



**Washington Plasterers Apprenticeship**  
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## **We are looking for people who:**

Enjoy working with their hands and take pride in what they can build  
Don't mind putting in an honest day's work for an honest day's pay  
Can make a commitment and know what it takes to follow through  
Understand team work

## **What We Do**

Plasterers provide the interior and exterior finishes of buildings and houses, using primarily hand tools and a wide variety of materials. Machines are also used to apply plastering materials, but handcraft skills are the majority of the work. Conventional plaster, veneer plaster, stucco, exterior insulated finish systems, and fireproofing are but a few of the products that are used in the plastering industry.

## **The Plastering Trade**

**Plasterers do hard, physical labor.** It is important to be in excellent health, have a good sense of balance, good eyesight and hearing, and the desire and ability to work hard.

**Plasterers work both indoors and outdoors.** They are sometimes required to work from great heights such as off-swinging scaffolding, man lifts, etc.

**You will be required to purchase your own tools.** You will also need work boots and work clothes.

## **Learn the Plastering Trade through Apprenticeship**

**Apprenticeship Means Teamwork.** It takes the combined efforts of Labor, Management, Government and the Department of Labor and Industries to create a training program that will keep up with today's building industry . . . and that is exactly what we have done.

**Apprenticeship Means On-the-Job Training.** You will learn new skills by working on-the-job with experienced journey person Plasterers. You will master the tools of the trade with hands-on practice. You will build new skills daily, and get paid as you learn.

**Apprenticeship Means Professional Instruction.** The applications of plastering are explored during hands-on classroom instruction. Traditional plastering techniques and the latest EIFS, stucco, and weather barrier innovations are part of the program, as well as safety training. However, class work is not limited to theory alone. As an apprentice, you will refine your finishing skills under the personal guidance of master craftsmen.

You are encouraged to view our Washington State Standards of Apprenticeship at <http://lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Apprenticeship/files/standards/0106.pdf>. A printed copy will be given to those without computer access, or upon request.

## Apprenticeship Information

**The Washington Plasterers Apprenticeship Program** is 7000 hours of on-the-job training and 504 of related classroom instruction, approximately three and a half years for an entry level apprentice. You will be paid for work while on the job, with full health care and retirement benefits. Upon completion, you will have earned Journeyman status with the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Association, and be eligible to work as a Journeyman Plasterer anywhere in the United States or Canada.

**Apprentice Plasterers are paid** at 50% of the journeyman wage to start, plus benefits. Additional credit will be given for previous experience in the trade. Wage increases are given incrementally with every 1000 hours of work, provided the requirements of the apprenticeship program are successfully met.

### Entry into the Plasterers Apprenticeship

#### Minimum Requirements –

- Must be 18 years of age
- High school graduate or GED equivalent
- Physically able to do the work of the trade
- Applicants must provide copies of:
  - Current driver's license
  - Social Security card or other I-9 documentation
  - High school diploma, official transcript or GED

**Other Considerations** – Dependable transportation is needed to get to and from jobsites. If you do not have it, you need to make a commitment to getting it upon entry into the program.

**New apprentices will be selected via a physical assessment event.** Invitation to take the physical assessment will be given after the application and supporting documentation are received.

**New apprentices will be given, and expected to pass, a drug test.**

**New apprentices must pay initiation fees** to Local Union 72, 478 or 528 upon acceptance into the program.

**The Plasterers Apprenticeship Program admits students of any gender, race, color, national or ethnic origin. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.** We are in compliance with Department of Labor EEO Regulations governing apprenticeship. To view, please visit the following link:  
<http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Rules/files/apprenticeship/29CFRPart30.pdf>

#### Request and return applications at:

**In person:** Washington Plasterers Apprenticeship  
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**By mail:** PO Box 81044, Seattle, WA 98108

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Applications can also be downloaded at [www.opcmialocal528.org](http://www.opcmialocal528.org)  
(Link to “Apprenticeship Forms”)

**If you are motivated and have a sincere desire to learn the trade,  
we will do all we can to help you accomplish your goal!**