

## Preparing Myself For Interior Systems Work

If you are still in school, you should take classes which will prepare you with the skills needed to apply for and succeed in apprenticeship. Basic mathematics, drafting or mechanical drawing and shop work are good starters.



## Hours And Working Conditions Of An Interior Systems Carpenter

Interior systems carpenters generally work eight-hour days, often starting about 7 a.m. Many of the installations erected by interior systems carpenters come carefully marked and crated, and journeymen and apprentices alike must carefully read instructions and specifications. As the title indicates, it's inside work. Sometimes it's at floor level and sometimes above the floor on scaffolds. Sturdy work clothes are worn, and, when necessary, special safety goggles and other gear are worn.

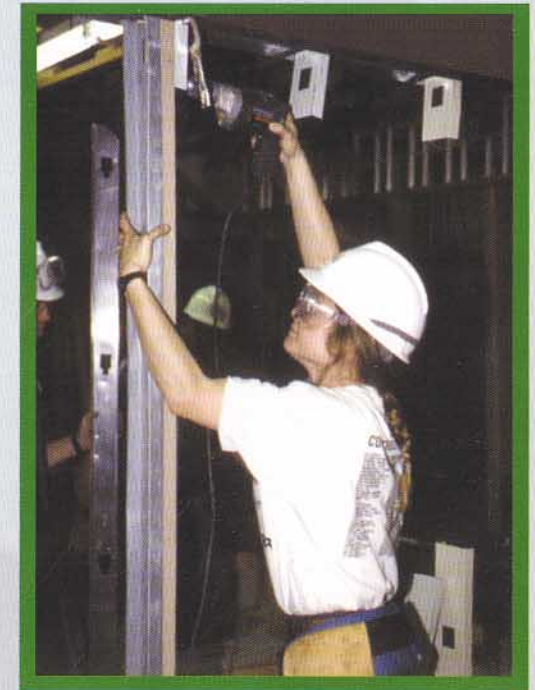
## The Pay And The Benefits Really Add Up

The rewards of apprenticeship training are the good wages and benefits you receive as a skilled craftsman. Union interior systems carpenters belong to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the largest building trades union of North America. You'll be working under the protection of a union contract, probably with health insurance and pension and welfare benefits. In the long run, it pays to be the best you can be—an interior systems carpenter, trained through apprenticeship!

**For more information contact:**

**You can become an:**

**Interior Systems  
CARPENTER**



## What is an Interior Systems Carpenter?

Look around you. Just about every building in your community was at least partially built by skilled carpenters.

- ... your school
- ... the malls where you shop
- ... the office buildings.

Here is an expanding field of work which will offer challenges to many young people entering the construction trades. It involves the installation of all sorts of modern equipment and material in commercial buildings— acoustical ceilings, raised floors for computers, metal framing, wall partitions, and office furniture systems, just to name a few.



## What Do Interior Systems Carpenters Do?

These specialized workers install a construction materials and variety of factory-produced systems in commercial buildings and public structures. Their specialized skills are brought into play as they assemble complex interior systems using

technical data supplied by manufacturers. Interior systems carpenters generally need carpentry tools such as saws and hammers as well as mechanic's tools such as drills, wrenches and screwdrivers. They also use their welding skills to do some assembly work.



## How Do I Learn To Be An Interior Systems Carpenter?

Training to become an interior systems carpenter is available through an apprenticeship program offered by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and sponsored by the labor-management apprenticeship training committee in your area.



## What Is An Apprentice?

An apprentice is someone who is learning a trade by working under the guidance of skilled workers of that trade, called journeymen. It is on-the-job training. You earn while you learn, and you are paid a wage from the first day you become a working apprentice. Today, many women are training as interior systems carpenters. Apprentices are usually paid at about 50% of the journeyman rate of pay to start, but the wages are increased periodically, usually every six months, until you reach the full journeyman rate. It takes about three or four years to learn the trade. But remember, the training costs you nothing.

