

Apprenticeship vs. College

Apprenticeship

Get paid for on-the-job training.

College

Pay for classroom learning.

EARNINGS

\$18-\$24/hour to start

COST

\$22,500/year

YEAR 1

\$37,440 - \$49,920
+ Benefits & Pension

YEAR 1

- \$22,500
Debt

YEAR 2

\$41,600 - \$54,080
+ Benefits & Pension

YEAR 2

- \$22,500
Debt

YEAR 3

\$45,760 - \$58,240
+ Benefits & Pension

YEAR 3

- \$22,500
Debt

YEAR 4

\$49,920 - \$62,400
+ Benefits & Pension

YEAR 4

- \$22,500
Debt

TOTAL OVER 4 YEARS

\$174,720 - \$224,640 Earnings
+ Benefits & Pension

TOTAL OVER 4 YEARS

- \$90,000 Debt
+ College Degree

WORK EXPERIENCE

4 years in the industry
Journey-level craftsman

WORK EXPERIENCE

0 years in the industry

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Department of Labor & Industries, Publication F100-531-000 [09-2012].*