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Building Strong Foundations for Youth Career Development

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CTC is a unique and growing partnership among the area construction industry, the School Boards of Manatee and Sarasota Counties and the Suncoast Workforce Board, Inc.



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Students begin contemplating life after high school far too late. It is everyone's responsibility, including parents, educators and counselors, to encourage career exploration with youths as they enter high school. Construction technology careers offer career paths to students of varied interests and abilities. CTC can assist in building strong foundations for your students' career development... beginning today.



What is Construction Technology Careers (CTC)?

The construction technology fields of carpentry, electric, plumbing, heating & air conditioning, and masonry face challenges in recruiting skilled employees. A certified trades journeyman who has completed an apprenticeship training program is hard to find and compensated well in this region. The unique and growing CTC preapprenticeship program was developed when regional construction industry employers expressed an increasing need for qualified workers. CTC is a preapprentice training partnership which benefits regional employers while assisting youths with career exploration and training while they're in high school. CTC preapprenticeship can lead to apprenticeship, which can lead to a certified journeyman status.

Why should students be interested in Preapprenticeship training?

There are many interesting facts about construction technology careers.

1. As a certified journeyman, the earning potential and rate of advancement within the trades often exceeds that of a 4-year college graduate, depending on the field and local economy/job market.
2. A skilled trade provides progressive career advancement opportunities including possible future small business ownership.
3. Adult apprentices earn while they learn and have the benefit of on-the-job training, which allows them to become valued members of society earlier in life, without the burden of school loans.
4. CTC preapprentices gain valuable insights and credits while in their junior and senior years of high school, while also learning employability skills, safety practices, and first aid/CPR techniques. They have an edge in today's workforce.

How does CTC work?

It's a simple process and easy to enroll. CTC strives to peak a student's interest while they're in the sophomore year of high school, with actual enrollment/indenturing taking place in the junior or senior years. There are no fees involved. There are requirements including grade point average, which allows preapprentices to attend training at the local technical institute during their school day. The CTC program includes not only classroom training but also the opportunity for summer on-the-job (OJT) training. CTC's OJT experiences provide the opportunity to earn student elective credits and valuable résumé experience. Preapprentices can ultimately receive up to one year's credit toward future apprenticeship training, which leads to a journeyman certification and better jobs with great pay.

When can they start?

Enrollment takes place in the fall and spring of each year, dependent on the high school's schedule. Information is available year around. Early contact with the CTC Coordinator is encouraged and can be made at any time of year by anyone.

Interested in more information?

- Contact CTC at (941) 361-6090 ext. 113 or at ctcinfo@swdb.org.
- Call CTC if you'd like to schedule a presentation for students, teachers, parent associations, or service clubs.



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