



## A Feature on LaPorte County's / NWI Construction and Building Trades

- Northwest Indiana was built by the skilled hands of countless hard-working men and women in the building trades who worked together to build the vast industrial complexes, commercial districts, residential neighborhoods, interstates, highways, and railways across the Region. In these exhilarating times for the construction and building industries in Northwest Indiana, “work practices are becoming increasingly more technical and specialized. Environmentally sensitive green construction methods and renewable energy technologies also are driving demand for a more highly skilled workforce. There is an increased need for skilled workers in these industries.”<sup>1</sup>
- [We Build Northwest Indiana](#) is a resource for people interested in a construction and maintenance related career. While some opportunities require a college degree, most require a comprehensive training and education program known as an apprenticeship. [We Build Northwest Indiana](#) welcomes you to explore the various career opportunities available in the Northwest Indiana construction industry. Post updates, job postings, apprenticeship application periods, photographs, and industry news can be found on their [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) accounts.
- The United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship defines apprenticeships as a “unique, flexible training system which combines job related technical instruction with structured on-the-job training experience.” Trades such as ironworker, operating engineer, sheet metal worker, carpenter, electrician, construction laborer, roofer, millwright, boilermaker, plumber, painter, glazier, cement finisher, HVAC tech, and bricklayer are examples of the building trades careers that provide good living wages for families across La Porte County and Northwest Indiana.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://webuildnwi.com/index.html>



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- According to John Carr, Senior Representative for the IN/KY/OH Regional Council of Carpenters, “Apprenticeships in the trades are a great opportunity for people who want on-the-job training and a valuable education in order to increase their access to quality jobs. Other benefits to this pathway include career advancement, credentials, technical skills, good benefits and wages, and job security. Also, our apprentices do not have any debt at the end of their training. This is an ‘earn while you learn’ program that is funded by the union and our signatory contractors.” Thanks to this program, by the time an apprentice finishes their education, they are debt-free and already have the experience to thrive in the workforce.
- Most apprentices begin employment day one, with incremental wage increases as they advance and become more proficient on the job. For example, construction apprenticeship programs last from 3 to 5 years in length. Once the apprenticeship period is completed and the student passes all of the required-coursework, he or she will have the technical skills necessary to be recognized as a master craft professional.
- Apprenticeship programs can be challenging, but they are the pathway to a full and rewarding career pathway. Individuals who demonstrate the special blend of academic, mechanical aptitude, and physical requirements will qualify. Qualities of successful applicants include strong work ethic, positive attitude, and dependability. General, minimum qualifications include being at least 18 Years Old, in good physical shape, and drug-free and having a valid driver's license, reliable transportation, and a high school diploma (or equivalent.)
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statics, employment in construction and extraction occupations are projected to grow 4% from 2019 to 2029. A skilled tradesperson working in the building trades can expect to earn anywhere from \$70,000 to \$90,000 depending on the trade and hours worked. In addition, people employed in the building trades receive health and welfare benefits as part of their benefit package. Most plans provide some form of medical, prescription, dental, vision, weekly accident and sickness, death and or dismemberment benefits. Most building trade employees also receive defined benefit pension plans depending on the trade.<sup>2</sup>
- To find out more about the local building trades, see the attached document. To find out more and to apply for positions within the building trades, please go to the following websites for apprenticeship applications at <https://webuildnwi.com/index.html>.
- The link to the Indiana Plan for the pre-apprenticeship program can be found here: [Application Form | Indiana Plan for Equal Employment](#).

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<sup>2</sup> <https://webuildnwi.com/why-construction.html>

