



Construction Career Guide

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Promoting the construction industry to the young adults of Southern Colorado

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Welcome to a career in construction!

The Southern Colorado Construction Career Day Foundation has partnered with many local contractors to offer an exciting day of hands-on construction activities to high school juniors and seniors in southern Colorado. The purpose of Construction Career Day is to broaden student knowledge about the multi-faceted opportunities available and to increase the number of men and women entering the construction industry.

Getting hands-on experience is an excellent way for the students to learn about careers in the construction industry. It is very impressive to see the organizations that come together with all the equipment and donations made for these students to experience this once in a lifetime event. Our industry is growing and changing very rapidly. If you look around, you will see there is a lot of construction taking place in our area. There are many jobs available, and workers are needed.

This guide provides contacts and resources for students that are interested in learning more about the opportunities in the various fields of construction and to recognize the many companies and people that made this day possible.

Trade Descriptions

An **Architect** is trained in planning, design, and oversight of the construction of buildings. Architect's decisions affect public safety so they must undergo specialized training, advanced training, and an internship for practical experience to earn a license. An architect must also have business knowledge and project management skills, as well as building/structure design.



A **Cabinet Maker/Millworker** uses tools and machinery to build wood-based products as well as: glass, metal, solid surface, stone, steel and more. Woodworking professionals mainly work from detailed shop drawings and specifications. They create, build, and install cabinetry, wall panels, reception desks, and more as requested by the client. This type of career is ideal for someone who enjoys working with their hands and is detail oriented. Woodworkers are highly proficient with different hand tools, wood cutting equipment and machinery. Professional woodworkers often exhibit creative skills and can interpret and develop cabinet designs and layouts. No matter how long in the trade, the woodworker's skills and abilities will always be challenged and the results are very rewarding.



A **Carpenter** constructs, erects, installs, and repairs structures and fixtures made from wood, metal, and other materials. Carpenters are involved in many different types of construction, from building highways, bridges, houses, schools, hospitals, and commercial buildings.... yes, even Disneyland and racetracks.

Working from blueprints, first is the layout -- measuring and marking to ensure accuracy and compliance with local building codes. They cut and shape wood, metal, fiberglass, drywall, using hand and power tools. Carpenters may do many different carpentry tasks or specialize in one or two.

A **Concrete Form Builder** works for a large contractor, forming wooden job built or patented forms for pouring concrete for tunnels, bridges, and sewer projects. They also use forms for buildings, hospitals, schools, McDonalds, and skate parks. The forms they build support the concrete that is going to be poured for walls, columns, slabs, and foundations.

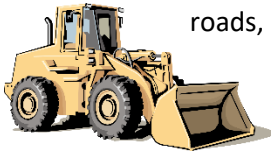
A **Construction Manager** oversees the overall planning, coordination, and control of a project from inception to the completion. His job is to complete the project on time, safely and on budget, meeting all quality standards and meeting local building codes. The Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) outlines the responsibilities into seven categories: Project Management Planning, Cost Management, Time Management, Quality Management, Contract Administration, Safety Management, and Configuration Management. This scope provides many jobs to define the roles and responsibilities on the job, communication protocols, identifying early - on potential problems and possible delivery delays that would impact progress. The CM must also develop effective communications with all subcontractors working on the project and a mechanism for resolving conflicts.

An **Electrician** installs and maintains the electrical power systems for our homes and businesses. When installing and maintaining the wiring and control equipment through which electricity flows, the electrician needs to understand the National Electrical Codes and how these codes apply to their project. Electricians use hand tools such as conduit benders, screwdrivers, pliers, hacksaws, and wire strippers, as well as power tools such as drills and saws along with the classroom knowledge. To diagnose and repair problems with electrical wiring, they use ammeters, ohmmeters, voltmeters, harmonic testers, and other equipment to test connections. An electrician begins their career as an apprentice and works towards getting a Residential Wireman, Journeyman or Master Electrician's license, which takes two to six years depending on the type of license. The most common type of license is a Journeyman's, and with it one can do residential or commercial work while having an apprentice under their supervision. As an electrical apprentice you are taught the trade each day by an experienced electrician through on-the-job training.



An **Engineer** is a professional that applies scientific knowledge, mathematics, and ingenuity to develop solutions for technical and practical problems. Engineers design materials, structures, machines, and systems while considering the practicality, safety, and cost.

