

What are skilled trades?

Skilled trades are careers that require a specific knowledge, ability, and training. These skills can be attained through college, technical school, or specialized training programs. Skilled trades occupations provide an alternate to jobs that require 4+ years of college education.

(cosmetologist, automotive technician, carpenter, construction worker, plumber/pipe layer, cook/chef/baker, landscape architect, electrician, painter, millwright etc.)

What are apprenticeships?

An apprenticeship is a paid period of training that allows you to learn a certain set of skills. Someone who is new to the field (an apprentice) learns the skills needed for a job by a master craftsman who is an expert in their field. An apprenticeship requires at least 2,000 hours of on-the-job training and course work and usually takes between 3 and 4 years to complete.

Apprenticeship programs offer work and training possibilities in the skilled trades.

What are the benefits of going these routes?

- jobs are in high demand
- earn money while training
- gain improved skills and competencies
- earn higher wages as skills increase
- can earn as much or more than a 4-year degree
- less schooling and debt than a 4-year degree

How can I find opportunities for skilled trades and apprenticeship programs?

You must be willing to put in some research time to find these opportunities. Below are some helpful websites to assist you in that process.

Search for registered apprenticeship opportunities in

Michigan: <https://miapprenticeship.org/>

Find schools and training programs for skilled trades: <https://www.going-pro.com/>

Access resources for apprenticeships and education/training for skilled

trades: <https://www.michigan.gov/wda/0,5303,7-304-64531---,00.html>

Learn about skilled trades jobs and search for open positions in

Michigan: <https://www.mitalent.org/skilled-trades>

Get more information about how apprenticeship programs are

run: <https://www.mitalent.org/apprenticeships>