Position	Apprenticeship Length	Ivy Tech Degree	Apprenticeship Opportunities	Application Period	Application Cost	Page Link
Boilermaker	4 Years	Eligible for Associate of Applied Science	Boilermakers Local 374 760 N Union Street Hobart, IN 46342 Phone: 219-845-1000 www.local374.org	Applications are distributed on the: First Friday of January, April, July and October from 10:00 a.m. to Noon (local time)	None	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Boilermakers.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Boilermakers.html</a>
Bricklayers	4 Years	Eligible for Associate of Applied Science	Bricklayers Local 4 Apprenticeship & Training Program 940 North Broad Street Griffith, IN 46319 Phone: 219-405-6470 Email: bac4apprenticeship@gmail.com	Applications accepted year round. Apply at: www.bac4training.com	None	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Bricklayers.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Bricklayers.html</a>
Carpenters	4 Years	Eligible for Associate of Applied Science	IKORCC Joint Apprenticeship Training Center 1565 East 70th Court Merrillville, IN 46410 Phone: 219-947-3348 <a href="https://www.ikorcc.com/">https://www.ikorcc.com/</a>	Apply online anytime at: <a href="https://ikorcctraining.com/">https://ikorcctraining.com/</a>  Items Applicants Must Upload:  High School Transcripts or GED Test Scores Government Issued Photo Identification 1 Page Resume DD214 (If Veteran)	None	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Carpenters.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Carpenters.html</a>
Cement Masons	3 Years	Not Eligible	Plasterer & Cement Masons Local 692  <a href="https://plcmlocal692.org">https://plcmlocal692.org</a>  Area #'s 165 & 406 9200 Louisiana Street Merrillville, IN 46410 Phone: 219-713-4905  Area # 438 1536 Weller Avenue LaPorte, IN 46350 Phone: 219-363-5089	Inquire by Phone	None	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Cement-Mason.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Cement-Mason.html</a>
Construction Teamsters	2 Years	Not Eligible	Teamsters Local 142 Training Center 9050 Mississippi Street Merrillville, IN 46410 Phone: 219-756-1422			<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Construction-Teamsters.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Construction-Teamsters.html</a>
Electricians	5 years	Eligible for Associate of Applied Science	Lake County Electrical Training Center 7200 Mississippi Street, Suite 100 Merrillville, IN 46410 Phone: 219-845-3454 www.697jatc.org	Apply online anytime at: <a href="http://www.apply697.com">www.apply697.com</a>	\$40	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Electricians.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Electricians.html</a>
			LaPorte County Electrical Training Center 301 East 8th Street Michigan City, IN 46360 Phone: 219-879-1090 www.ibewlocal531.org/Apprentice	Applications are accepted daily from 8: 30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	\$30	<a href="http://www.dunnsbridge.com">Dunns Bridge Solar Project Helper</a> <a href="http://www.ibewlocal531.org/solar">www.ibewlocal531.org/solar</a>
Glaziers	4 Years	Not Eligible	Glaziers Local 1165 6501 Massachusetts Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46226 Phone: 317-542-7617			<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Glaziers.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Glaziers.html</a>
Heat and Frost Insulators	5 years	Not Eligible	Heat & Frost Insulators - Local 17 JATC 18520 Spring Creek Drive Tinley Park, IL 60477 Phone: 708-468-8000 www.local17insulators.com	Call 708-468-8000	\$25	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Heat-and-Frost-Insulators.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Heat-and-Frost-Insulators.html</a>
Ironworkers	4 Years	Eligible for Associate of Applied Science	Ironworker's Joint Apprenticeship Training Center 890 East 25th Avenue Lake Station, IN 46405 Phone: 219-962-7675 www.ironworkers395.com	Apply online at anytime at <a href="http://www.ironworkers395.com">www.ironworkers395.com</a>  Application Requirements  Birth Certificate Copy Official/Sealed copy of high school transcripts or GED/HSE test scores Valid driver's license		<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Ironworkers.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Ironworkers.html</a>