A **Heavy Equipment Operator** uses machinery to move earth, construction materials, and other heavy materials at construction sites and mines. They operate equipment that clears and grades land to prepare it for construction of roads, buildings, and bridges, as well as airport runways, dams, and other structures. They use backhoes and excavators to dig trenches for utilities and place concrete structures. Heavy equipment is also used to lay down asphalt and concrete on roads. Many machines are equipped with Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology to help with grading and leveling the earth.



The HVAC **Technician** installers and mechanics for an HVAC system are called technicians. They are trained in installation and maintenance, but may specialize in commercial refrigeration, hydroponics, or solar panels. HVAC systems consist of hundreds of electrical, electronic, and mechanical parts. An HVAC technician will maintain systems, diagnose, and repair problems, or install or replace component parts or complete systems.

An **Iron worker** is a tradesman or woman who works in the iron working industry, erecting and/or dismantling structural steel framework of pre-engineered buildings, stadiums, arenas, hospitals, towers, wind turbines, and bridges. Iron workers assemble the structural framework, place, and tie reinforcing steel bars (rebar) and install post-tension systems to give strength to concrete used in piers, footings, slabs, and bridges. They finish buildings by erecting curtain wall and window wall systems, pre-cast concrete and stone, stairs, handrails, metal doors, and elevator fronts. Iron workers perform all types of industrial maintenance. There are three main types of ironworks: reinforcing, structural and ornamental.

A **Mason** undergoes comprehensive training in the classroom and in the work environment. Hands-on skill is complemented by innate knowledge of each type of stone, its application, and best uses, and how to work and fix each stone in place. The mason may be skilled and competent to carry out one or all the various branches of stone masonry. In some areas the trend is towards specialization, in other areas towards adaptability. Masons use all types of natural stone: igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary, while some also use artificial stone.

A **Plumber and Pipefitters** install, maintain, and repair many different pipe systems. Some move water from reservoirs to city treatment plants and then to residential and commercial users. Other systems dispose of waste or supply gas for heating. Pipe systems in power plants carry the steam that powers huge turbines. Pipes are also used in manufacturing plants to move materials through the production process. Piping systems are very important in both pharmaceutical and computer chip manufacturing. Although this can be considered one trade, workers generally specialize in one area. Plumbers install and repair the water, waste disposal, drainage and gas systems in homes, commercial and industrial buildings, as well as plumbing fixtures. Pipefitters install and repair both high- and low-pressure pipe systems used in manufacturing, the generation of electricity, and in heating and cooling buildings.



A **Plasterer** is a tradesperson who works with plaster, such as forming a layer of plaster on an interior wall or plaster decorative moldings on ceilings or walls. The process of creating plasterwork, called plastering, has been used in building construction for centuries.



A **Roofer** specializes in roof construction on and repairs. Care is given to apply waterproof and/or weatherproof materials as a substrate for the roofing materials to be installed on. The rafters, beams, and trusses are the frame for the roof to be built upon. A roofer must not be scared of heights and have good balance, as well as carpenter skills. A well-trained roofer is called a journeyman.

A **Welder** is a tradesman who specializes in welding materials together. The materials to be joined can be metals or varieties of plastic or polymer. Welders typically must have good dexterity and attention to detail, as well as some technical knowledge about the materials being joined and best practices in the field.



Bachelor of Science Degree in Construction Management combines the art and science of building technology with essential principles of business, management, computer technology, and leadership. Construction

Management involves the planning, scheduling, evaluation, and controlling of construction resources and activities, which optimize project cost, schedule, quality, and owner’s satisfaction. The CM program offers 100% online or 100% face—to—face options, or a combination of both face—to—face and online courses. This model gives students flexibility to enter the workplace, obtain internships, and gain hands—on experiences while completing their degree. The major in construction management leads to the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Construction Management. Graduates of the Construction Management (CM) program enter the industry as project superintendents, field supervisors, project managers, or owner’s representatives for a variety of construction related firms such as general contractors, specialty subcontractors, construct on managers designers, developers, consultants, or owners.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology leads to a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Technology (BSCET/ Degree. The major is designed to produce civil engineering technologists who (a) can perform engineering surveys, (b) can perform standard analysis and design of elements of structures, water systems, and transportation systems, (c) can conduct standard laboratory and field tests for construction materials and soils, and (d) are competent to function as construction project managers. This program is accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET.



School to Work Alliance Program The School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) is designed to provide employment-related assistance to youth and young adults with disabilities, who are experiencing mild to moderate barriers to employment.

