

# CARPENTER

## DESCRIPTION

Our homes and buildings rely on the skills and talents of carpenters. Their expertise and talents cover a multitude of different areas including setting foundations, laying new stairs, installing beams and installing trims, decorations and much more.

## SKILLS

- Have a careful, methodical and accurate approach to work
- Be able to follow precise instructions, safety standards
- Organized and able to plan most effective way to complete projects
- Read and understand blueprints, diagrams, or drawings

## DUTIES

- Building foundations, installing floor beams, laying sub-flooring and installing walls and roofing systems
- Fitting and installing trim, doors, stairs, moulding and hardware
- Preparing cost estimates for clients
- Repairing and renovating wooden structures
- Reading and interpreting blueprints, drawings and sketches
- Measuring, cutting and joining materials made of wood or wood substitutes

## EDUCATION

- **Completion of high school is required**
- Several years of experience as a qualified carpenter or cabinetmaker are required
- 200 hours, 6480 on the job and 720 in school

## RELATED PATHWAY OPTIONS

Drywall Installer  
Cabinet Makers  
Fence/Deck Builder

**SALARY RANGE \$46,000 to \$87,500**

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## WHERE TO TRAIN

LOCAL 183 OR OTHER LOCAL LABOUR UNION RESIDENTIAL HANDYMAN

## OTHER OPTIONS

ALGONQUIN COLLEGE BUILDING RENOVATION

FANSHAWE COLLEGE FLEMING COLLEGE

CANADORE COLLEGE BUILDING RENOVATION

CONESTOGA CONFEDERATION COLLEGE

DURHAM COLLEGE BUILDING RENOVATION

GEORGIAN COLLEGE

GEORGE BROWN BUILDING RENOVATION

ST CLAIR COLLEGE

ALGONQUIN COLLEGE

ST LAWRENCE COLLEGE

## GETTING STARTED

### THE OCCA CAN HELP YOU EXPLORE THESE THREE PATHWAYS:

1

You can begin by applying for a job directly in the Construction Industry. Once you begin working with a Construction Company or Contractor you will quickly gain the necessary skills needed to advance yourself through in-house, work-as-you-learn training.

2

You can get started through an apprenticeship program by combining on the job training with technical in-class training, gaining experience and increased responsibility. You can work in the industry, get paid, and work towards earning credits .

3

You can enroll in a University, Community College or a Private Technical School to study and prepare yourself for a Career in Construction. All of this information may be found through our website.