Laborers	3 Years	Not Eligible	<p>Laborers Local 41 550 Superior Avenue Munster, IN 46321 Phone: 219-924-7922</p> <p><a href="http://laborers41.com/">http://laborers41.com/</a></p> <p>Laborers Local 81 3502 Enterprise Avenue Valparaiso, IN 46383 Phone: 219-462-8165</p> <p><a href="http://www.laborers81.org">www.laborers81.org</a></p>	Applications are accepted yearly during May 4 - May 8.	\$40	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Laborers.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Laborers.html</a>
Millwrights	4 Years	Eligible for Associate of Applied Science	<p>IKORCC Joint Apprenticeship Training Center 760 N. Union Street Hobart, IN 46342 Phone: 219-947-3348 <a href="https://www.ikorcc.com/">https://www.ikorcc.com/</a></p>	Applications are accepted daily during the following times: 8 am - 11 am & 1 pm - 3 pm	None	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Millwrights.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Millwrights.html</a>
Operating Engineers	4 Years	Not Eligible	<p>Local 150 Operating Engineers Apprenticeship Training Center 19800 West Arsenal Rd Wilmington, IL 60481-8256 Phone: 815-722-3201 <a href="http://www.asiplocal150.org">http://www.asiplocal150.org</a></p>	Applications are accepted every November. Application Schedule for 2021 (Coming Soon)	\$25	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Operating-Engineers.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Operating-Engineers.html</a>
Painters	4 Years	Eligible for Associate of Applied Science	<p>NW Indiana Painters Joint Apprenticeship Training Center 8364 Minnesota Street Merrillville, IN 46410 Phone: 219-945-0956 <a href="https://www.iupat.org/">https://www.iupat.org/</a></p>	Applications are accepted daily.	None	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Painters.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Painters.html</a>
Pile Drivers	4 Years	Not Eligible	<p>Pile Drivers Local 578 4979 Indiana Avenue, Ste 211 Lisle, IL 60532 Phone: 630-325-6072 <a href="http://www.piledrivers578.com">www.piledrivers578.com</a></p>	Applications are accepted daily during the following times: 8 am - 11 am & 1 pm - 3 pm	None	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Pile-Drivers.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Pile-Drivers.html</a>
Pipe Fitters	5 years	Not Eligible	<p>Pipefitters Training Center Local 597 10850 W. 187th Street Mokena, IL 60448 Phone: 708-326-9240 <a href="http://www.pftf597.org">www.pftf597.org</a></p>	Applications are accepted first Wednesday of each month	\$20	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Pipe-Fitters.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Pipe-Fitters.html</a>
Plumbers	5 years	Eligible for Associate of Applied Science	<p>Plumbers Local 210 Joint Apprenticeship Training Center 2901 E. 83rd Place Merrillville, IN 46410 Phone: 219-942-7224 <a href="http://www.plu210.org">www.plu210.org</a></p>	Applications are accepted once a year for three weeks during January. Application Schedule for 2022	\$25	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Plumbers.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Plumbers.html</a>
Roofers	4 Years	Not Eligible	<p>Roofers Local #26 Training Center 25 W 84th Avenue Merrillville, IN 46410 Phone: 219-756-3718 <a href="http://www.roofers26.com">www.roofers26.com</a></p>	Applications are accepted weekly on Wednesdays during the following times: 8 am - 12 pm	None	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Roofers.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Roofers.html</a>
Sheet Metal Workers	5 years	Eligible for Associate of Applied Science	<p>Sheet Metal Workers Local 20 6450 Ameriplex Drive Portage, IN 46368 Phone: 219-764-1910 <a href="http://www.smw20training.com/">http://www.smw20training.com/</a></p>	Applications are accepted on the 1st Friday of every month from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	None	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Sheet-Metal-Workers.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Sheet-Metal-Workers.html</a>
Sprinkler Fitters	5 years	Not Eligible	<p>Sprinkler Fitters Local 281 Apprenticeship Training Center 11900 S. Laramie Avenue Alsip, IL 60803 Phone: 708-597-1800 <a href="http://www.sprinklerfitterchicago.org/">www.sprinklerfitterchicago.org/</a></p>	Call 708-597-1800	\$25	<a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Sprinkler-Fitters.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Sprinkler-Fitters.html</a>
Technical Engineers	5 years	Not Eligible	<p>Technical Division of Local 130 1400 West Washington Boulevard Chicago, IL 60607-1821 Phone: 312-421-1010 Ext. 162</p>	<p>Application period: 4/1/2022 - 4/30/2022</p> <p>Application Details (PDF)</p> <p>Apply at: <a href="https://apply.tech130.org/">https://apply.tech130.org/</a></p>		<p><a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Technical-Engineers.html">https://webuildnwi.com/Technical-Engineers.html</a></p> <p>Technical Engineers Website: <a href="https://webuildnwi.com/Technical-Engineers-Local-130">Tech-Engineers-Local-130</a></p>