Disabilities can take the form of physical, emotional, or learning disabilities. SWAP provides assistance that produces competitive, integrated employment outcomes

and can help build career pathways for students through job exploration, work experiences, post-secondary exploration, workplace readiness skills, and self-advocacy instruction. SWAP is a collaborative initiative between the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and local school districts, and is supported by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). For more information, please contact Elizabeth Connell, SWAP Specialist econnell@ppboces.org, Phone: 719-380-6251. The office is at 2883 South Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.



In today's rapidly evolving job market, high school students often find themselves at a crossroads when it comes to choosing their future careers. It's essential to explore various options and discover the path that aligns with their interests and ambitions. Careers In Construction Colorado is an organization that offers an exciting avenue for students interested in hands-on careers within the construction industry.

What is Careers In Construction Colorado?

CICC is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering high school students with valuable skills and knowledge in the construction industry. Their mission is to bridge the gap between education and the construction workforce by offering students unique opportunities to explore careers in this dynamic field. Through this program students earn pre-apprenticeship certificates which are recognized by the United States Department of Labor, and can acquire internships, job shadows, and entry level jobs in the construction industry.

To learn more about Careers In Construction Colorado, visit: <https://ciccolorado.org/>

Why Consider a Career in Construction?

Construction is a diverse and ever-growing industry that plays a crucial role in shaping our communities. It encompasses a wide range of professions, from carpenters and electricians to architects and project managers. The construction sector is known for offering:

- **Job Security:** The demand for skilled construction workers remains steady, providing job security and opportunities for growth.
- **High Earning Potential:** Many construction careers offer competitive salaries, with the potential for even higher earnings as one gains experience.
- **Hands-On Work:** If you enjoy working with your hands and seeing tangible results, construction might be the perfect fit.
- **Variety of Specializations:** From residential housing to commercial developments, infrastructure projects, and sustainable construction, there's a specialization for everyone.

Opportunities



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For information regarding wages, trade duties or curriculum, please call the phone number listed for that trade

Trade	Contact Name	Website	Email	Applications Accepted	Length of Apprenticeship	Minimum Entry Requirements
Boilermakers 3890 Elm Street Denver, CO 80207	Robert Gallegos (303) 477 1045	www.boilermakers101.com		1st Wednesday of Every month	4 years	Must be 18 years old HS Diploma or GED Birth Certificate
Brick, Stone, Tile, Marble & Terrazzo 5201 E 38th Ave, Denver, CO 80207	Jerry Gondek (303) 777 0298		jgondek@mwbac.org	All Year	3 years	Must be 18 years old HS Diploma or GED Valid Driver License SS Card and Birth Certificate
IUPAT Dist Council 81 Floor Covers Local #419 2170 S Lipan Street Denver, CO 80223	Training Director, Jason Drake (303) 761 1324	www.iupatdc81.org	jdrakedc81@gmail.com	Year Round, in person	3 years	Birth Certificate SS Card Driver License/State ID High School Diploma or GED
Cement Masons/Plasterers 4515 W 41st Ave Denver, CO 80212	Richard Bailey (303) 455 0885		Please Call	All Year	3 years	Must be 18 years old HS Diploma or GED Valid Driver License
Denver Joint Electrical Apprenticeship and Training/DJEATC 5610 N Logan St, Denver, CO 80216	Training Director, Dan Hendricks (303) 295 1903	www.djeatc68.com		Year Round (On Line applications soon)	4 years	Driver's License Two forms of Government ID HS Diploma or GED One year of Algebra with a passing grade Other qualifications may negate the need for Diploma/GED and Algebra examples are: Military Service and Industry Experience.
Colorado Springs Electrical 414 W Pikes Peak Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80905	Francis Vigil (719) 473 1781	www.csejatc.org		Every Thursday 9:00am to 3:30pm	Inside Wireman 5 years Voice DataVideo 3 years	Must be 18 years old GED records must be submitted Valid Driver's License 1 full yr of HS Algebra/ passing grade \$22 application fee
Pueblo Electrical JATC 2924 Graneros Lane, Pueblo, CO 81005	Training Director Dan Kraus (719) 561 8000 Ext 18	www.pueblojatc.org		Year round, in person, by appointment only. Online coming soon	4 years	Two (2) forms of government ID Birth Certificate copy Official Transcript for High School and post HS education and training, GED records must be submitted. (All transcripts must be submitted by the applicant in a sealed envelope from the school).

