

Somerset County Vo-Tech Program Overview

Carpentry



There are projected to be about 79,500 openings for carpenters each year. The median pay for a carpenter in 2024 was \$59,310 per year or \$28.51 per hour.

Students that enter the Carpenters Union earn approximately \$75,000 per year if 40 weeks of work are obtained.

(Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Students in the Carpentry Program learn the fundamental skills to gain employment in the millwork and construction industries. Course work is both skill and project based. Classes are held indoors and outdoors in all parts of the school year to prepare students for work in real world conditions. Students in their 4th year will have the opportunity to gain real world employment for credit as well as to learn to manage a job site and to mentor younger students.

Curriculum:

Year 1: Introduction: Safety, Carpentry Tools, Basic Masonry, and Basic Cabinetry

Year 2: Foundations: Small Exterior Structures, Interior Walls, Drywall, Windows, Doors, Roofing

Year 3: Advanced Concepts: Student Developed Projects, Advanced Tools, Advanced Materials, Advanced Masonry

Year 4: Advanced Concepts II: Career Employment Experience and/or In Class Mentoring & Leadership Training

Classes meet for 3 periods/2 hours per day, 5 days a week

Average number of new students accepted per year: 6

Opportunity for professional certifications: YES

Opportunity to earn college credits: NO

FUTURE CAREERS

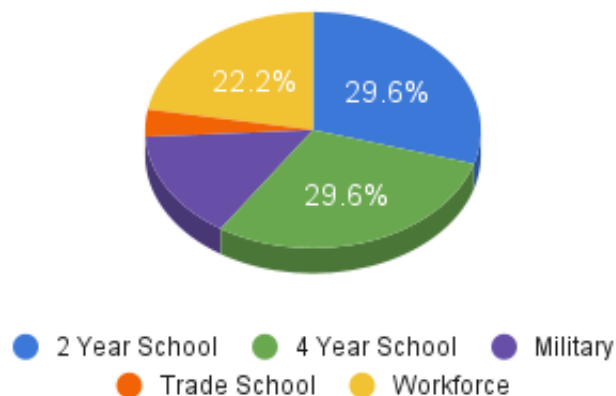
Residential or Union Carpenter
Construction Worker
Contractor
Home Builder
Industry Sales Representative
Mason
Millworker
Wood Worker

RECENT STUDENT POST-SECONDARY DESTINATIONS

Union Training School
Princeton University Carpentry Dept.
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Raritan Valley Community College
Rutgers University
Triangle Technical Institute
US Marines
US Navy

Student Plans at Graduation

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Recent Awards

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Recent Awards

2021	Gold Medal	Teamworks
2022	Gold Medal	State Carpentry Competition
2022	Bronze Medal	State Teamworks Competition
2023	Gold Medal	State Carpentry Competition
2023	Gold Medal	State Finished Carpentry competition
2023	Gold Medal	State Team Works - Carpenter Competition
2023	Gold Medal	State Team Works - Masonry Competition
2024	Gold Medal	State Masonry
2024	Silver Medal	State Cabinetmaking
2025	Silver Medal	State Teamworks Competition

All Somerset County Vocational & Technical School programs are supported by a community advisory panel.

The Carpentry advisory panel members include skilled workers and industry professionals from:



Capobianco Millwork
Princeton University
Educational Solutions
Home Depot
Signature Safety
Cardamone Custom Homes

Gladstone Masonry and Stoneworks
Furino and Sons
EAS Regional Council of Carpenters
All Inclusive Construction, LLC
Lowes



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