

APPRENTICESHIP EXPLORATION GUIDE

PLUMBER



DID YOU KNOW?

- Plumbers may be required to travel for work.
- There are over 37 employers in Vermont that offer plumbing apprenticeships.
- The median wage is \$24/hour or \$49,000/year.
- There are projected to be over 1,200 job openings for plumbers by 2033.

WHAT ARE SOME JOBS YOU COULD HAVE?

- **Residential plumbers** fix things such as pipes and dripping sinks in houses, both new and old.
- **Commercial plumbers** work in schools, hospitals, and businesses to build and maintain plumbing and water systems, such as pipes and large water tanks.
- **Service and repair plumbers** can fix just about any problem, from repairing leaks and unclogging drains to responding to plumbing emergencies.

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Sign up for Vermont JobLink (www.vermontjoblink.com) to learn about different training opportunities and available jobs.

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Learn more about what plumbers do on the Vermont Labor Market Information's Occupation Profile (www.vtlmi.info/occupation.cfm).

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Explore apprenticeships & other resources with a Job Center Specialist. For more information, contact: labor.apprenticeship@vermont.gov.

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Apply to an available apprenticeship in Vermont! Ask for help from Job Center Specialists with your application materials.

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After you are hired as an apprentice, sign an apprenticeship agreement and start working.

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Maximize the benefits of mentorship by actively using the skills your mentors teach you.

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Complete all your required on-the-job training and your coursework and get ready for your licensing test.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS, EDUCATORS, AND PARENTS: WHAT ARE SOME KEY BENEFITS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Pride and Fulfillment

Apprentices feel a sense of pride and accomplishment, knowing they have acquired valuable skills and are on the path to a successful career they love.

Industry-Recognized Credentials

Apprenticeships often lead to nationally or internationally recognized qualifications. These credentials are valued by employers and can significantly enhance career prospects and employability.

Real-World Experience

Apprenticeships provide hands-on training in actual work environments, giving the apprentice practical skills they can use immediately.

Job Security

Apprentices are full-time employees, enjoying the benefits of long-term job security and stability within the ever-evolving job market.

Earn While Learning

Unlike traditional education paths, apprenticeships allow apprentices to earn a paycheck while they learn, easing financial burdens and setting them up for financial independence.

Personalized Mentorship

Apprentices will work closely with experienced professionals who serve as mentors, offering guidance, support, and valuable insights to help them succeed.



WHAT HELPS YOU LEARN THE BEST IS WHEN YOU SHOW UP KNOWING THAT 'TODAY I WANT TO LEARN HOW TO DO THIS,' OR 'TODAY I'M GOING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO THAT.'

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