

Getting into the Construction Trades

Washington State almost led the nation in job growth over the past year. One of the major issues facing the construction sector is the lack of trained workers to fill the jobs. Nationwide, contractors have trouble meeting their labor demands. A national poll of 1,600 contractors found 78% percent have trouble filling jobs. The City of Tacoma, Bates Technical College, and Sound Outreach have partnered up to identify and recruit local residents into construction pre-apprenticeship programs to gain the skills they need for high-demand, family-wage jobs. We are now recruiting for the next cohort of pre-apprentices to start March 18th. **Participants must attend one of three orientation dates March 5, 7, or 9th.**

This is a very unique class that is providing the integrated service delivery model and has partnered with Rebuilding Together South Sound to complete small projects during the training to provide some contextualized math (using fractions, decimals, percentages, areas while building). The other unique component is the program integrates **training, career coaching, financial coaching, and supportive services** to help ensure participants successfully transition to a new career. We are aiming for a competitive cohort of 20 students. **Attached is the bridge pipeline for the flow of the program, not for marketing, but so you can see the flow of the program.**

Previous client results:

- 43 Client Job Placements
- Average starting wages \$18.17 construction (\$21.69 union)
- Average credit score increase 50 points

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pre-apprenticeship-program-orientation-tickets-56377620982>

This Integrated Program offers:

- Opportunity to learn occupational skills (Construction, Masonry, Labor)
- Financial coaching to improve credit and reduce debt
- Screening for work support and public benefits
- Career coaching to connect with employers

HOW TO GET STARTED?

Verify that you meet the eligibility qualifications listed below and attend the orientation.

ELIGIBILITY

- Age 18+
- GED or HS Diploma
- Social Security Card
- 7th grade Reading & Math level
- Ability to pass a drug test
- Have a driver's license

NEXT ORIENTATION

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 or
Thursday, March 7, 2019
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM PST

LOCATION

One Stop Career Center
2121 S. State St.
Suite 300
Tacoma, WA 98405

To learn more about the program or apply, please contact Employment Case Manager Venus Dean-Bullinger at venus@soundoutreach.org or by phone at 253-380-1658