



PLUMBING

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Hampton Roads

2026-2027

ABC Virginia (ABC-VA) is an industry leader in construction apprenticeship programs. Companies that invest in employee development through apprenticeship programs attract a quality workforce of loyal and highly skilled employees, while closing the skilled workforce gap.

ABC-VA APPRENTICESHIP

ABC Virginia has a long history of providing high quality, student-centered learning with an emphasis on hands-on training. Our goal is to give individuals the opportunity to learn a trade, become skilled crafts professionals, earn a good living, and build Virginia.

Through our educational affiliate, National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), we use Contren, a competency-based, task-driven, and nationally recognized curriculum. ABC-VA instructors are required to complete a formal certification in order to ensure consistent delivery of the curriculum.

ELIGIBILITY

- 18 years of age or older
- Employed in the plumbing field
- Physically able to perform work in the plumbing trade
- Must be able to read and write in English
- High school diploma or GED equivalent

RELATED TRAINING

By providing employers with the Advisory Apprenticeship Program Standards, ABC-VA delivers the related classroom training component of apprenticeship.

VIRGINIA WORKS REGISTRATION

Employers must register as apprenticeship program sponsors and must register their apprentices on an individual basis with Virginia Works (formerly Virginia Department of Labor and Industry).

1. **Visit bit.ly/vaworks-apprenticeship (or click here)**
2. Fill out the Registered Apprenticeship Inquiry/Referral Form. Select Potential Employer/Sponsor as your status.

Virginia Works Phone: 804.786.6030
apprenticeship@virginiaworks.gov

Without this registration, a student is not considered an apprentice in the state of Virginia.

Participation in the plumbing apprenticeship program will be strictly limited to apprentices that are employed by companies that are duly licensed as plumbing contractors in Virginia.

PREREQUISITES

All incoming Level I students will be required to take a math assessment. Students without a passing grade will be required to attend a **mandatory** math tutoring course at ABC-VA prior to the course (\$55 per person, offered 8/10-8/13 from 4-7PM).

COURSE CONTENT

LEVEL ONE

- Core Curriculum
- Intro to the Plumbing Profession
- Plumbing Safety
- Tools of the Plumbing Trade
- Intro to Plumbing Math
- Intro to Plumbing Drawings
- Plastic Pipe and Fittings
- Copper Pipe and Fittings
- Cast-Iron Pipe and Fittings
- Carbon Steel Pipe and Fittings
- Intro to Plumbing Fixtures
- Intro to Drain, Waste and Vent (DWV) Systems
- Intro to Water Distribution Systems
- CPR, First Aid & AED Certification
- OSHA 10 Hour

LEVEL TWO

- Plumbing Math II
- Reading Commercial Drawings
- Hangers, Supports, Structural Penetrations and Fire Stopping
- Installing and Testing DWV Piping
- Installing Roof, Floor and Area Drains
- Types of Valves
- Installing and Testing Water Supply Piping
- Installing Fixtures, Valves and Faucets
- Intro to Electricity
- Installing Water Heaters
- Fuel Gas Systems
- Servicing of Fixtures, Valves and Faucets

LEVEL THREE

- Applied Math
- Sizing Water Supply Piping
- Potable Water Treatment
- Backflow Preventers
- Types of Venting
- Sizing DWV and Storm Systems
- Sewage Pumps and Sump Pumps
- Corrosive-Resistant Waste Piping
- Compressed Air
- CPR, First Aid & AED Certification

LEVEL FOUR *PLEASE NOTE: NOT OFFERED 2025-2026 YEAR*

- Business Principles for Plumbers
- Introductory Skills for the Crew Leader
- Water Pressure Booster and Recirculation Systems
- Indirect and Special Waste
- Hydronic and Solar Heating Systems
- Codes
- Servicing Piping Systems, Fixture and Appliances
- Private Water Supply Well Systems
- Private Waste Disposal Systems
- Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs
- Plumbing for Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers
- Backflow Prevention/Cross Connection Devices Training

2026-2027 APPRENTICESHIP SCHEDULE

The term of apprenticeship consists of four years or 8,000 hours (approximately 2,000 hours per year) of on-the-job training (OJT) and four years or 600 hours (approximately 150 hours per year) of related classroom instruction. OJT is administered by the student's employer. Related classroom instruction is administered by ABC-VA.

EVENING CLASSES

ABC-VA Hampton Roads Training Facility
530 Independence Parkway, Suite 500, Chesapeake, VA 23320

Classes will begin between the week of August 17, 2026, through the week of September 14, 2026. Schedules will vary.

CALENDAR

A comprehensive calendar schedule for the 2026-2027 session will be sent to the employer after registrations have been processed. Students will receive a hard copy of the schedule the first night of class.

2026-2027 TUITION

Tuition is due at time of enrollment. Apprentices employed by ABC-VA members receive a discount. Tuition includes lab, materials and administrative fees. Tuition must be paid in full for apprentices to be considered enrolled.

ABC-VA MEMBER \$1950

NON-MEMBER \$2450

DEADLINES

Enrollments received after August 7, 2026, will incur a late fee of \$75. Classes are closed to new enrollment after September 4, 2026. There are absolutely no refunds after September 4, 2026.

**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER
ONLINE**

Please note: ABC-VA has moved to a fully digital application system.

