

What are the pay and benefits?

Trade show carpenters are usually paid by the hour, and as union members, they get “time-and-a-half” or “double time” for all work done beyond eight hours. From the first day of your apprenticeship, you earn a good wage and start earning benefits. You also get regular raises, usually every six months, until you reach the full journeyman scale at the end of the apprenticeship program.

- Earn while you learn — Apprentices start earning a good wage immediately.
- No school loans or tuition to pay back.
- We are a registered apprenticeship program and you may qualify for benefits under the GI Bill.
- Pay raises — Keep progressing through the program and earn more and more money.
- Benefits — Health and retirement benefits start now, for you and your family.

What about job security?

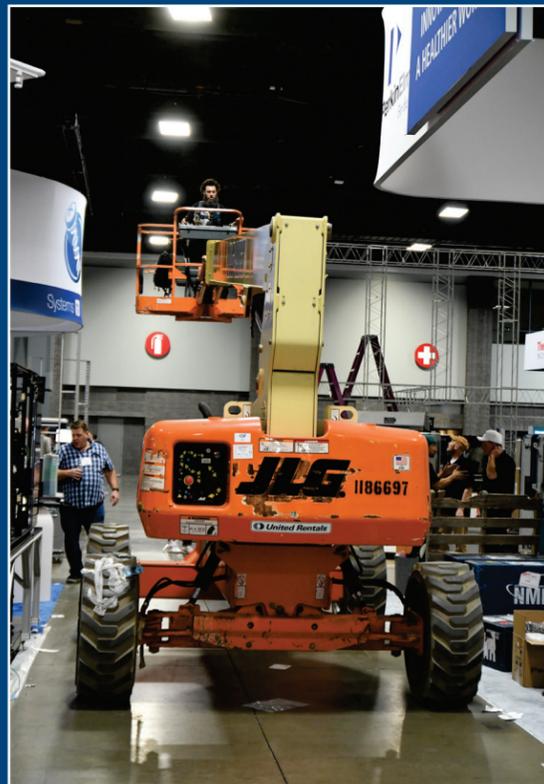
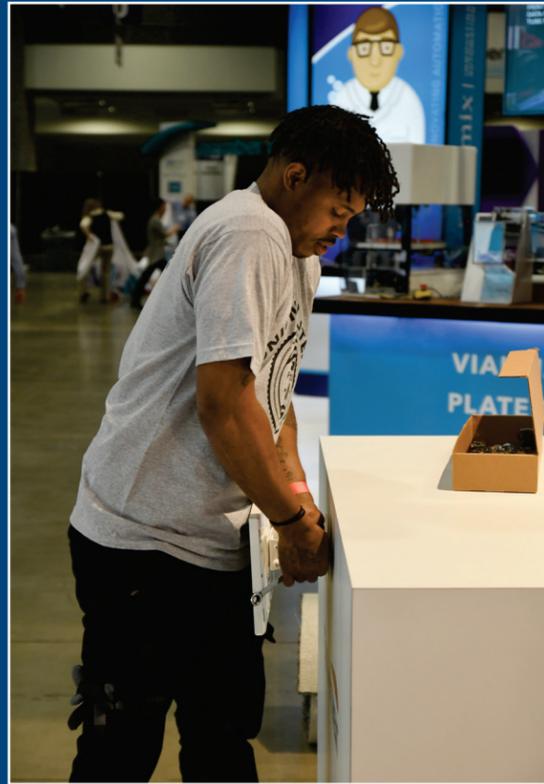
Professional trade show carpenters are members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, a proud organization that has given men and women an excellent quality of life since 1881. From the first day of your apprenticeship, you will work for a union contractor under the protection of a union contract, which outlines wages, benefits and working conditions. The UBC Local in your area has experienced staffers whose primary job is to keep you working.

Does my school coursework matter?

You can get a head start on becoming a carpenter by taking classes in mathematics, construction technology and CAD. Your interest in these classes will help you decide whether or not you have a further interest in an apprenticeship.

About the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters

The Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters (NRCC) represents nearly 40,000 hardworking men and women in Delaware and New Jersey and portions of Maryland, New York, and Pennsylvania. NRCC is one of the largest trade unions on the East Coast. The NRCC equips professional men and women carpenters with the skills, training and quality workmanship that are demanded in today’s construction industry.



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BE A PROFESSIONAL TRADE SHOW CARPENTER**



Leading the way in training, educating, and representing the next generation of skilled construction professionals

A CAREER AS A TRADE SHOW/EXHIBIT CARPENTER

How do I get started?

Your first step in a career as a trade show carpenter is entering an apprenticeship program.

What does a trade show or exhibit carpenter do?

Trade show/exhibit carpenters construct and install the exterior and interior of booths for convention exhibits. Workers deal with a range of activities including:

- Dealing with customers
- Installing booths and their interiors
- Ensuring displays have an attractive and professional appearance
- Laying carpet throughout the venue
- Dismantling booths at the end of the event

The Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters and The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America are among the best in North America in apprenticeship training. Your hometown will have a local UBC-affiliated training center close by with people who can answer any question you have. To qualify for the apprenticeship program, you must pass a basic mathematics test and submit to a drug test.

What is an apprentice?

An apprentice is a person in the process of becoming a skilled carpenter through training and experience. Apprentices study both in the classroom and on-the-job, under the guidance of skilled workers of the trade, called journeymen. The length of your apprenticeship is three years, and training is free. Apprentices earn a good income and learn a trade—all at once. There are also no school loans to repay.

What are the working conditions?

Exhibit workers usually work within an exhibit hall in a hotel conference center or arena. The work is physically demanding — working on scaffolds to install parts of exhibits, rigging heavy pieces, installing exhibit booths, and laying carpet over large areas of concrete flooring. Training such as fork lift operation and rigging are required. All training emphasizes safety and such protection as knee pads, gloves, work shoes, and hard hats are worn.

What are the hours?

Convention schedules dictate working hours and deadlines are often short. Work begins early in the morning and night and weekend work is common.

Join Now

Exhibit your skills as a trade show carpenter by perfecting those carpentry, rigging and interpersonal skills that will enable you to practice in this specialized area of the carpentry trade. Carpentry is one of the oldest and most respected trades in the world.

Working in the world of trade shows adds an element of excitement to the practice of your skills! If you like working with tools, have a good work ethic and enjoy seeing the results of your work, you have the fundamental tools to build the career of a lifetime.

Interested in joining us?

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