

DRYWALLER

DESCRIPTION

Do you enjoy designing, working with your hands, and job satisfaction? As a Drywall Finisher, you'll prepare surfaces by taping, filling, sanding and finishing walls. Part of your job may also include working with various tools for the application of protective coverings, sealants and decorative finishes and mouldings.

SKILLS

- Work safely as a team, following written and oral directions
- Able to communicate effectively with various parties (co-worker, clients, contractors etc.)
- Able to perform manual labour for prolonged periods of time
- Some artistic vision is an asset
- Read and interpret documents, work with numbers to perform calculations
- Problem solving skills to provide solutions to challenges

DUTIES

- Measure, cut and fit drywall sheets for installation on walls and ceilings
- Fill joints, holes and cracks with compound using a trowel and broad knife
- Smooth out excess compound and sand over dry compound
- Apply, level and smooth coats of plaster
- Spray coats of stucco over the exteriors of building to form weather proof surfaces
- Clean and prepare surfaces
- Create decorative design

EDUCATION

- **Completion of high school is required**
- Apprenticeship program. Usually three twelve month blocks with 1600hrs of workplace training
- A drywall installer/plasterer is a voluntary trade in Ontario

RELATED PATHWAY OPTIONS

- Painter
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SALARY RANGE \$40,300 to \$82,100

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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.

