

## Construction: the other four year degree

Employers need skill sets that conventional four-year college degrees do not provide.

The construction Industry needs to add over 1 million workers to successfully perform the volume of work that is expected.

ABC offers a nationally recognized apprenticeship program that allows apprentices the opportunity to earn while they learn. The program is certified by the US Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship and training. Each graduate receives journeyman certification from the National Center of Construction Education and Research.



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wanting to be trained  
in all aspects of a  
construction trade



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# ABC Apprenticeship

## Frequently Asked Questions

### When can I register for classes and what is required?

Registration for the school year starts in the spring prior to class attendance and will be taken up to two weeks prior to the class starting. The school year runs September-May. The school year is broken into two semesters with a Christmas break. Any days missed due to weather will be made up. An apprentice is required to be 18 years old and have their High School Diploma or GED.

### How much is tuition?

Tuition runs approximately \$1,700 per school year. The tuition is billed in two separate billings (1st and 2nd semester) per school year. The tuition is inclusive of all materials and classes, including textbooks and Vincennes classes and books.

## Add It All Up

- College students pay \$60,000 to get their degree and often have debt at graduation
- A four-year apprenticeship costs less than \$7,000
- Apprentices are paid while learning, averaging \$20,000 in their first year and \$31,000 in their fourth year
- If employed, most college graduates can expect to earn \$25,000 in their first year - meanwhile, apprentices are already employed, earning between \$30,000 and \$35,000

*ABC does not offer financial assistance and is not covered by most federal state tuition assistance programs. ABC will work with you to develop a payment plan that meets your needs.*

### How often do classes meet?

Apprentices in most trades meet one night per week and are required to complete three hours of online homework each week. Computer access is required. ABC does offer a computer lab that can be used to meet this requirement. *Pipefitting, Roofing, Sheet Metal and Welding do not have online homework: therefore, they meet two evenings per week.* Classes at most locations meet from 5-9pm. An apprentice can miss a total of eight hours per semester.

### How does Vincennes University fit in?

All Indiana apprentices in a 4-year program are encouraged, but not required, to complete an Associate of Applied Science degree from Vincennes University. The VU classes are taught during the last six weeks of the school year. They meet one night per week from 5-9pm. in the same location as the trade classes. The General Education required classes for the degree are: English, Communications, Environmental Science and Personal Finance.

### What is the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER)?

ABC is accredited by NCCER. NCCER's mission is to assure that construction clients receive quality services and industry workers have rewarding, progressive careers. NCCER provides world-class craft training materials, opportunities for leadership growth, and effective safety training that will enhance productivity, cost effectiveness, and the image of the construction industry. NCCER was founded to take dramatic and innovative action to assure that those who enter the construction industry will receive the training that is necessary for a successful, safe and rewarding career.

### What does the Department of Labor require?

Apprentices earn on-the-job learning hours (known as OJLs), and are registered as apprentices with the DOL in Indiana and Kentucky Labor Cabinet in Kentucky. OJLs are required components of successful completion of the ABC Apprenticeship program. Four year training programs require 8,000 OJL hours, three year training programs require 6,000 OJL hours, and two year training programs require 4,000 OJL hours to successfully complete the program.

