



Greater West Town Training Partnership

Precision Woodworking

The Woodworkers Training Program prepares trainees with a broad base of skills needed for entry-level positions such as:

- Cabinetmaker Apprentice
- Fabricator
- Furniture Assembler
- Solid Surface Material Manufacturer
- Mill Worker

Our program includes hands-on training on industry-standard machines including:

- Table Saw
- Miter Saw
- Planer
- Jointer
- Sanding Equipment
- Edgebander
- Computer Controlled Machines (CNC)

Program Information

Curriculum

Topic

Job Specific Skills

- Laminating & Finishing
- Portable & Stationary Power Tools
- Hand Tools & Safety
- Assembly Techniques
- Wood Technology
- Blueprint Reading

Basic Skills

- Math
- Vocabulary, Reading, Writing

Employment Skills

Total Course Hours **450**

Course Schedule

Classes are scheduled from Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To receive a state-certified woodworking certificate, students must be punctual, attend all classes, and apply themselves fully to learn the material. The Woodworking course is offered 3 times per year.

Location

We are located at 2045 W. Fulton Avenue in Chicago. We are accessible by public transportation. Parking is available.

Will I Get A Job After Training?

We offer job placement assistance to graduates who have completed the state-certified vocational-technical certificate. The goal of the course is occupational training resulting in full-time, daytime woodworking employment following training. Of the 491 students that have graduated between April 1993 and August 2005, 88% have been placed on jobs.

What Does the Woodworking Industry Have to Offer?

The range of pay generally falls between \$8.50 to \$11.20 hourly, with an average starting rate of \$9.53. Our fast paced, 14 week program offers, upon graduation:

- A stable career path
- Opportunities for advancement
- A transferable skill set
- The ability to create a variety of marketable wood products including cabinets, furniture, and countertops.

Who Makes a Good Woodworker?

- A perfectionist, one with an eye for detail who is meticulous about doing a task right. Woodworkers need the patience and diligence to sand out every scratch and make joints meet perfectly.
- A person who is good with numbers, particularly measuring with an inch ruler and working with fractions.
- Someone with an alert mind, who is constantly careful around machinery, power tools, dust, and chemicals.
- One with a fit body, who is able to stand all day and can lift up to 50 lbs.
- A thinker who enjoys a challenge, plans well, and solves problems. Woodworkers work from blueprints and visualize how parts will fit together.

Entry Requirements

You must be 18 or older and able to test at minimum at a 6th grade (7.0 TABE) level in math and reading. A high school diploma or GED is helpful, but not required. Financial aid is available to low income eligible applicants to cover 100% of costs.

Application Procedure

The application procedure includes a measurement test, an interview, drug screening and completed placement forms to determine acceptance into the course.

Take Advantage of an Industry that is Growing in Chicago!

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