



Choosing a Unionized Construction Trade

Choosing a trade can be challenging if you haven't had the chance to gain hands-on experience in the specific type of work associated with that trade.

As a learner, you have few options depending on where you are at with your education experience. If you are in secondary school, there are a number of different options – technological education courses, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, Specialist High Skills Major Program and the Dual Credit Program.

If you have completed your OSSD, left school early, or are new to Canada, there are a number of different options to help support your selection. For example, you might consider a pre-apprenticeship program or Skills Development Fund program like Trades Ready Youth. If you meet eligibility requirements, you may also consider introductory college programs. And finally, the option to go to work in the trade or an adjacent occupation may also prove helpful.

If you are certain of your interest in pursuing a unionized construction trade, you may want use the resources available at Construction Training & Apprenticeship Ontario, where you will have access to up-to-date information related to working conditions, rate of pay, type of work performed in the trade, etc.

References

Construction Training & Apprenticeship Ontario. (n.d.). *Explore Skilled Trades*. Retrieved from <https://www.ctaontario.ca/explore/>