

## Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship Program Information Sheet

### Program Design & Goal

The Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship program is designed to increase the number of qualified construction and building trades apprentices who are **women, people of color, veterans, and prepares them to enter full apprenticeship programs** on their way to careers in the construction and building trades.

### Eligibility Requirements

To enter the program applicants must be/have:

- 18 years old or older\*.
- Illinois resident.
- High school diploma or GED/HiSET.
- Interest in a career in the construction & building trades.

\* Approved high school-based programs may admit participants under the age of 18; however, students must be 18 years old upon completion of the program.

### Additional Criteria

The following criteria are not requirements but will help participants be more successful beyond the program. **All Illinois Works programs can offer support services on these criteria:**

- Reliable Transportation.
- English Proficiency.
- Able to pass a drug test.
- Driver's License (by completion of the program).
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### Support Services Offered

Below is a sampling of the services offered. Additional services are available depending on participant's needs:

- Childcare.
- Transportation Assistance.
- Housing Assistance.
- Math & Reading Tutoring.
- Mental Health Counseling.

### Stipends

Stipends are paid to participants based on performance including attending mandatory sessions and passing module assessments. Visit individual program sites for specific stipend information.

### Industry Recognized Certifications/Credentials

All programs offer NCCER Core, TradesFutures MC3, or Illinois Community College Board curriculum.

### All Programs Also Offer:

- OSHA 10-Hour Construction Certification.
- First Aid & CPR Certification.
- Test-taking skills.
- Employment Skills.

### Curriculum & Instruction

All programs offer at least 183 hours of instruction over at least 6 weeks. Visit the [Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship Program website](#) for individual program information.

### Job Readiness &

### Registered Apprenticeship Assistance

The program's goal is to help participants enter Registered Apprenticeship Programs. Below are some of the services available:

- Resume Writing.
- Mock Interviews.
- Apprenticeship Application Assistance.
- Apprenticeship Program Tours.

### Office of Illinois Works

Contact: [CEO.ILWorks@illinois.gov](mailto:CEO.ILWorks@illinois.gov)

### Visit:

<http://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/IllinoisWorks/Pages/PreApprenticeship.aspx>

