

Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)

HCCTP: Train for a New Career! For No Cost at Parkland College

The Highway Construction Careers Training Program supports individuals seeking the skills needed to thrive in the construction industry.

Training consists of a 13-week to 16-week pre-apprenticeship program to learn the skills necessary for acceptance into construction DOL registered trade apprenticeship programs and the opportunity for a career with healthcare, retirement, AND high wage-earning potential averaging \$62,000 to \$95,000 per year/ **\$22-\$48 per hour regular time.**

The training includes the following and more:

- Math for the trades
- Introduction to Electrical /Plumbing /Sheet Metal
- Job readiness
- Scaffolding Erection
- First Aid/CPR/AED
- Technical Skills Coursework
- OSHA Certification
- Resume writing/ Job Search Skills
- Aerial Lift and Scissor Lift
- Crane Signaling
- Extended Reach Forklift
- Skid Steer/ Backhoe
- Carpentry basics
- Hand and power tool use
- Introduction to Welding

Basic Entry Requirements:

1. Be 18 years or older
2. High school diploma or GED
3. Valid Driver's License
4. Successfully pass a drug test



Additional Requirements:

1. Interested in working in the construction trades
2. Attend a one-hour scheduled orientation session (see website)
3. Math test with a score at required level
4. Reading test with a score at required level
5. Successfully pass a random drug test throughout the program

Learn how to participate in the Fall of 2026 HCCTP Session!

The application process starts with a one-hour **REQUIRED Information Session.**

SIGN UP to attend an Information Session NOW!

Monday, April 27th at 10:00 AM and Noon

Wednesday, April 29th at 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM and 3:00 PM

Website for additional Information Session dates and times for the October 2026 class.



Register online: parkland.edu/ceRegister or call 217-351-2235



Location: Community Education Building 1315 N. Mattis Ave, Champaign, IL

Only 2 Classes are held per school year. Space is limited. Get Qualified NOW.



This job readiness program is funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Champaign County Highway Construction Trade Apprenticeship 2025 hourly wages -updated 5/29/2025

Trade	1 st Year Apprentice Hourly Rate	Journey person Hourly Rate	Length of Apprenticeship
Carpenter	50% = \$20.05	\$40.10	4 years
Electrician (IBEW)	45% = \$21.75	\$48.34	5 years
Iron Worker	65% = \$26.26	\$40.40 ((\$70.45 total package benefits))	4 years
Laborer HWY	75% = \$25.36/\$28.10 HWY	\$33.82 reg/\$37.47 HWY	3 years
Operating Engineer	70% = \$30.70	\$46.15-\$48.65*	4 years
Plumber / Pipefitter	45% = \$25.69	\$52.65	5 years
Sheetmetal Worker	50% = \$21.87	\$43.73	4 years
Cement Finisher	70% = \$28.70	\$41.00	4 years

*Hourly dependent on machines trained to operate