

HOW TO GET STARTED

If you are currently working for a contractor, have them contact ABC of Iowa for the necessary application to enroll you in the apprenticeship program. Once this is done, you will be registered as an apprentice with the DOL/OA and will be enrolled in the next available class.

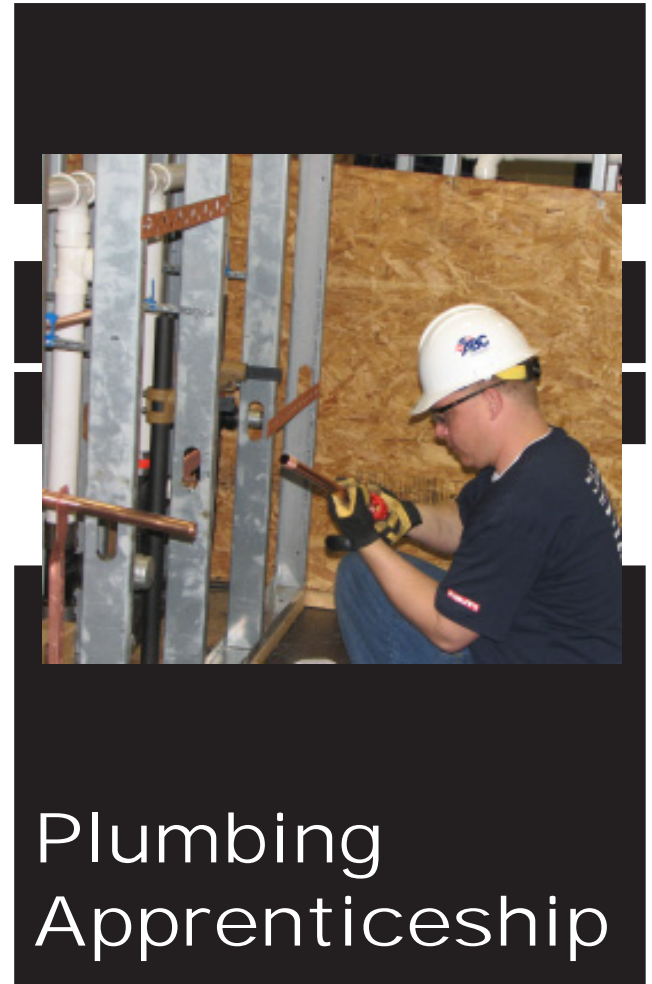
If you are not currently working for a contractor, contact ABC of Iowa for a list of ABC of Iowa members in your area or visit the website at www.abciowa.org for our member directory.

Employment with an ABC of Iowa member firm is required to attend this apprenticeship program.

The ABC of Iowa apprenticeship programs are based on the Contren Learning Series curriculum through the National Center for Construction Education and Research and their publishing partner Prentice Hall Publishing and incorporates Contren Connect on-line training.

ABC of Iowa apprenticeship programs are registered with the Department of Education and qualify for GI Benefits through the Veterans Administration.

PROGRAM PARTNERS



Plumbing Apprenticeship

For more information contact
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Plumbing Apprenticeship = Work + School

The other 4 Year Degree

Plumbers have been involved with the health and welfare of society since the days of the Roman Empire. Since those times plumbing has evolved into a much more diverse profession.

Plumbers must be familiar with local ordinances & regulations, mechanical & architectural drawings, mathematics, physics and have or possess the ability to assemble all types of plumbing and piping systems.

Those systems include: steam and condensate; chilled and heating water; potable water; storm; waste and vent; natural & L.P. gas; medical gas systems such as nitrogen, oxygen, vacuum and refrigeration piping.

In this craft you will need to understand the different types of plumbing codes. Currently Iowa uses the Uniform Plumbing Code and/or the International Plumbing code as well as recognizing State and Local Building Codes. Iowa, as in most states, requires that you are licensed as a plumber or be licensed as an apprentice under a licensed plumber in order to perform plumbing work.

FUTURE CAREER PATH OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

Estimator	Distribution Manager
Inspector	Project Manager
Trade Instructors	Foreman

Apprenticeship is a formal training process registered through the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship (DOL/OA). The Office of Apprenticeship contracts all apprentices. The contract is an agreement between the apprentice, his/her employer, and the DOL/OA.

LENGTH OF APPRENTICESHIP

4 years

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

8,000 hours



Apprentices are paid on a progressive wage scale throughout their apprenticeship. The DOL/OA sets a minimum percentage for each year of the apprenticeship program. The wage is based on the current journeyman wage for each employer. Apprentices are required to be paid a minimum of 50% of the company's journeyman wage as a first year apprentice and this percentage progresses to 90% as a fourth year apprentice.

With the proper documentation, apprentices may receive credit for previous on-the-job training and/or education.

TUITION

Tuition is the responsibility of the employer. Employers are encouraged to develop an incentive plan for apprentices to assure that they complete the entire apprenticeship program. Apprentices must be employed by a member of ABC of Iowa.

SCHOOL LOCATIONS

Ankeny, Calmar, Waukee

New locations will be added as demand for training in new areas increases.

RELATED TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION

Apprentices are required to attend 608 hours of related technical instruction during their apprenticeship.

All apprentices will be introduced to Green Build and will receive 12 hours of Green Build Training.

Instruction involves both classroom and hands-on training.

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