



Architecture and Construction Career Cluster

The Architecture and Construction career cluster focuses on designing, planning, managing, building, and maintaining the built environment. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from architect, carpenter, and construction manager to electrician, plumber, and heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration technician.

Statewide Program of Study: Carpentry

The Carpentry program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities related to constructing, installing, and repairing structures and fixtures made of wood (including frameworks, partitions, joists, studding, rafters, and stairways). The program of study includes installing, dismantling, or moving machinery and heavy equipment according to layout plans, blueprints, or other drawings.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1	- Principles of Construction - Principles of Architecture
Level 2	- Construction Technology I - Entrepreneurship I
Level 3	- Construction Technology II - Mill and Cabinetmaking Technology
Level 4	- Practicum in Construction Technology - Practicum in Construction Technology + Extended Practicum in Construction Technology - Practicum in Entrepreneurship - Practicum in Entrepreneurship + Extended Practicum in Entrepreneurship - Career Preparation for Programs of Study - Career Preparation for Programs of Study + Extended Career Preparation

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities	- Intern with a carpenter to practice skills such as measuring materials and assembling structures - Participate in a pre-apprenticeship that includes activities like installing cabinets, drywall, and siding
Expanded Learning Opportunities	- Shadow a construction manager to learn more about how construction teams work together to complete projects - Participate in SkillsUSA

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Carpentry
- Carpentry, Level I
- Carpentry, Level II
- Commercial Carpenter
- Construction Technology Certification Level I
- Core
- HBI Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT), Basic Carpentry
- HBI Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT), Core
- LEED Green Associate
- Painting: Commercial and Residential Level I



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Carpenter

Associate Degrees

- Construction Management
- Construction Engineering Technology
- Building Construction Technology

Bachelor's Degrees

- Construction Engineering
- Construction Science
- Construction Site Management

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Construction Engineering Technology
- Construction Engineering
- Construction Management
- Project Management



Example Aligned Occupations

Carpenters

Median Wage: \$47,719
Annual Openings: 4,442
10-Year Growth: 15%

Construction and Building Inspectors

Median Wage: \$61,505
Annual Openings: 1,812
10-Year Growth: 9%

Construction Managers

Median Wage: \$98,294
Annual Openings: 5,403
10-Year Growth: 24%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.



For more information visit:

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/ac-carpentry-extended.pdf>



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Course Information

Level 1

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Principles of Construction* 13004220 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Principles of Architecture* 13004210 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	

Level 2

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Construction Technology I 13005100 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Construction or Principles of Architecture Recommended Corequisites: None	
Entrepreneurship I* 13011101 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Business, Marketing and Finance Recommended Corequisites: None	

Level 3

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Construction Technology II 13005200 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: Construction Technology I Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Mill and Cabinetmaking Technology 13005300 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Construction and Principles of Architecture Recommended Corequisites: None	

* Indicates course is included in more than one program of study in this career cluster.

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Level 4

Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Practicum in Construction Technology* First Time Taken: 13005250 (2 credits) Second Time Taken: 13005260 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: Construction Technology II; Building Maintenance Technology II; Electrical Technology II; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Refrigeration Technology II; Plumbing Technology I; or Mill and Cabinetmaking Technology Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Practicum in Construction Technology + Extended Practicum in Construction Technology* First Time Taken: 13005255 (3 credits) Second Time Taken: 13005265 (3 credits)	Prerequisites: Construction Technology II, Building Maintenance Technology II; Electrical Technology II; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Refrigeration Technology II; Plumbing Technology I; or Mill and Cabinetmaking Technology Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Practicum in Entrepreneurship* First Time Taken: 13011111 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Entrepreneurship I and Entrepreneurship II, or successful completion of at least two courses in a CTE program of study Recommended Corequisites: None	
Practicum in Entrepreneurship + Extended Practicum in Entrepreneurship* First Time Take: 13011121 (3 credits)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Entrepreneurship I and Entrepreneurship II, or successful completion of at least two courses in a CTE program of study Recommended Corequisites: None	
Career Preparation for Programs of Study* First Time Taken: 12701121 (2 credits)	Prerequisites: At least one Level 2 or higher CTE course Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Career Preparation for Programs of Study + Extended Career Preparation* First Time Taken: 12701141 (3 credits)	Prerequisites: At least one Level 2 or higher CTE course Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	

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