

at a glance



# Carpentry

Department: Industrial Technologies

Degree: Diploma

Entry time: Fall

Length: 1 year (2 semesters)

- **Kibbie Grant:** Students in this program may be eligible to have half their tuition paid for by the Kibbie Grant. Go to [www.kirkwood.edu/Kibbie](http://www.kirkwood.edu/Kibbie) for more details.
- A **spacious and well-equipped lab stocked with the tools** students learn to use proficiently.
- The skillsets a student can develop in the program are **easily transferable into most of the skilled trades** throughout the construction industry.
- The **Iowa Sustainable Village** is an outdoor lab where students build full-scale structures using **advanced construction methods** and **cutting-edge industry technology** and construction systems.
- **Real-world construction environments:** Kirkwood partners with organizations like Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity, Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, and other local non-profit organizations.
- Students have the opportunity to develop skills with one of our industry partners during a **192-hour carpentry internship**.
- Opportunity to participate in competitions such as **Skills-USA** and **Team Works**.

## Program Description

The Kirkwood Carpentry program prepares students to enter the skilled building trades. Students are given a hands-on intensive introduction to the skills used by carpenters. The classroom experience combines lecture and lab activities that cover all aspects of a carpenter's job. Students may choose to pursue an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in the Construction Management program upon completion of the Carpentry program.

## Career Opportunities

Residential carpenter  
Commercial carpenter  
Gateway to apprenticeships: carpenter, laborer, millwright, mason/brick layer, iron worker, machine operator, roofer, insulator, sheet metal worker, glazier, drywall installer, surveyor

## Sample Classes

Architectural Plans and Specs  
Carpentry Lab  
Building Construction Systems  
Industrial Math  
Human Relations in Management  
Surveying and Site Layout  
Building Construction Systems II-Carpentry  
Residential Estimating for Carpentry

## Industry Endorsements Earned:

OSHA 10-Hour General Construction;  
Adult First Aid with CPR.

## Scholarships

Kirkwood will help you pay for college! Kirkwood awards more scholarships than any other community college in Iowa. For more information and to apply, visit [www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships](http://www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships).

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