



CARPENTRY APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Northern Virginia 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 carpentry field
- Physically able to perform work in the carpentry 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@viriniaworks.gov

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

CERTIFICATIONS

If applicant has OSHA 10-Hour and/or CPR/First Aid certifications, submit with application. These are required training per the ABC-VA curriculum. If the apprentice does not have the certifications, we will offer the training at ABC-VA.

OSHA 10-Hour is offered to all Level I students. CPR, AED & First Aid training is offered to all Level I and Level III students.

COURSE CONTENT

LEVEL ONE

- Building Materials
- Fasteners and Adhesives
- Hand and Power Tools
- Intro to Construction Drawings
- Specifications and Layout
- Floor Systems
- Wall Systems
- Ceiling Joist and Roof Framing
- Basic Stair Layout
- Intro to Building Envelope Systems
- CPR, AED & First Aid Certification
- OSHA 10

LEVEL TWO

- Commercial Drawings
- Roofing Applications
- Thermal and Moisture Protection
- Exterior Finishing
- Cold-Formed Steel Framing
- Drywall Installation
- Drywall Finishing
- Doors & Door Hardware
- Suspended Ceilings
- Windor, Door, Floor & Ceiling Trim
- Cabinet Installation

LEVEL THREE

- Properties of Concrete
- Rigging Equipment
- Rigging Practices
- Trenching and Excavating
- Reinforcing Concrete
- Foundations and Slab-on-Grade
- Vertical Formwork
- Horizontal Formwork
- Handling and Placing Concrete
- Tilt-Up Wall Panels
- CPR, AED & First Aid Certification

LEVEL FOUR (NOT OFFERED THIS YEAR)

- Differential Leveling
- Angular and Distance Measurements
- Advanced Roof Systems
- Advanced Wall Systems
- Advanced Stair Systems
- Intro to Construction Equipment
- Intro to Oxyfuel Cutting & Arc Welding
- Site Preparation
- Fundamentals of Crew Leadership

GRADUATION

All students must have completed OSHA 10-Hour and CPR, AED and First Aid Certification trainings and education requirements (600 hours) to graduate.



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.

LOCATION

ABC-VA Northern Virginia Training Facility
42680 Trade West Drive, Dulles, VA 20166

SCHEDULE

Orientation sessions are scheduled for the week of August 10, 2026, with classes beginning the week of August 24, 2026. Classes are typically set to occur once a week starting around 4:00PM. Class schedules will be finalized and shared in August.

Detailed information regarding both schedules and orientation activities will be provided in advance, ensuring ample time for planning and preparation.

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 \$2050

NON-MEMBER \$2450

DEADLINES

Enrollments received after July 31, 2026, will incur a late fee of \$100. Classes are closed to new enrollments after August 14, 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.

