPENTERS

Carpenters are involved in a wide variety of construction activities. Carpenters are responsible for bringing an architect's blueprints to life by cutting and assembling wood, fiberglass, metal, vinyl, plastic and other materials to create the interior and exterior of structures. Carpenters build or renovate everything from homes, schools, churches and hospitals, to malls, airports, skyscrapers and highways and their duties vary by the type of employer. A carpenter employed by a specialty trade contractor, for example, may specialize in one or two activities, such as setting concrete forms for concrete construction or erecting scaffolding. However, a carpenter employed by a general building contractor may perform many tasks such as framing walls and partitions, putting in doors and windows, hanging cabinetry and installing paneling and tile ceilings. Working from blueprints or instructions from supervisors, carpenters do the layout, measuring, marking and arranging of materials, and using lasers and GPS locating devices. Carpenters use both hand and power tools including chisels, saws, planes, drills, and sanders. They use nails, screws, staples, bolts and adhesives to join material. Carpenters also weld piling, metal framing, and industrial applications, and are required to be certified in a specific process for structural weld applications. The title of Carpenter is broadly interpreted by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America to include the specific craft trades of Carpenter, Floorlayer, Lather, Millwright, Pile Driver, and Mill-Cabinetmaker.

**APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM & REQUIREMENTS:** Apply to the Southern Illinois Carpenters' Apprenticeship Program online at <https://www.carpdc.org/Careers>, Southern Illinois Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Program (CJAP) office is open and accepting applications Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm, excluding holidays. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Applicants are responsible for securing their own employment with one of our signatory contractors, a list will be provided during the application process. After finding employment, applicant must return to the Southern Illinois CJAP with a Letter of Intent to Hire from that signatory contractor, pay a \$24 processing fee, possess a photo ID, driver's license, etc. and a social security card. Applicant will also be required to produce a negative substance abuse test.

**WAGE INFORMATION:** Apprentices wages start at \$15.28 for Residential work and \$20.19 for Commercial work plus healthcare and pension benefits. As an apprentice successfully completes their related training and on-the-job learning at the designated rates, they will advance through the apprenticeship program earning regular 5% increases in wages, approximately every six months. A Journey Level Residential Carpenter earns \$30.55 per hour + benefits and a Journey Level Commercial Carpenter earns \$40.37 per hour + benefits.

**RECOMMENDED PREPARATORY CLASSES:** You can get a head start by studying Algebra, Geometry, Sketching, Drafting, and Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) classes. Enrollment in Industrial Technology classes will provide an excellent foundation in skills and understanding of working as a Carpenter.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:** Carpenters typically work outdoors in all types of weather. It is a physical job, standing, kneeling, lifting, pushing, pulling, bending, and climbing are common. However, you are trained in how to properly and safely perform these tasks before being required to perform them on the job. Hardhats, safety glasses, durable clothing and safety shoes are typical items worn on a jobsite. Working hours are typically 8 hours per day starting around 7am each day. In many instances over-time or an extended workweek is required

**ABILITIES:** Must be able to work at high levels from ladders and scaffolds. Must be physically fit to perform the duties of the job of a Carpenter with no restrictions.

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(Residential) \$30.55 + \$18.62 (Commercial) \$40.37 + \$18.62	\$15.28 (Residential) , \$20.19 (Commercial) (plus benefits on both)

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