Western Colorado Electrical JATC/WCJATC 786 Valley Court Grand Junction, CO 81505	Training Director, Dan Hendricks (303) 295 1903			Every Thursday 2:00pm to 4:00pm	4 years	Driver's License Two forms of Government ID HS Diploma or GED One year of Algebra with a passing grade Other qualifications may negate the need for Diploma/GED and Algebra examples are: Military Service and Industry Experience.
Elevator Constructors 7510 W Mississippi Ave, #130, Lakewood, CO 80226		(800) 861-0405	www.iuec25.org	Waiting list only	4 years	Must be 18 years old HS Diploma or GED Birth Certificate Must pass Aptitude test
IUPAT Dist Council 81 Glaziers Local #930 2170 S Lipan Street Denver, CO 80223	Training Director, Jason Drake (303) 761 1324	www.iupatdc81.org	jdrakedc81@gmail.com	Year Round, in person	3 years	Birth Certificate SS Card Driver License/State ID High School Diploma or GED
Heat & Frost Insulators 6210 Carr St, Arvada, CO 80004	Anthony Abeyta (303) 742 9010	www.denver-local28.org		Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	4 years	Must be 18 years old HS Diploma or GED Valid Driver License
Ironworkers 5575 Tejon St, Denver, CO 80221	Joe Mulready	(303) 296-6626	www.iw24jtc.com	Every Wednesday 9:00am to Noon	3 years	Must be 18 years old HS Diploma or GED Birth Certificate Valid Colorado Driver License
Ironworkers 706 Elmhurst Place Pueblo, CO 81004	Joe Mulready	(719) 543-3369	www.iw24jtc.com	Every Tuesday 9:00am to Noon	3 years	Must be 18 years old HS Diploma or GED Birth Certificate Valid Colorado Driver License
Colorado Laborers and Contractors JATC 10505 Havana Street Brighton, CO 80601	Training Director, Erika Rodriguez or Clara Orona (303) 287 3116	www.clect.org	apprenticeship@clcet.org	Monday - Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm In person, fax or email	2 years	Must be 18 years or older State Drivers License or State ID Social Security Card HS Diploma or GED Must pass a drug test
Colorado Operating Engineers JATC 41801 E Quincy Bennett, CO 80201	Kirk Jordan or Carol Kjørvestad (303) 644 3909	www.iuoelocal9.com	cjatiue@outlook.com	Year round	3 years	HS Diploma/Transcript or GED Social Security or Naturalization Card Valid unrestricted Driver License OSHA 10 hr Construction Safety Card DD214 for Armed Service Veterans Birth Certificate (Copy will work)
Colorado Operating Engineers JATC 706 Elmhurst Pueblo, CO 81004	Kirk Jordan or Carol Kjørvestad (303) 644 3909	www.iuoelocal9.com	cjatiue@outlook.com	Year round	3 years	HS Diploma/Transcript or GED Social Security or Naturalization Card Valid unrestricted Driver License OSHA 10 hr Construction Safety Card DD214 for Armed Service Veterans Birth Certificate (Copy will work)
Colorado Operating Engineers JATC 431 Kennedy Ave Grand Junction, CO 81501	Kirk Jordan or Carol Kjørvestad (303) 644 3909	www.iuoelocal9.com	cjatiue@outlook.com	Year Round	3 years	HS Diploma/Transcript or GED Social Security or Naturalization Card Valid unrestricted Driver License OSHA 10 hr Construction Safety Card DD214 for Armed Service Veterans Birth Certificate (Copy will work)
IUPAT Dist Council 81 Painters Local #79 2170 S Lipan Street Denver, CO 80223	Training Director, Jason Drake (303) 761 1324	www.iupatdc81.org	jdrakedc81@gmail.com	Year Round, in person	3 years	Birth Certificate SS Card Driver License/State ID High School Diploma or GED
Denver Pipefitters JATC 6350 N Broadway, Suite 2 Denver, CO 80216	Eric Ortega (303) 428-6541	Pipe208.com	eric@jtc208.com	3rd Friday of each month (No online apps)	5 years	Valid Driver License Birth Certificate High School Diploma and transcripts GED with scores, if no High school diploma. Must take Kenexa tests and turn in paperwork from that test. Military Service: DD form 214
Denver Plumbers JATC 17100 E 32nd Place, Aurora, CO 80011	Johnnie Norris (303) 739 9100	www.plumberslocal3.org	johnnie@plumberslocal3.org	Year round (No online apps)	5 years	HS Diploma or GED Valid Driver License Birth Certificate
Plumbers and Pipefitters 2864 Janitell Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80906	Alberto Herrera	(719) 473-9690	www.local58.org	1st Monday of the month 8:00am - 5:00pm	5 years	Must be 18 years old HS Diploma or GED HS Transcripts/GED Test Scores SS Card, Valid CO Driver License Military Service: DD form 214
Pipe Trades 3168 Pipe Ct,	Daniel Schulte	(970) 245-2012	www.local145.com	Every Tuesday 1:30pm - 3:30pm	5 years	Must be 18 years old HS Diploma or GED Valid Driver License

