



# BUILD A FUTURE IN CONSTRUCTION

## **A career that will take you where you want to go.**

Many people think that the only way to a lifelong, successful career is by going to college, sitting in a cubicle five days a week and moving up the office ladder.

But that's just not true.

Joining the building and construction trades can bring you a lifetime of economic security and satisfaction – with more action and hands-on experience than an office job.

There are many options for careers in the union, and not every position keeps you on the job site. You can rise through the ranks to become a business manager or owner, which puts you in charge of hundreds of people and projects with budgets ranging into the millions.

Whether you want to work with your hands or work in the corner office, the construction union has a career path for you.

## **Start as an apprentice**

No matter where you want to go, you have to start at the beginning – the apprenticeship. Unlike any other program of its kind, union apprenticeship allows you to earn while you learn. Once you become an apprentice, you work and attend a specific number of hours of classroom training, which you also are paid for. The classroom training provides safety and entry-level skills to get you started. You also work under a skilled journeyworker on the job, learning how to become the very best in your craft.

## **Steps to becoming a construction apprentice:**

- Consult your technical education instructor(s)
- Visit [www.buildingadvantage.org](http://www.buildingadvantage.org) to learn about construction career opportunities
- Check out the Careers page on the Building Advantage Web site
- Contact a Joint Apprenticeship Coordinator to learn about entry requirements and procedures.

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**“It's not just a dead end job, it's a job with a future. It's a career. You can get your family growing, take your kids to college, set yourself up for retirement. What more could I ask for?”**

– Calvin Norquist



# UNLIMITED CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

With a career in the union building trades, you can succeed in a variety of career paths. Each phase can be rewarding and lucrative as you learn new skills and meet your career goals. Are you ready to take the first step?

For more information on careers in construction, visit the Careers page at [buildingadvantage.org](http://buildingadvantage.org).

