

Colorado Jobs Program Creates Apprenticeships in Growing Construction Industry

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Build Colorado, based in Denver, Colorado, has announced that their jobs program in the state is creating apprenticeships in the growing construction industry. The Build Colorado website was established by the Associated General Contractors of Colorado and the Colorado Contractors Association and one of their job programs is Construction Careers Now (CCN), which prepares students to start a career in construction. This pre-apprenticeship program is provided at no cost to the participant and the next class will start on January 13, 2020. The tuition, which is valued at \$1,500, is industry sponsored and students can begin their new career within 30 days after the four-week CCN program. The requirement is that students have to be a Colorado resident.

A spokesperson for Build Colorado says, "Classes are from Monday to Thursday, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The curriculum includes introduction to a variety of skilled trades and career paths; OSHA 10 safety card; basic construction measurement; contractor presentations; and resumes, career coaching, and interviewing skills."

Build Colorado also offers Denver and Colorado apprenticeship programs, which are designed to provide a worker with the necessary skills for a particular trade that are in high demand in Colorado and throughout the U.S. Many of the construction contractors in Colorado are willing to sponsor their entry level workers after they have completed an introductory phase to find out if the employee really likes the construction industry and is willing and ready to work during the day while attending evening classes. Most of these apprenticeships will be completed within three to four years. The apprentices will take part in classroom sessions and also work while being guided by a skilled tradesperson as they work towards obtaining a license in the particular skilled trade that they have chosen.

For those who are really interested in Colorado jobs in construction, apprenticeships are available for carpenters, asbestos / insulation workers, electricians, cement masons, elevator constructors, glaziers, floor

coverers, craft laborers, iron workers, heavy equipment mechanics, plumbers, pipefitters, painters, sheetmetal workers and reinforcing ironworkers.

Several schools in Colorado are participating in the apprenticeship programs. These include the Colorado Mountain College, Colorado Northwestern Community College, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, Colorado State University in Pueblo, Community College of Aurora, Community College of Denver, Front Range Community College, Lamar Community College, Morgan Community College, Pikes Peak Community College, Pueblo Community College, Red Rocks Community College, Trinidad State Junior College, Aims Community College, Arapahoe Community College, Colorado Mesa University, Construction Industry Training Council, Emily Griffith Technical College, Independent Electrical Contractors Rocky Mountain, Pickens Technical College, Southwest Colorado Community College, IntelliTec College, and Redstone College Denver.

Build Colorado also offers the High School Construction Connection program. This program makes use of volunteer navigator teams that will interact with the various participating high schools and will serve as guides for the students regarding the career opportunities in the construction industry. These navigator teams will provide interested students with job site tours, hands-on opportunities, including those implemented by associated general contractors at certain high schools, panel discussions regarding opportunities, speakers sharing their stories regarding the life of a construction worker, and internship opportunities.

Interested high school students can visit or contact their high school counselor. There are various benefits in seeking a job in the construction industry. These include the opportunity to earn good money right out of high school; the opportunity to be a part in the building of Colorado as one of the best places in the US; the fact that no experience is required because students will be mentored and trained on the job by construction contractors; and the fact that the construction industry is on the verge of making significant advancements in technology.

Meanwhile, they also offer the Careers in Construction (CIC) program, which was started in 2015 by the Associated General Contractors of Colorado and the Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs in partnership with top regional educators to solve the workforce shortage in El Paso County by putting back skilled vocational education in high schools.

Those who are interested in construction jobs in Colorado can check out the Build Colorado website or contact them on the phone or through email.

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