



### Program

### **CARPENTRY**

- **Diploma, Certificate Programs**
- **Carpentry Diploma Day Program:** 3 semesters, including 1 summer term
- **Carpentry Framing Certificate Day Program:** 2 semesters
- **Admission Cycle:** Fall semester entry (recommended due to prerequisite)
- **Maximum Number Admitted Annually:** 18-20

### Career Description

Carpenters work with wood, building structures, installing fixtures, making repairs and doing tasks that are often detailed and complex. They use a wide variety of hand and power tools, requiring a great deal of focus and a commitment to safety. There is a shortage of qualified carpenters at both state and national levels.

### Careers Available

Carpenters are employed by home construction, roofing, and home renovation and maintenance companies and by lumber companies and home supply stores. Many are self employed, though it is a profession that normally requires a long period of on-the-job training to be considered fully qualified.

### Entry-Level Salary

\$22,000 - \$33,000/yr.

### Course of Study

Students learn to construct residential structures using standard building materials and hand and power tools. Carpentry skills and a general knowledge of residential construction are taught. Course work includes footing and foundations, framing, trim cabinetry, blueprint reading, residential planning and estimating and other related topics. Students develop skills through hands-on participation. The building industry supports this program.

### Recommended Courses and Skills

Strong math skills.

### Helpful Personal Attributes

Ability to work with individuals of all ages, enjoy working outdoors, enjoy working with tools and building things, a problem-solver, organized and detail-oriented, patient and able to focus on one task until it is complete.

### Program Contact

If you would like additional information about the Carpentry Program, contact Justin Draughn, Program Coordinator, at 336.734.7281 or [jdraughn@forsythtech.edu](mailto:jdraughn@forsythtech.edu).

### How To Get Started

You may pick up an application at the Admissions Office, 123 Allman Center on the Forsyth Tech Main Campus, 2100 Silas Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem. You may also request an application by calling 336.734.7253, or you may apply online at [www.forsythtech.edu](http://www.forsythtech.edu).