

Somerset County Vo-Tech Program Overview

Carpentry



Employment of carpenters is projected to grow 2 percent from 2020 to 2030. Increased levels of new homebuilding and remodeling activity will require more carpenters. The median pay for a carpenter in 2020 was \$49,520 per year or \$23.81 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

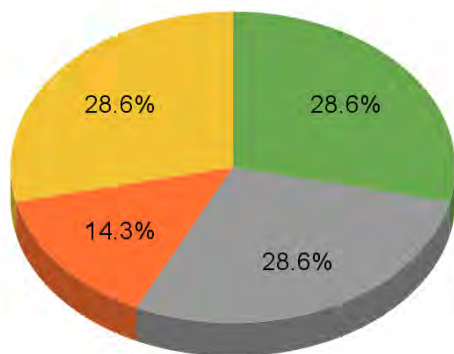
Classes meet for 3 periods/2 hours per day, 5 days a week

Average number of new students accepted per year: 6

Opportunity for professional certifications: YES

Opportunity to earn college credits: NO

Carpentry Student Plans at Graduation



● Community College ● 4 Year School
● Military Service ● Workforce

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

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SCVTHS students have the opportunity to compete for state and national recognition in the annual SkillsUSA competitions

Recent Awards

2019	Bronze Medal	State Teamworks Competition
2021	Gold Medal	National Teamworks Competition
2021	Silver Medal	State Basic Construction Competition
2021	Bronze Medal	State Basic Special Individual Construction Competition



All Somerset County Vocational & Technical School programs are supported by a community advisory panel. The Carpentry advisory panel members include:

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Rob Cardamone	Owner	Cardamone Custom Homes
Clark Kolbe	Manager	Aurora Kitchens & Interiors
John Mackay Sr.	Training Director	United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners
Walt Maksimik	Millwright	Brennan Industrial
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