WHAT TYPES OF OCCUPATIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

Apprenticeships are offered in a wide variety of trades and occupations; in New Mexico the majority of apprenticeship opportunities are in the Building and Construction trades and include some manufacturing, maintenance and machinist programs.

- Air & Hydraulic Balancing Technicians
- Asbestos Workers
- Bricklayers
- Carpenters
- Cement Masons
- Drywall Applicators
- Electricians
- Elevator Constructors
- Glazier
- Heavy Duty Mechanics
- Ironworkers
- Laborers
- Linemen
- Machinists
- Meterman
- Millwright
- Multi-Trade
- Operator
- Painter
- Plasterers
- Plumbers & Pipefitters
- Pump Servicer/Mechanic
- Roofing
- Sheet Metal Workers
- Sprinkler Fitters
- Stationary Engineer
- Telecommunications

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Registered Apprenticeship is a “earn while you learn” structured occupational training model that combines paid, on-the-job training and related classroom instruction in which workers learn the practical and conceptual skills required for a skilled occupation, craft or trade.

Depending on the occupation, an apprenticeship may take from one to five years to complete. During this time, apprentices work and learn under the guidance of a skilled, experienced journey worker and receive wage increases as they gain skills and achieve educational requirements.

### Benefits of Registered Apprenticeship

- Apprentices will obtain the skills, knowledge and experience needed to succeed in their chosen occupation
- Practical on-the-job training in your chosen occupational area
- Earn a paycheck with guaranteed pay increases
- Increased marketability and job security
- Hands-on learning with the opportunity to earn college credit in various occupational areas with little to no educational debt
- High-wage opportunities that meet or exceed those of college graduates
- Receipt of a nationally recognized Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship upon completion

### Steps to Becoming an Apprentice

1. **Prepare**
   Graduate from high school or earn your GED and take courses relevant to the desired trade or occupation (algebra, geometry, science and/or technology courses).

2. **Determine the trade/occupation you are interested in**
   There are many opportunities in apprenticeship. Determine your skills, interests, aptitude and the lifestyle to choose a career that is right for you. There are several New Mexico Workforce Connection offices throughout the state that can assist you in this process.

3. **Know the program requirements**
   Explore our website to learn about apprenticeship opportunities available to you and contact programs directly to inquire about entrance requirements and application procedures.

4. **Apply to the desired program**
   Once you determine the program you are interested in, complete the application process and submit the required documentation.

5. **Start your career**
   After completing the application process and meeting the program’s entrance requirements, you are ready to begin your apprenticeship and attain your career goal by receiving a great salary and long-term career opportunity.

Apprenticeship opportunities can sometimes be competitive. Unlike college, a definite start date is rarely given upon application. There may be a wait period before training begins. In the meantime try to secure employment in the industry where an apprenticeship can be obtained, such as working in the shop or for a local contractor. It may also be a good idea to take related classes at your local community college.