



Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship Program Information Sheet

PROGRAM DESIGN AND GOAL

The Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship program is designed to increase the number of qualified construction and building trades apprentices who are **women, people of color, veterans, and prepares them to enter full apprenticeship programs** on their way to careers in the construction and building trades.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To enter the program applicants must be/have:

- 18 years old
- Illinois resident
- High school diploma or GED/HiSET
- Able to pass a drug test
- Driver's License (by completion of the program)
- Interest in a career in the construction & building trades

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

The following criteria are not requirements but will help participants be more successful beyond the program. **All Illinois Works programs can offer support services on these criteria.**

- Reliable Transportation
- English Proficiency

SUPPORT SERVICES

Below is a sampling of the services offered. Additional services are available based on participant's needs.

- Childcare
- Transportation Assistance
- Housing Assistance
- Math & Reading Tutoring
- Mental Health Counseling

STIPENDS

Stipends are paid to participants based on performance including attending mandatory sessions and passing module assessments. Visit individual program sites for specific stipend information.

INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATOINS/CREDENTIALS

- All programs offer either **NCCER Core or NABTU Certification**
- And **OSHA 10-Hour Construction Certification**
- First Aid/CPR Certification**
- Test-taking skills**
- Employment Skills**

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

All programs offer 150+ hours of instruction over at least 6 weeks.

Visit the Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship Program website for individual program information

JOB READINESS AND REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

The program's goal is to help participants enter Registered Apprenticeship Programs. Below are some of the services available:

- Resume Writing
- Mock Interviews
- Apprenticeship Application Assistance
- Apprenticeship Program Tours

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Visit:

<http://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/IllinoisWorks/Pages/PreApprenticeship.aspx>



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