Grand Junction, CO 81504						
Roofers 404 N Spruce, Colorado Springs, CO 80905	Isacc Hernandez	(719) 632-5889	Please Call	Please call	5 years	Must be 18 years old HS Diploma or GED Valid Driver License
CO Sheet Metal Workers JATC (Northern Office) 1515 W 47th Ave Denver, CO 80211	(720) 855 0305	www.smw9.com		Mon - Friday 8am to 11:30am and 1pm to 4pm Please call for an appointment (No online apps)	4 years	Must be at least 17 years old Application Form Current Driver's License HS Diploma/Transcripts or GED Cert with scores Proof of additional training Birth Certificate or other acceptable proof of age Military Discharge: DD214
CO Sheet Metal Workers JATC (Southern Office) 1420 Quail Lake Loop Colorado Springs, CO 80906	Andy Gilliland (720) 855 0305	www.smw9.com		Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8am - 4pm Please call for an appointment (No online apps)	4 years	Must be 17 years old Application Form Current Driver's License HS Diploma/Transcripts or GED Cert with scores Proof of additional training Birth Certificate or other acceptable proof of age Military Discharge: DD214
CO Sheet Metal Workers JATC (Western Office) 2980 Gunnison Ave Grand Junction, CO 81504	Brian Summers (970) 243 0157	www.smw9.com		Please call for an appointment (No online apps)	4 years	Must be 17 years old Application Form Current Driver's License HS Diploma/Transcripts or GED Cert with scores Proof of additional training Birth Certificate or other acceptable proof of age Military Discharge: DD214
Sprinkler Fitters 7050 Oakland Mills Rd, #100 Columbia, MD 21046		(800) 638-0592	www.sf669.org	All Year	5 years	Must be 18 years old HS Diploma or GED Valid Driver License Pass a Physical & Drug Birth Certificate or Social Security Card



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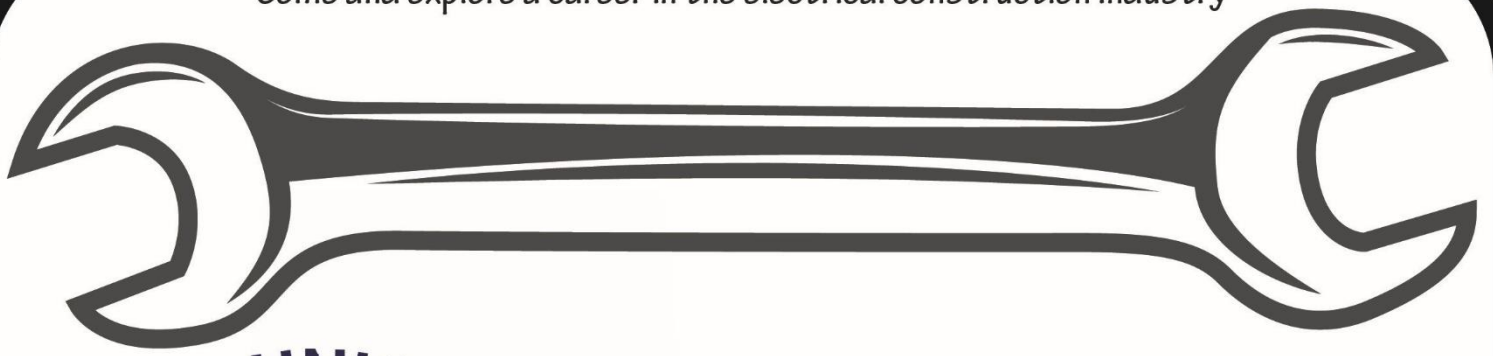
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